PLAN COMMISSION

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

NOON WHISTLE BREWING CO. - 800 E. ROOSEVELT ROAD

APRIL 20, 2015

Title

PC 15-09

Petitioner

Jim Cagle Noon Whistle Brewing Co. 800 E. Roosevelt Road, Unit C Lombard, IL 60148

Property Owner

800 Roosevelt, LLC c/o Farhad Niranjam 2015 Hidden Ridge Lane Highland Park, IL 60035

Property Location

800 E. Roosevelt Road, Unit C (06-17-406-049) Trustee District #6

Zoning

B4APD – Roosevelt Road Corridor District Planned Development

Existing Land Use

Multi-tenant commercial building

Comprehensive Plan

Community Commercial

Approval Sought

Conditional use to allow for an outside service area (outdoor seating) within the B4APD Roosevelt Road Corridor District Planned Development zoning district.

Prepared By

Matt Panfil, AICP Senior Planner



LOCATION MAP

DESCRIPTION

The petitioner currently operates a microbrewery (Noon Whistle Brewing Co.) with ancillary tasting room, which received conditional use approval in 2014 (PC 14-08). Due to popular demand, the petitioner is proposing to construct and operate an outdoor service area for the purposes of outdoor seating for customers of the tasting room. The outdoor seating area proposal includes five (5) tables with three (3) chairs each. The outdoor seating area would be separated by a combination of a wooden fence and planter boxes.

APPROVAL(S) REQUIRED

Per Section 155.417 (G) (2) (a) of the Zoning Ordinance, the use is considered an Outdoor Service Area and thus requires a conditional use permit within the B4APD Roosevelt Road Corridor Planned Development District.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

The subject property is currently improved with two (2) principal structures. The petitioner currently occupies approximately 6,250 square feet of an existing approximately 39,700 square foot one-story brick and concrete block multi-tenant structure. The other structure is an approximately 21,150 square foot standalone retail building occupied by The Tile Shop.

PROJECT STATS

Lot & Bulk

Parcel Size:

6.35 acres

Building Area:

39,700 sq. ft.

Tenant Area:

6,250 sq. ft.

Outside Area:

Approx. 210 sq.

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Lot Coverage:

Approx. 86.5%

Reqd Setbacks & Lot Dimensions – Existing (Proposed)

Front:

30' (478')

Side: (East)

10' (116')

Side: (West)

10' (38')

Rear:

30' (55')

Lot Width:

150' (313')

Parking Spaces

Demand:

245 spaces (7 ADA)

Supply:

303 spaces (8 ADA)

Submittals

- 1. Petition for a public hearing, submitted April 1, 2015;
- 2. Response to Standards for a Conditional Use;
- Plat of Resubdivision, prepared by Duda Surveying, dated July 8, 2002 and submitted April 1, 2015;
- 4. Floor Plans prepared by the petitioner, undated and submitted April 1, 2015; and
- Graphic rendering prepared by the petitioner, undated and submitted April 1, 2015.

The existing site has three-hundred and three (303) parking spaces, eight (8) of which are accessible. Access to the site is limited to one point at the signalized intersection Roosevelt Road and the private drive serving 700-810 E. Roosevelt Road.

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW

Building Division:

The Building Division notes the following:

- The entrance/exit doors for Noon Whistle should line up directly with the opening between the planters in order to avoid having tables and/or chairs in the required pathway for exiting. The floor plans and door do not depict a straight pathway from the entrance/exit doors; and
- 2. Because the exit path from the front doors to the parking lot and the parking lot in front of the tables is required to be clear for an accessible path paint markings are required on the parking lot to indicate no parking is allowed. Also, the required striped paint markings are to be forty-eight inches (48") in width and run parallel to the seating area.

Fire Department:

The Fire Department has no issues or concerns regarding the project.

Private Engineering Services (PES):

PES notes the following:

- 1. The aerial shows the existing parking lot has only approximately twenty foot (20') wide two-way drive aisles. However, the Zoning Ordinance requires a twenty-four foot (24') wide drive aisle for parking lots with two-way drive aisles and a ninety degree (90°) parking spaces. Placing a tall planter box or fence to enclose the sidewalk area would reduce existing open area that the end of vehicles may need in order to back out of parking spaces on the south side of the drive aisle; and
- 2. The sidewalk scaled at approximately seven feet (7'). PES then estimated dimensions of the outside furniture to be a three foot (3') wide table, one and one-half foot (1.5') wide chair, and a one and one-half foot (1.5') planter box. PES expresses concern that in order to serve the tables there is not enough space for staff to get to all the tables without having to walk into the substandard drive aisle.

In regards to the two-way drive aisle, staff has measured the width to be twenty-one feet (21'). While the width is less than the minimum required twenty-four feet (24') currently required, the petitioner is not proposing to increase the degree of nonconformity. Furthermore, planning staff believes that the nonconforming drive aisle width is further justification for a protective barrier between the parking lot and outside service area.

Public Works:

The Department of Public Works has no issues or concerns regarding the project at this time.

Planning Services Division (PSD):

The Planning Services Division notes the following:

1. Surrounding Zoning & Land Use Compatibility

	Zoning Districts	Land Use		
North	R2 & CR	Single-family home and Old Grove Park		
South	B4APD & B4A	The Tile Shop / KFC-A&W / Multi-Tenant Commercial		
East	B4A	Sterling Autobody / Midas Total Car Care		
West	R2 & B4A	Single-family homes & Dental Office		

In consideration that the B4A Roosevelt Road Corridor District is intended to provide a wide variety of retail sales activity required to meet the demands of a developing local market and the fact that the proposed use expands upon an existing retail component of the business, staff finds the project is consistent with the zoning and land use of the surrounding properties.

2. Comprehensive Plan Compatibility

The proposed outdoor service area is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan's recommendation of community commercial uses which references, "providing services extending beyond daily living needs."

3. Zoning Ordinance & Planned Development Compatibility

The subject property is part of a planned development established via Ordinance No. 5171 (PC 02-24). However, the planned development is silent on matters pertaining to land use and therefore the underlying B4A permitted and conditional uses apply to the site. Thus a conditional use is required, but an amendment to the planned development is not.

The existing structure meets all lot, bulk, and setback standards for the B4A Roosevelt Road Corridor District; however, the parking lot does not meet the minimum drive aisle width requirement for two-way ninety-degree (90°) parking spaces.

The Zoning Ordinance requires parking for outdoor service areas in a similar manner as indoor areas. With the addition of approximately 210 square feet for outdoor seating, one (1) additional parking space is required. As is, the existing parking lot has a surplus of fifty-seven (57) parking spaces. Therefore, the outdoor seating area will not have a detrimental impact upon parking within the planned development.

4. Sign Ordinance Compatibility

No additional signage is proposed for review at this time. Any future signage applications will be reviewed by staff for their consistency with the Village's Sign Ordinance. If any future signage is determined to be non-compliant the Village will have the option to request a variation from the Plan Commission and Village Board of Trustees.

SITE HISTORY

The existing multi-tenant building was constructed in 1975 and renovated in 2006. Since 2000, the site has appeared before the Plan Commission for the following:

PC 02-24

The establishment of a planned development and a conditional use for a drive-through establishment (KFC / A&W) with deviations for wall signage and parking lot perimeter landscaping were recommended for approval by the Plan Commission and received final approval from the Village Board of Trustees on July 18, 2002.

PC 05-27

A conditional use for an indoor amusement establishment (teen club) was recommended for denial by the Plan Commission, but was ultimately approved by the Village Board of Trustees on October 6, 2005. However, the use was never established.

PC 14-08

A conditional use for a microbrewery was recommended for approval by the Plan Commission and received final approval from the Village Board of Trustees on June 20, 2014.

FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Inter-Department Review Committee has reviewed the standards for the requested conditional use permit for an outside service area (outdoor seating) and finds that, provided the petitioner can sufficiently address any and all concerns regarding parking maneuverability and accessible ingress/egress aisles, the use **complies** with the standards established by the Village of Lombard Zoning Ordinance, subject to conditions of approval based on the above considerations. As such, the Inter-Departmental Review Committee recommends that the Plan Commission make the following motion for **approval** of PC 15-09:

Based on the submitted petition and the testimony presented, the proposed conditional use does comply with the standards required by the Village of Lombard Zoning Ordinance and that granting the conditional use permit is in the public interest and, therefore, I move that the Plan Commission accept the findings of the Inter-Departmental Review Report as the findings of the Plan Commission, and recommend to the Village Board approval of PC 15-09, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The conditional use permit for an outside service area (outdoor seating) is exclusively for the tenant space (Unit C) at 800 E. Roosevelt Road;
- 2. The property shall be developed in substantial compliance with the floor plans developed and submitted as part of this petition;

3. The outdoor seating area shall not be operated or occupied after 11:00 PM on weeknights and 1:00 AM on Friday and Saturday nights. The petitioner shall monitor operations to ensure that the use is operated properly and legally;

While the petitioner currently has limited hours of operation (Closed Monday-Wednesday, 12:00 PM - 10:00 PM on Thursday, 12:00 PM - 11:00 PM on Friday and Saturday, and 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM on Sundays), planning staff recommends granting hours of operation consistent with other conditional use permits for outdoor service areas in order to allow for greater flexibility for the petitioner as their business grows.

- 4. This relief shall be valid for a period of one (1) year from the date of approval of the ordinance. If the outdoor service area is not established by said date, this relief shall be deemed null and void; and
- 5. That the petitioner shall satisfactorily address all comments noted within the Inter-Departmental Review Committee Report.

Inter-Departmental Review Committee Report approved by:

William J. Heniff, AICP

Director of Community Development

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RESPONSE TO STANDARDS FOR A CONDITIONAL USE

Noon Whistle - Outdoor Seating - Standards for Conditional Uses

In response to the terms of Section 155.103(F)(8):

 The establishment, maintenance, or operation of the conditional use will not be detrimental to, or endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort, or general welfare.

The conditional use will not endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort, or general welfare — as evidenced by outdoor seating existing throughout Lombard. In fact, allowing customers the opportunity to enjoy the warm weather and fresh air can only benefit them as well as make the premises seem more hospitable and less industrial.

The proposed site, 800 Roosevelt Road, is a high commercial area with the existing infrastructure and utilities to support this business – adding a small amount of outdoor seating will not impact the surrounding area. Further, as evidenced by our existing operations, the brewery operates limited retail hours thereby minimizing industrial traffic and any potential impact to the local community all while driving commercial traffic and business in the area.

That the conditional use will not be injurious to the uses and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, not substantially diminish and impair property_values within the neighborhood in which it is to be located.

The enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity will be improved by this conditional use for a variety of reasons. First, the proposed site, 800 Roosevelt Road, is a high commercial area with the existing infrastructure and utilities to support this business. Such use will soften the industrial feel of the center, making it more welcoming and friendly – a more familiar part of the neighborhood – much more than simply an industrial building. Many of our customers are from the adjacent neighborhood and this use is application is in response to our customer requests. Finally, the proposed use will be on a reduced hours basis when compared to other thriving local businesses.

3. That the establishment of the conditional use will not impeded the normal and orderly development and improvement of the surrounding property for uses permitted in the district.

On the contrary, granting this conditional use should support the normal and orderly development and improvement of the surrounding property for uses permitted in the district. Development and improvement should be accelerated in this case for a variety of reasons. First, the site, 800 Roosevelt Road, is a high commercial area with the existing infrastructure and utilities to support this business – allowing outdoor seating will improve the appeal of the development as more approachable. Such improvements and growth will only increase the business tax base. Finally, the business model of the applicants specifically includes partnering with local eateries and restaurants. This hybrid approach will drive the commercial activity as requested while also creating benefits for the established and up-and-coming business provided high-quality food.

The brewery will improve development in the surrounding properties and increase Lombard as a destination from residents in surrounding towns. Breweries are a destination location where people seek out the business and are in tune with the product and community — outdoor seating simply makes the destination more attractive.

4. That the adequate public utilities, access roads, drainage and/or necessary facilities have been or will be provided.

The operation is a small scale business that is easily established within the existing utilities, access roads, and facilities. Specifically, the proposed site, 800 Roosevelt Road, is a high commercial area with the existing infrastructure and utilities sufficient to support this business and adding small number of outdoor seating will have no impact. From water to electric, and all others, no specific new utility is required in additional to what is already provided to the site. All in all, the existing commercial footprint is more than adequate as all utilities are designed for commercial space and are sufficient and well suited for this use.

5. That adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide ingress and egress so designed as to minimize traffic congestion in the public streets.

Again, the operation is a small scale business that is easily established within the existing ingress and egress, as evidenced by our current establishment, and small amounts of outdoor seating should have no impact on traffic congestion. Currently, over 20,000 vehicles pass this site daily and the applicant's restricted hours and deliveries will be a tiny drop in the bucket of existing traffic patterns. This development will have no impact on the current traffic pattern and congestion.

6. That the proposed conditional use is not contrary to the objectives of the current Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Lombard.

The proposed use is consistent with the Village's economic development objectives such as the redevelopment of an existing vacant site along a key commercial corridor, which Roosevelt Road certainty is. Granting this conditional use should support the normal and orderly development and improvement of the surrounding property for uses permitted in the district. In addition, this conditional use will improve make the development seem less industrial and more friendly.

Also, the proposed use is similar in nature to other permitted uses such as other microbreweries and restaurants. Again, the operation of a craft brewery is a small scale business that drives and supports local commercial business environment, but does not detract from the day-to-day life of residents or visitors. All in all, the existing commercial footprint is more than adequate as all utilities are designed for commercial space and are sufficient and well suited for this use.

Finally, the proposed use is anticipated to have little to no adverse impact on surrounding properties. Many of our customers are from the adjacent neighborhood and this use is application is in response to our customer requests. The proposed site, 800

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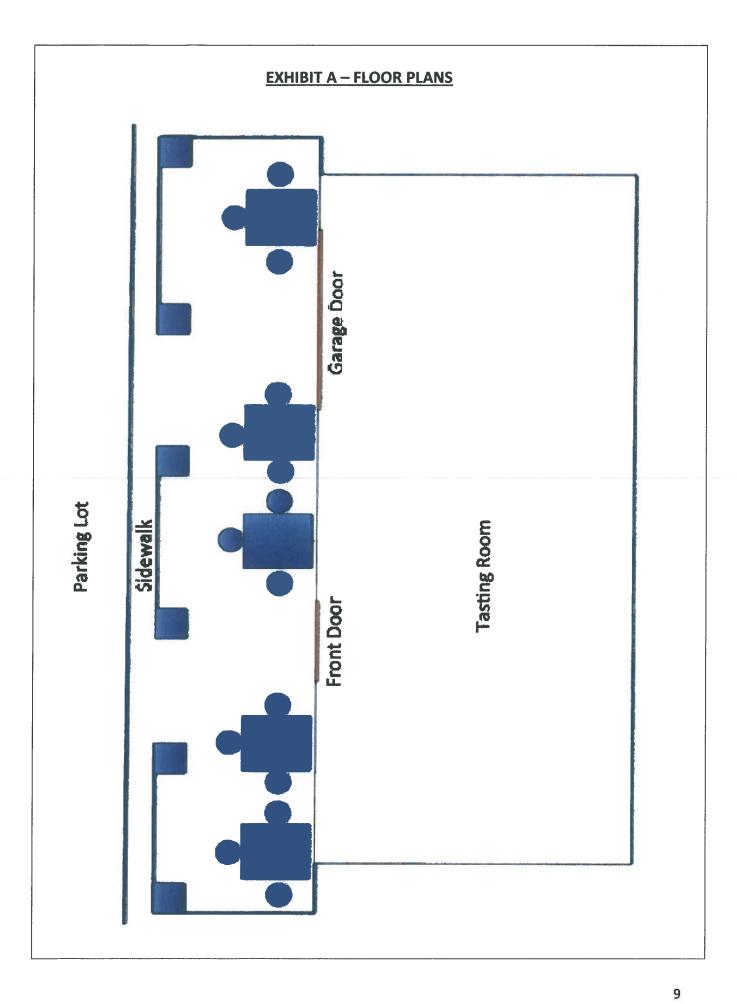


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