

BRVA LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 23, 2021 6:00 P.M.
Via Zoom

Present: Tim Oprisu, Kathy Andry, Adam Hill, Andrew Baldwin, Lynn Levy, Daisy Winkler, Mark Demerly, Garrett Lawton, Bo Boroski, John Jackson, Kent Springer and Janine Lawton

Guests: Tom Healy

BRVA's Interim Executive Director, Kent Springer, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and committee introductions were made.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Mark and seconded by Lynn. The minutes were approved.

Meeting Notes: 801-803-805 Broad Ripple Avenue, Tequila's Express To Go, LLC – Bradley Wilson spoke regarding a new alcohol permit application for this location. ATC Local Board hearing date: 12/6/2021

Brad Wilson provided background information on his purchase of Raffi's Tacos in May and the opening of a tequila bar above. Because of staffing issues during the day, they are currently open 5pm to 4am. They want to be open 6 to 7 days each week, catering to the lunch crowd. The downstairs is family friendly but the upstairs is 21 and over. They aren't trying to become a nightclub, but they want to provide entertainment for their customers. A clause in their rental agreement says they can only have music three nights a week. The bar above is served by an internal staircase. Brad discussed his other businesses, and advised he hasn't received any violations from ATC excise officers. His other businesses don't have any history of police reports or violence. He was asked about trash pick-up near Raffi's. Brad said he is constantly picking up trash. He and his staff clean off their sidewalk and also for the neighbors before they leave and also when they arrive. He was asked about taking care of the snow on the sidewalk in the winter and he indicated he would. The committee briefly discussed the city ordinance requiring landlords to take care of the sidewalks near their businesses and how the BRVA enforces that. Mark welcomed Brad to the neighborhood. Kent thanked him for coming.

Meeting Notes: 6320 Ferguson St., Lou Malnati's Pizzeria – Mark Demerly with a presentation on signage

Mark Demerly was contacted by the sign company pulling the permits on Lou Malnati's. Part of their commitments with the city required they come back to the BRVA to get approval for the signage. He shared the overall site plan. Mark went through the details of the mural on the south elevation, a carry-out sign above the "To Go" door and an illuminated sign above the window on the west elevation. The proposed pizza sign was nixed. Mark confirmed all of the signs fit within the sign ordinance. He was asked about additional signs and he said he will come back to the committee if more come up. He explained the significance of the mural artwork and its connection to the old Broad Ripple Park.

Mark was asked if there were any objections with the city. He said all they are seeking is for the BRVA to review and sign off on the package. He was asked if the signs go off when the restaurant closes. Mark said he would check with them. He was also asked if there were signs that tie in with the pocket park area. Mark indicated there will be signs for the patrons to shut off their engines when they are waiting for their order. He will come back for approval on that.

Kent asked for a motion. Lynn moved to approve the signage as presented. Tim seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm.