DESIGN AND PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE (DAPR) MINUTES
June 17, 2020


Staff Present: D. Stonebck, M. Rivera, M. Griffith

Others Present:

Presiding Member: J. Nyden

A quorum being present, J. Leonard called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

Suspension of the Rules

1. Members participate electronically or by telephone.

L. Biggs made a motion to suspend the rules to allow members to participate electronically or by telephone, seconded by S. Mangum.

The Committee voted by roll call, 9-0, to suspend the rules allowing members to participate electronically or by telephone.


Nays:

Old Business

1. 703 Church Street

Philip Cocco, applicant, submits for a sidewalk café, Farmhouse, in the D3 Downtown Core Development District.

APPLICATION PRESENTED BY: Philip Cocco, applicant

DISCUSSION:

- J. Nyden questioned using the park benches for private use. The benches cannot be used due to the tables placed next to the benches.
- P. Cocco stated the benches will be used for seating at the tables.
- P. Cocco stated they would like to have a sidewalk cafe in this area due to people congregating in this space being loud.
- C. Sterling stated using the park benches for the sidewalk cafe is a better use. He suggested providing additional seating along Orrington Avenue for public use.
- P. Cocco stated additional requirements make it harder on their business.
- J. Nyden stated staff can work with the applicant concerning additional seating.
D. Stoneback stated they are currently blocking the ADA sidewalk ramp with their current setup, the obstruction needs to be removed.
L. Biggs asked if enclosing the sidewalk cafe is required.
J. Nyden stated enclosing the space is preferred.

G. Gerdes made a motion to approve the sidewalk cafe with the following condition: 1) A 6’ wide ADA passageway is provided through the plaza and 2) Work with staff to provide additional public seating, seconded by J. Hyink.


Nays:

2. 1709 Benson Avenue Sidewalk Café
Sylvia Jimenez, applicant, submits for a sidewalk cafe, Tereneo dba Bat 17, in the D2 Downtown Retail Core District.

APPLICATION PRESENTED BY: Sylvia Jimenez, applicant

DISCUSSION:
J. Nyden asked about a barrier around the sidewalk cafe.
L. Biggs stated she does not think there is enough room on the sidewalk for a sidewalk cafe and a 6’ wide clear path. She stated using the street is acceptable.
S. Jimenez stated tables next to the building are 2’ side, there is 7’ between the building and curb.
G. Gerdes stated dimensions on the site plan are not correct based on the site plan for their previous sidewalk cafe. He stated he thinks using the sidewalk is doable based on the previous site plan.
S. Jimenez stated she thought the City was going to provide barriers. They looked at renting cement barriers.
E. Cano stated the City has a few barriers that can be provided, 10’ long.
C. Sterling suggested using a City provided barrier and using decorative barriers in other areas. He noted the sidewalk cafe needs to be set back at least 5’ from the overhead doors and 2’ from parking spaces.
S. Mangum asked if the sidewalk cafe extends in front of Le Peep. He asked if the 6’ separation is between chairs. He stated there should be a barrier between the parking spaces in front of Le Peep and the sidewalk cafe.
Committee discussed how many and placement of barriers. Suggested a barrier should be placed at the south end of the sidewalk cafe to block the northbound traffic travel lane.
J. Nyden stated the sidewalk cafe needs to be fully enclosed to protect the space from vehicles backing up from parking spaces across the street.
S. Jimenez stated they can order barriers.

L. Biggs made a motion to approve the sidewalk cafe subject to; 1) Site plan provided with corrected dimensions, 2) Barriers placed per Public Works approval, and 3) Inspection prior to using the space to confirm 6’ separation, seconded by G. Gerdes.

**New Business**

1. **711 Howard Street**  
   Sidewalk Café  
   Lenice Levy, applicant, submits for sidewalk café, Good to Go, in the B3 Business District.

   APPLICATION PRESENTED BY: Lenice Levy, applicant

   DISCUSSION:
   - L. Biggs asked why the east tables are pushed away from the patio.
   - L. Levy stated there are tables at the patio edge.
   - G. Gerdes stated the sidewalk cafe should be inspected after installation.

   **L. Biggs made a motion to approve the sidewalk cafe subject to an inspection prior to use of the space to verify 6’ separation, seconded by G. Gerdes.**

   **Ayas:** J. Nyden, S. Mangum, G. Gerdes, L. Biggs, E. Cano, M. Tristan, I. Eckersberg, J. Hyink, C. Sterling

   **Nays:**

2. **1633 Orrington Avenue**  
   Sidewalk Café  
   Jay Javer, applicant, submits for a sidewalk café, Lao Sze Chuan, in the D3 Downtown Core Development District.

   APPLICATION PRESENTED BY: Applicant not present

   DISCUSSION:
   - L. Biggs asked about the barrier height.

   **L. Biggs made a motion to approve the sidewalk cafe, seconded by G. Gerdes.**

   **Ayas:** J. Nyden, S. Mangum, G. Gerdes, L. Biggs, E. Cano, M. Tristan, I. Eckersberg, J. Hyink, C. Sterling

   **Nays:**

3. **1735 Benson Avenue**  
   Sidewalk Café  
   Kevin O’Malley, applicant, submits for a sidewalk café, The Stained Glass, in the D2 Downtown Retail Core District.

   APPLICATION PRESENTED BY: Kevin O’Malley, applicant

   DISCUSSION:
   - K. O’Malley stated the sidewalk cafe provides the required 6’ separation.
   - Committee questioned the 3’ tall picket fence barrier.
   - J. Nyden stated a better barrier is needed in the street area, not sure if the City has enough barriers to provide.
G. Gerdes made a motion to approve the sidewalk cafe subject to: 1) Barriers placed per Public Works approval, and 2) Written permission provided for use of the space in front of Papa John’s.


Nays:

4. 1322 Chicago Avenue  Sidewalk Café

APPLICATION PRESENTED BY:  Wetchapan Worawongsatikorn, applicant

DISCUSSION:
- G. Gerdes questioned the distance between chairs.
- L. Biggs asked if the sidewalk cafe extends past the storefront, extending to the adjacent walkway.
- W. Worawongsatikorn stated the cafe is in front of their store only.

L. Biggs made a motion to approve the sidewalk cafe, seconded by G. Gerdes.


Nays:

5. 518 Dempster Street  Sidewalk Café
Keiko Thomas, applicant, submits for a sidewalk café, Sea Ranch, in the B1 Business District and oDM Dempster-Main Overlay District.

APPLICATION PRESENTED BY:  Applicant not present

DISCUSSION:
- G. Gerdes tables 1 and 3 will encroach past their storefront, they have permission from the adjacent store.
- L. Biggs stated the orientation of table 2 is odd, will it block the adjacent door?
- G. Gerdes thinks there is enough room that table 2 will not block the door, but it can be checked after installation.
- M. Tristan stated the table location should be fine, not blocking a fire exit.

L. Biggs made a motion to approve the sidewalk cafe subject to: 1) Written permission from the adjacent business for use of the sidewalk area in front of their space and 2) Inspection after installation to verify egress from the building, seconded by G. Gerdes.


Nays:
6. 901-903 Sherman Avenue 

APPLICATION PRESENTED BY:  Sarah Laing, applicant

DISCUSSION:
- S. Laing stated they would like 4 tables to provide work space for kids attending summer camp.
- J. Nyden asked if the parking lot to the east can be used instead.
- S Laing stated the parking lot gets too much sun.
- J. Nyden expressed concern about using the street.
- S. Mangum stated the sidewalk cafe regulations do not speak to this use.
- G. Gerdes asked for the sidewalk width.
- J. Nyden stated this would set a precedent if approved, using the sidewalk is acceptable but questions using the street parking spaces.
- L. Biggs asked if required social distancing can be met with the proposed setup.
- J. Nyden stated this item should be held for further discussion. She asked C. Sterling to work the applicant.

Item held in Committee to allow more time to discuss the use and set up details.

Adjournment

L. Biggs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by I. Eckersberg. The Committee voted by roll call, 9-0, to adjourn. The Committee adjourned at 3:25 p.m.


Nays:

The next DAPR meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 1, 2020, at 2:30 p.m. via a virtual meeting. Additional information will be provided on that meeting agenda.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Griffith