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To: Brandon Creagan, Planner

From: Frank J. Amandro, Deputy Chief 

Date: August 8, 2017

Subject: Follow-Up: Application for Waiver of Distance – 658 N. 2nd Street

I have completed a secondary review of the Waiver of Distance for 658 N. 2nd Street after our August 2, 2017, 11:00 AM follow-up meeting with the applicant. The applicant is proposing to open a bar called the "Backyard Pub" at this location. As such, a Waiver of Distance is needed because of the proximity of other similar establishments. If the application is granted, the Waiver of Distance would allow the applicant to serve alcohol within sixteen hundred (1600) feet of another establishment already serving alcohol.

During the meeting, the police department expressed several concerns with this application, the physical building, and the surrounding community:

- Potential for loud/nuisance noise
- Location/position of the stage
- Proximity of a residential community
- Past experiences with a similar venue at this location

At our August 2nd meeting with the applicant each of these aforementioned items were discussed in detail. As it pertains to the location/position of the existing stage: it is my understanding from the applicant that the stage cannot be moved, as it would be too costly to do so. The applicant also assured us that they will not have "live" music venues at this location. Potential for loud/nuisance noise, the applicant guaranteed the City that the sound equipment they plan on using at this venue would not be the Amplified PA systems that "live" bands typically use e.g., high voltage soundboards and large powerful speakers. The applicant stated that the sound system they will be installing will be a surround sound system with speakers positioned underneath the Tiki Huts. The applicant assured us that this type of system will provide direct sound to the immediate area surrounding the Tiki Huts instead of using a PA system that would blast loud acoustic music across the complex.

The other area of concern that was discussed was the close proximity of the adjacent residential community. We also discussed the City's noise ordinance and nuisance abatement ordinance in great deal: the noise decibels set by the ordinance, the fines associated with violations of the

ordinance, and the consequences of repeat violations e.g., the procedures for handling a nuisance property. I would request that a copy of both ordinances be provided to the applicant.

The police department approves the Waiver of Distance application with one condition that the applicant complete a *Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design* (CPTED) survey through the police department's Crime Prevention Unit prior to the grand opening of the establishment. The Crime Prevention Unit will work with the applicant's sound manager/technician to ensure that the sound system levels are checked and set pursuant to the City's noise ordinance. The CPTED survey will also provide recommendation's for lighting, landscaping (to assist with noise abatement), and other crime prevention recommendations.

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