

**PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF WILLOUGHBY
APRIL 10, 2014
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES**

PRESENT: R. Fiala; C. Cox; G. Patt; G. Merhar, Chairman

ABSENT: K. Kary

OTHERS: Mike Germano, Asst. Law Director; Jim Sayles, City Engr.;
Janice Lipscomb, Econ. Development Mgr.; Darryl Keller,
Chief Bldg. & Zoning Inspector; Jerry Ranally, Ward 5
Councilman; Betty Nardelli, Sec'y

Chairman Gerald Merhar called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

The legal notice was read into the record for the following:

FRANK & TONY'S	38107 2 ND St	CUP - expansion
(Angelo Gallo)		extend grnd FL patio &
		fencing outward /
		Add landscaping
		D-B dist.

The following spoke **FOR** the proposal.

Angelo Gallo, owner
4192 Amelia Ave.
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

Mr. Gallo said that the local business owners have no problem with the patio extension. Mr. Gallo said that the patio extension will allow additional seats. Mr. Gallo said that currently he employs 20 to 25 employees and with the expansion he will employ about three more. Mr. Gallo said that part of the patio there now is enclosed. Mr. Gallo submitted a note from Michael Stefan in favor of the patio expansion.

Jim Danford
4098 Erie St. #23
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

Jim Danford, owner of the parking lot that is adjacent to Frank &

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Tony's where the existing patio is located, said that this proposal is to extend the existing patio, add fencing and landscaping which will enhance Frank & Tony's property and his parking lot.

Mr. Danford said that the landscaping will screen the parking lot from the patio and screen Frank & Tony's from the parking lot. Mr. Danford said that he would not allow this extension if it was going to be noisy.

Shamus Coyne

5159 Karen Isle Dr.
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

Shamus Coyne, part owner of the Wild Goose in downtown Willoughby, said this expansion will add to bringing more people to the downtown area.

Dominic Fiamani

4088 Erie St. #20
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

Mr. Fiamani said that his business is in the building that Jim Danford owns and he also is owner of Firenza Stone. Mr. Fiamani said that anything that improves the City he is in favor of.

Doug Ciancibello

4027 Erie St.
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

Doug Ciancibello, Burgers-N-Beer owner and vice president of the Down Town Willoughby Bar Association, said that this expansion will improve Willoughby and that they appreciate anything that can be done to enhance traffic.

Matt Danford

No address

Mr. Danford said that he sold his house and he has no permanent address at this time. Mr. Danford said that they just want to follow through on what a fine job that the Mayor did for the City.

Jake Davidson

Chardon, Ohio

Mr. Davidson, vice president of Operation Technical Assurance for

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16 years, said that he is a supporter of Frank & Tony's and his wife is a manager there. Mr. Davidson said that he thinks this expansion will grow and he is speaking on behalf of all the employees that are here this evening.

Donna Pelney
Mentor, Ohio 44060

Donna who has been an employee of Frank and Tony's for eleven years said that Frank & Tony's employs 20 to 25 people at a given time. Donna said that Frank & Tony's has several fund raisers a year and this expansion will bring more people there.

Lisa Huebner
33446 Vine St.
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

Lisa Huebner, an employee of Frank & Tony's, said that she worked outside on the patio last summer and at that time the patio was busy. Ms. Huebner said that she is all for the expansion if it brings more business into Willoughby.

Frank Gallo
2033 Fairview Rd.
Willoughby Hills, Ohio

Frank Gallo said that Frank and Tony's is one of the veteran friendly establishments in Northeastern Ohio. To allow the patio expansion will allow more space for more veterans to spend their time there. Mr. Gallo said that Frank & Tony's is a nice place for veterans to come to.

Angelo Gallo's daughter
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

The daughter of Angelo Gallo who is also an employee of Frank & Tony's for four years said that the expansion will allow the business to grow and to help her fellow employees.

The following spoke **AGAINST** the proposal.

No One

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FUSCO AUCTIONS
(Paul Fusco)

4740 Beidler Rd.
rear unit

SUP - Auctions
public & internet -
24 to 30 auctions
per yr.
L-I dist.

The following spoke **FOR** the proposal.

Paul Fusco

5275 Lenore Dr.
Mentor, Ohio 44060

Mr. Fusco who has been in business in Willoughby for 25 years said that his business is currently located on Euclid Ave. where a car dealership was once located. Mr. Fusco said he has been at this location for nine years moving from the downtown area. Mr. Fusco said that the current building on Euclid Ave. is 8,500 sq. ft. and that his business has outgrown this building. He has a 5,000 sq. ft. warehouse in Mentor and a 4,000 sq. ft. warehouse in Beachwood. Mr. Fusco said that he is attempting to move to a building on Beidler Rd. that is large enough to house all three of his entities there under one roof. Also there is plenty of parking there. Mr. Fusco said that his lease for the Euclid Ave. facility will expire in October and he doesn't plan to re-new it.

Mr. Fusco said that that this proposed facility is more of a destination rather than a retail shop. Mr. Fusco said that people can come to the auction at the facility to view the materials or sit at home to watch the auction on-line and bid when their item shows up on the screen. Mr. Fusco said that most of his auctions are on Friday and Saturday evenings. He plans on having 24 to 30 public auctions a year.

Mr. Fusco said he'll be able to bring all of his business under one roof, have plenty of parking and be able to stay in Willoughby.

The following spoke **AGAINST** the proposal.

No One

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There being no further business the public hearing closed at 7:21 p.m.

A tape of this public hearing is available for review in the office of the Planning Commission Secretary.

Gerald Merhar, Chairman

Betty A. Nardelli, Secretary