

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF MINEOLA

HEARING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 14, 2018
6:30 o'clock p.m.

B e f o r e:

SCOTT P. STRAUSS,
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1 MR. SCALERO: Ladies and gentlemen, please
2 silence all pagers and cell phones. In the event of an
3 emergency there are exits located in the rear of the
4 room.

5 MAYOR STRAUSS: Good evening, ladies and
6 gentlemen. Thanks for coming out this evening. This is
7 going to be a continuation of the hearing from back in
8 December.

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10 "Application of Vincent Minutella for a Special
11 Use Permit pursuant to Chapter 550 of the Code of the
12 Incorporated Village of Mineola, entitled 'Zoning',
13 section 550.16, entitled 'M Districts', Subsection (A),
14 entitled 'Permitted Uses', and section 550.12, entitled
15 'B-1 Districts', Subsection (B), entitled 'Special Uses',
16 for the conversion of a bar patron space to kitchen and
17 dining restaurant with outdoor beer garden upon the
18 property known as 78-80 2nd Street, Mineola, New York,
19 known and designated on the Nassau County Land and Tax
20 Map as section 9, Block 424, Lots 35-36."

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22 MAYOR STRAUSS: We're waiting on the Nassau
23 County Planning Commission to render a decision.

24 Mr. Gibbons, have you heard from them?

25 MR. GIBBONS: Yes, Mayor. Today I received

1 resolution number 10227 of 2018. It's a two-page
2 document. I'm not going to read the whole thing. I'll
3 just read the relevant section.

4 "Now therefore be it resolved that after due
5 deliberation and consideration the Nassau County Planning
6 Commission finds the applicant has attempted to address
7 the potential impacts of the beer garden on surrounding
8 residents; however, the impacts of such a use on nearby
9 residents are unavoidable. These include the spillover
10 of noise, including live music, illumination, odor,
11 fumes, traffic, and loitering onto nearby homes that will
12 negatively impact the quality of life for these
13 residents. A use such as a beer garden should be located
14 within more self-contained commercial areas that are not
15 contiguous to homes in residential neighborhoods.

16 "And be it further resolved that the Nassau
17 County Planning Commission hereby recommends disapproval
18 of the aforementioned as provided by law."

19 MAYOR STRAUSS: OK. So disapproval from the
20 county, but I still would like to hear the applicant make
21 their presentation, if they have one.

22 So I ask anybody that's approaching the podium
23 to please state your name, your address, speak clearly
24 and slowly so it can be accurately recorded into the
25 record.

1 MR. MINUTELLA: Gentlemen, how are you?

2 THE COURT: Good evening.

3 MR. MINUTELLA: Folks, thank you for coming.

4 My name is Vincent Minutella. I own the Black
5 Sheep Ale House and I own the building in which it
6 resides. The address is 78 through 84 2nd Street.

7 We're here to present the changes that we've
8 made based on our discussion the last time, some concerns
9 about the noise, some concerns about light pollution,
10 some concerns about crowd control. Since that time we
11 have hired and brought into the project Mr. Tom Cahill,
12 who is here this evening, from Hicks Nursery. With his
13 guidance and expertise we have completely redesigned the
14 beer garden and, as I'd like to show you, with this new
15 design I believe that not only have we addressed the
16 issues, which are legitimate issues. I'm not saying, you
17 know, these concerns aren't legitimate.

18 We've addressed the issue of sound. I think it
19 will be better than it is now, in truth. I've set up
20 certain, you know, measures within this design that will
21 abate the sound that people normally have to deal with on
22 a regular basis today. I believe there will be less of
23 it and I believe this is something very, very, positive
24 for the community.

25 I was very heartened to hear your comments,

1 Mayor Strauss, with regard to the downtown revitalization
2 and supporting of small businesses. I think this is
3 something that Mineola, as it's been communicated to me,
4 overwhelmingly supports. Since it's been out in the
5 Mineola American and Newsday and other publications,
6 we've had numerous folks visit the bar and offer their
7 support and e-mail me and contact me on Facebook, and
8 some are present this evening. I know there's been some
9 letters and e-mails sent.

10 That being said, I do understand that it is my
11 responsibility as a business owner to address the
12 concerns of my neighbors, and it's a responsibility that
13 I take very seriously and I have done so throughout the
14 years that I've been here wholeheartedly. And, you know,
15 we do have an open door policy where -- I mean,
16 Mr. Lyndel Lowes (phonetic) is here again this evening.
17 It's funny that he should be here. I feel like he should
18 be here to testify to the fact that complaints from
19 neighbors are immediately addressed and remedied, as was
20 so in the case where he was complaining about music from
21 the live bands we were having on Thursday nights.

22 The beer garden, as I said before -- I don't
23 know if the Nassau Planning Board misunderstood a portion
24 of the proposal that I had sent over but, with regard to
25 live music, it was meant to be contained to private

1 events on a rare occasion and events that the bar would
2 sponsor on a rare occasion, and on those occasions the
3 music would be cut off completely by 10:00 p.m. during
4 the week, 11:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.

5 I feel that 85 percent of what's around me --
6 I'm in an industrial and residential area. 85 percent of
7 what's around me is a parking lot, a supermarket, an
8 attorney's office that doesn't do business hours. I have
9 an abandoned building across the street I've been looking
10 at for seven years, since I've been here. Let's not have
11 this be another one of those.

12 I'd like to show you the work that I've done
13 with Tom Cahill on redesigning the garden.

14 MAYOR STRAUSS: Sure.

15 MR. MINUTELLA: And I'm open to any more
16 suggestions from the residents who don't love it and from
17 you all. I'm open for conversation.

18 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

19 MR. MINUTELLA: OK. This is the floor plan of
20 the redesigned garden. I'd like to point out a couple of
21 things. I'm just going to show this, and I'm going to
22 show a three-dimensional walk-through of the beer garden.
23 Some of these things have changed since Tom and I worked
24 on this in further conversations. I'm going to get up
25 for a minute here.

1 Basically what we've done -- the biggest
2 concern was the closest neighbor, who is here. OK?
3 These folks live, I mean, it's at least 50 feet from
4 where the beer garden begins. The concern was the noise
5 coming in this direction toward the neighborhood. In the
6 beer garden itself, to abate that, there's going to be a
7 wall around here. There's going to be arborvitae that
8 will be planted to absorb sound. There's going to be a
9 pergola above it to further absorb sound, and this area
10 here is going to be the general smoking area. That way
11 folks will no longer congregate here to smoke, which
12 happens all night long Friday and Saturday nights,
13 Thursday nights when we're busy, and their conversation
14 outside, I'm sure, can be heard by the residents who live
15 up here, the residents who live down there. So there
16 will be no need. They can sit out here comfortably,
17 smoke. No one is going to bother them.

18 The other thing is the compressors. We talked
19 about that. I called, or actually my bar manager got in
20 touch, Bob -- there he is -- got in touch with the
21 manufacturer to ask about the decibel level of the
22 machinery. We were told that they couldn't give us a
23 specific decibel level. They said generally it's not
24 much louder than a household air conditioner, but they
25 couldn't give me any specifics and that's not good

1 enough. So they're dead. They're going to be in the
2 basement on this side of the prep area. What we decided
3 we're going to do . . . look through this and pretend
4 there's a firewall here and two basements. We're going
5 to, like a McDLT, we're going to keep the hot side hot
6 and the cool side cool. So that way the extra
7 compressors won't injure the beer in any way, because the
8 heat is no good for our beer storage and we have a lot of
9 things that are vintage beers that are meant to be aged
10 for years and years. We just can't have 112 degree heat
11 in the same room with that. So we're going to move all
12 that to the cold side and there will be no, there will be
13 no, compressors outside whatsoever.

14 This area is still going to be fenced in with
15 PVC fencing. So there's another level of sound
16 abatement. So now we've got the one wall here, the
17 pergola, the fencing, another layer of PVC fencing, then
18 another 20 feet and an additional layer of the arborvitae
19 and another fence that I'm going to put up, another PVC
20 fence. So there's literally going to be five levels of
21 sound abatement from this part of the beer garden to our
22 closest neighbor. All the rest of the sound is going to
23 be directed up and out the front, which was part of our
24 design, where the only opening is here, with the
25 exception of the fire exit here.

1 So now I'll go through the 3-D walk through, if
2 I can find it.

3 MR. WALSH: Do you have a copy of this for us?

4 MR. MINUTELLA: You should have it. I provided
5 eight copies to the Village of my proposal and --

6 MR. GIBBONS: Of the new one?

7 MR. MINUTELLA: Yes. This is in one large
8 piece of paper, I believe it's 13 by 19, on card stock.

9 MR. GIBBONS: When did you submit that? I just
10 want to make sure we have the right one.

11 MR. MILLER: We submitted stills.

12 MR. MINUTELLA: No, I did. I put this on a 13
13 by 19 card stock. In addition to that I had the report
14 with the stills from the 3-D walk through.

15 MR. MILLER: That's what I'm saying. We have
16 stills. We don't have digital copies.

17 MR. MINUTELLA: No, not digital copies.

18 MR. GIBBONS: I thought these were new as of
19 tonight.

20 MR. MINUTELLA: No. These are new as of the
21 time I presented it to you, which was -- I thought we
22 were going to be meeting on Valentine's Day. In
23 anticipation of that I think we handed them in to the
24 Village on the 7th, something like that. A week before.

25 MR. GIBBONS: Correct. Great. I thought maybe

1 there was new --

2 MR. MINUTELLA: The only things that are
3 different from that would be the removal of the
4 compressors and the fencing that we had around the area
5 where the compressors were. The dumpsters are meant to
6 reside where -- we were going to use regular chain-link
7 fencing. We are now going to use the solid PVC fencing
8 around that as well for additional sound abatement and so
9 it's not an eyesore for anybody who is living in the
10 area.

11 Tom, where it says "final", is that the one
12 that's 3-D?

13 MR. CAHILL: Yes.

14 (3-D presentation displayed.)

15 MR. MINUTELLA: Welcome to my beer garden, our
16 beer garden. There's the back area with the pergola. We
17 imagine there will be string-lighting hanging above in
18 the pergola. It will be pretty. There it is. That's
19 our emergency exit. Next door there is the lawyers.
20 Really cool fire pit tables. And out this way, that
21 chain-link fence is now a PVC fence to your right, and
22 directly ahead you can see the white PVC fence. Those
23 you won't see. The compressors will be gone. That will
24 be a white PVC fence. You can see we have a few
25 gooseneck lamps. That will be the lighting for the beer

1 garden. It will be directed directly down into the beer
2 garden. I don't believe there will be any spillover.
3 There won't be any additional lighting. The only
4 lighting that will effect the nearest neighbors is the
5 lighting we already have in place for security purposes.
6 That's on every night to illuminate the parking lot.

7 Oh, one other thing that I would like to show
8 you, bring to your attention, which is another change
9 that's a good, I believe, a good thing.

10 This outside area, this parking lot, this is
11 where some residents experience noise from which is
12 unavoidable. People leaving the bar, going to their car,
13 finishing up their conversation, you know, getting in
14 their car and BS'ing in the parking lot, whatever, and
15 they leave. I'm sure it's not crazy, but I'm sure it's
16 heard and I'm sure it's an annoyance. This will no
17 longer be customer parking. This will be tenant parking
18 only and if there's room me, maybe one or two employees.
19 It will not be for customers to use. They will all be
20 directed to use the municipal lot across the street, as
21 they have already been directed via a notation in our
22 beer menu that went up the night we were here last. That
23 evening that notation went up. And folks have been using
24 it. They've been utilizing it more.

25 So the people who live next door should have a

1 quieter, more attractive, peaceful existence than they
2 currently have. This is an improvement upon the
3 situation that they currently live with.

4 That's all I've got. I mean, if you have
5 questions for Tom about anything specific with regard --

6 THE COURT: Come back up to the podium.

7 MR. MINUTELLA: Sure.

8 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

9 How high is the wall and the fencing going to
10 be?

11 MR. MINUTELLA: Six feet.

12 MAYOR STRAUSS: Six feet tall?

13 MR. MINUTELLA: Yes. What I figured -- we had
14 talked about it last time that a higher wall would help.
15 The solution to that was the arborvitae. The arborvitae
16 we don't need a variance for. They can grow ten, 12, 14
17 feet. We can plant 12-foot arborvitae in there to start
18 off with. So that, in addition to our six-foot wall
19 which is, you know, to code, we have an additional, you
20 know, however many feet of abatement.

21 MAYOR STRAUSS: Are you going to have music
22 outside?

23 MR. MINUTELLA: Like I said, on a very, very,
24 rare occasion. If that's something that nobody is OK
25 with, then I'll nix it. I mean, I think it's appropriate

1 if you have a private party and they want some live
2 music. If they booked the garden for an event and it's
3 shut off at an early time, personally I think that's OK.
4 If you guys don't agree, if the neighbors don't agree,
5 we'll nix the music. I don't have to have it. It would
6 be nice. I don't have to have it.

7 MAYOR STRAUSS: How many people do you expect
8 the beer garden to hold?

9 MR. MINUTELLA: Currently, the way it's set up
10 now, I think it's set up for about 75 people.

11 MAYOR STRAUSS: Deputy Mayor?

12 MR. PEREIRA: Thank you.

13 Those were the two questions that I had, the
14 height of the walls and the capacity.

15 I do want to commend you on certainly putting
16 together -- you know, we see many, many, presentations
17 that run the gamut from, obviously, multi-million dollar
18 projects to neighborhood mom and pop stores. And I must
19 commend you on the professionalism that you've handled
20 this application with. And I know it's not easy. And
21 it's expensive. And we appreciate that because it
22 certainly makes our decision a much more informed
23 decision. I appreciate that you also addressed some of
24 the concerns. I think the other concerns we really can't
25 address until it's live. You know, the concerns about

1 safety and security and, you know, people walking into
2 the neighborhood. And as much as I appreciate you making
3 the parking for tenants only, it may actually push the
4 parking problem up into the neighborhood. You know, you
5 solve one problem, you may create another one. But
6 that's neither here nor there at this point.

7 I don't have any questions. Those are the two
8 questions that I had. And all the other questions I
9 would like to hear from the residents one more time.

10 MR. MINUTELLA: If I could say one more thing?

11 MR. PEREIRA: Yes.

12 MR. MINUTELLA: I'm open to a continuing
13 dialogue.

14 MR. PEREIRA: Yes. Absolutely.

15 MR. MINUTELLA: It's not like, you know,
16 tonight I get approval that, if there's an issue, it's
17 like, Well, ha-ha, you gave me approval. Too bad.

18 This is an ongoing conversation I'm more than
19 happy to engage in and, you know, we'll continue to be a
20 good business --

21 MR. PEREIRA: And again, this is a small thing,
22 but I believe -- and Mr. Whalen can correct me if I'm
23 wrong -- when you have a residential and a commercial
24 property abutting each other, I believe you can go up to
25 seven feet on a fence --

1 MR. WHALEN: You can.

2 MR. PEREIRA: -- as of right.

3 MR. MINUTELLA: OK.

4 MR. PEREIRA: So that fence behind those
5 arborvitaes could be another control.

6 MR. MINUTELLA: Whatever it is, we'll do it to
7 the max --

8 MR. PEREIRA: Right.

9 MR. MINUTELLA: -- without having to get a
10 variance. And in addition to that we'll do the
11 arborvitae.

12 MR. PEREIRA: Traditionally, you know, resident
13 to resident, it can only be six feet, but when it's
14 commercial to resident it can be up to seven feet.

15 MR. MINUTELLA: OK. Thank you.

16 MR. PEREIRA: So that's all I have.

17 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

18 Mr. Cusato?

19 MR. CUSATO: Thank you, Mayor.

20 As you know, I was the one that expressed the
21 concern about the compressors and the noise.

22 MR. MINUTELLA: Yes.

23 MR. CUSATO: So I want to thank you for pushing
24 them downstairs, where you're going to put them.

25 The other question was: If we accept this and

1 the parking lot is filled across the street, where is
2 everybody else going to go? So that's another question.

3 MR. MINUTELLA: I imagine, if the parking lot
4 fills, they'll be using the street parking that's
5 available.

6 MR. CUSATO: I don't know how the people are
7 going to relate to that.

8 Thank you, Mayor.

9 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

10 Mr. Durham?

11 MR. DURHAM: Thank you.

12 Thank you for coming back with a new plan, and
13 the video presentation of it was very nice so that
14 everybody can understand and see.

15 The picture with the chain-link fence in the
16 back is what you said will now be PVC fence also?

17 MR. MINUTELLA: Correct.

18 MR. DURHAM: And the way it looked, the
19 chain-link fence went behind the smoking section?

20 MR. MINUTELLA: Correct.

21 MR. DURHAM: So that section would also be PVC
22 fence?

23 MR. MINUTELLA: Correct.

24 MR. DURHAM: And the height of that PVC fence
25 is going to be six feet?

1 MR. MINUTELLA: Whatever is permitted.

2 MR. DURHAM: Whatever is permitted. OK.

3 Very nice presentation.

4 There were fire pits. It looked like there
5 were two of them?

6 MR. MINUTELLA: Yes.

7 MR. DURHAM: They'll be running all the time,
8 or are they just during the cold months, or. . .

9 MR. MINUTELLA: You know, I hadn't thought
10 about it. I think probably most of the time. It would
11 be a feature of the beer garden. They have seating all
12 around them. So they're actual tables with the fire pit
13 in the center. They're tables that seat eight. So it
14 would probably be most of the time.

15 MR. DURHAM: And now, in your previous plan,
16 when you talked about adding the food service, the food
17 service is going to be in the beer garden also, or is the
18 food service mainly at the tables that you're putting
19 inside?

20 MR. MINUTELLA: No. No. Food service will be
21 available everywhere.

22 MR. DURHAM: Food service will be available
23 everywhere.

24 MR. MINUTELLA: Yes.

25 MR. DURHAM: And what time are you planning on

1 keeping the food service going until?

2 MR. MINUTELLA: We plan to have food service
3 going until late hours because we do have -- a large part
4 of our clientele are service industry folks and we got
5 our waiters, our bartenders, our managers, our
6 restauranteurs, that come in and like to have a bite to
7 eat and a cocktail, you know, at the end of their day.

8 But as far as outside goes, and you can see if
9 you have the new presentation that I prepared and
10 supplied for everyone, we have rolled back the hours of
11 the beer garden to -- I don't remember offhand -- I think
12 it was killing it at midnight on Friday and Saturday
13 nights and killing it at 11:00 p.m. during the week,
14 which would give us a little bit of time to transition
15 folks to pay up your check, get inside or go home, or do
16 whatever you want to do. So at those times food service
17 outside would be no longer available. You would have to
18 pay your check and go inside and order food or go home.

19 MR. DURHAM: So including the smoking area --

20 MR. MINUTELLA: Mm hmm.

21 MR. DURHAM: -- will all be shut down --

22 MR. MINUTELLA: No. No. No.

23 MR. DURHAM. -- or the smoking area would stay
24 open?

25 MR. MINUTELLA: We would continue to permit

1 folks to go outside to the smoking area and congregate in
2 that area under the pergola to, you know, indulge their
3 habit and come back inside.

4 MR. DURHAM: OK. Thank you.

5 MR. MINUTELLA: You're welcome. Thank you.

6 MAYOR STRAUSS: Mr. Walsh?

7 MR. WALSH: Thank you, Mayor.

8 Thank you. How are you today?

9 MR. MINUTELLA: I'm well. Thank you.

10 MR. WALSH: How about bathrooms? You have
11 currently have one bathroom in there. A men's room and
12 ladies' room, two bathrooms, and they're small. With the
13 additional people that you plan to bring in, are you
14 going to put in more bathrooms?

15 MR. MINUTELLA: Yes, we have that in the plans.

16 MR. WALSH: Yes. Describe it for me a little
17 bit.

18 MR. MINUTELLA: There's the current two that we
19 have on the Black Sheep side. The additional side has
20 another two. So it will be four restrooms altogether.

21 MR. WALSH: So when people are in the outside
22 area of the beer garden and they need to use the
23 bathroom, they'll go inside to the restaurant area?

24 MR. MINUTELLA: Correct.

25 MR. WALSH: OK. And the waiter system, the

1 waiters and waitresses will be going outside through the
2 side door --

3 MR. MINUTELLA: Correct.

4 MR. WALSH: -- into the beer garden?

5 MR. MINUTELLA: Correct.

6 MR. WALSH: How many people do you think it's
7 going to take, employees do you think it's going to take,
8 to service the 75 or so people that you're going to have
9 out there?

10 MR. MINUTELLA: I'm really excited about that.
11 A rule of thumb in the industry is, when you're at max
12 capacity, you need one server for every 20 to 25 people,
13 plus the kitchen staff and busboys and things like that.
14 We're potentially hiring another 15 to 20 people, which,
15 you know --

16 MR. WALSH: No. But at any one time you're
17 talking about two waitresses and a busboy and maybe
18 someone who brings the meals to the tables, so four
19 people?

20 MR. MINUTELLA: Those are kind of variable
21 based on what the business at the time needs, which we'll
22 be able to figure out in a short amount of time how to
23 properly staff for the needs of any given day.

24 But typically, if that were -- say it were
25 maxed out, we have those 75 people outside all seated at

1 those tables, you're looking at probably three or four
2 waiters or waitresses, two busboy/food runner persons,
3 and that would be it.

4 MR. WALSH: And the plates would be brought out
5 there and taken in and out and put on a tray and taken
6 out, just the noise --

7 MR. MINUTELLA: No. No. The kitchen is right
8 off of the beer garden.

9 MR. WALSH: Yes.

10 MR. MINUTELLA: Right --

11 MR. WALSH: No. I can visualize it.

12 MR. MINUTELLA: -- directly inside. As soon as
13 you walk back into the restaurant proper to your left is
14 the kitchen, and that's where they'd go to drop off.

15 MR. WALSH: I assume you're going to continue
16 to stay open until 4:00 a.m.

17 MR. MINUTELLA: Probably with the bar. I don't
18 know about the food. Maybe the food till 2:00 a.m.
19 We'll try it out. If there's nobody there and I'm
20 keeping a chef on salary, we may cut it back. If there's
21 a great call for it, we may keep food until 4:00.

22 MR. WALSH: No. I'm considering the people
23 sitting outside in that back area smoking cigarettes till
24 4:00 in the morning.

25 MR. MINUTELLA: Well they're outside on the

1 street now.

2 MR. WALSH: No. I'm just asking you. I
3 understand.

4 OK. I have no further questions. I'd like to
5 hear from everybody in the audience.

6 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

7 MR. MINUTELLA: Thank you.

8 MAYOR STRAUSS: Any other comments before we
9 open up to the public?

10 MR. MINUTELLA: No.

11 MAYOR STRAUSS: Great. If you could have a
12 seat and turn off that projector, that would be great.
13 It's probably annoying you. It was annoying me watching
14 it hitting your face.

15 I'll open up to public comment. I expect
16 anybody that's coming to the podium to please speak
17 slowly, clearly, state your name and your address for the
18 record.

19 Anybody in the second row? Third row? Fourth
20 row?

21 Yes, sir.

22 MR. HALE: Hello, Board.

23 Terence Hale, 104 Roslyn Road.

24 Couple of things. This is our fourth meeting
25 scheduled, right? This all began back in December. We

1 came to the meeting. Nice present, by the way.

2 There are some inconsistencies I still have
3 from the December meeting, and then we came to the
4 January meeting and we had to dance because, you know,
5 they weren't prepared again, and then February was
6 canceled and here we are.

7 There are some inconsistencies. They were
8 talking about -- you took care of the sound and placement
9 of the condensing units. Now they're going in the
10 basement. So now where are they going dissipate the heat
11 that's generated from these condensing units? Now
12 they're indoors. You need to know that. I would like to
13 know that. Maybe they can answer that.

14 Parking lot. There's a huge lake in the back
15 after it rains and stuff. So I don't know how they're
16 going to deal with that with the new construction.

17 Deliveries were never discussed. When the
18 Clare Rose trucks come into Roslyn Road they park facing
19 southbound right at the corner of 2nd, and they're there
20 during peak hours and it's backed up all the way to
21 Jericho. That was never mentioned or addressed. It's
22 usually between 3:00 and 5:00, and you know how that is.

23 MAYOR STRAUSS: 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.?

24 MR. HALE: Yes.

25 He also stated that, All my bottled beer is

1 from Belgium, if you remember that. He mentioned that.
2 OK. You can get a Bud Light. You can get a Bud. You
3 can get a Corona there. And Anheuser-Busch isn't a
4 little town in Belgium. Anheuser-Busch is in St. Louis,
5 I believe, or wherever, and Corona is in Cozumel.

6 The January meeting, I know he was sick and
7 then we had tiny Bob come up and do the dance because
8 they were still unprepared.

9 You mentioning the bathrooms now. You know,
10 are they going to be disabled accessible? I didn't hear
11 any mention of that. Both bathrooms should be
12 handicapped accessible.

13 MAYOR STRAUSS: I believe that's code, Mr.
14 Hale, but we'll check for you.

15 MR. HALE: The last 28 years, guys -- I've been
16 here 35 -- it's always been quality of life in Mineola.
17 So I'm pleading with you guys to follow through on this.

18 I love the idea of a beer garden, buddy. I
19 really do. I'm a beer guy. But not in my neighborhood.
20 Not right down the block. I just -- if it was just a
21 little bit away, further down 2nd Street. It's just too
22 much. It's not fair to us residents here.

23 I'm speaking for the residents in my area. A
24 couple of them can't make it. Dee, you remember, he's
25 with secret service -- with the armed services -- and he

1 was called away. So I told him I would stand up for him
2 too because he bought the house here with his family and
3 not expecting a beer garden down the block.

4 So I think I said, it's a great idea. I wish
5 you would have come to the residents prior to the meeting
6 in December just to, like, knock on the door and say:
7 Hey. You know, I'm thinking about putting a beer garden
8 here. Maybe filled us out a little bit. But I'm not
9 happy, even with the arborvitaes. Arborvitaes are nice.
10 They grow about a foot a year. And you say you're going
11 to buy a plethora of 12-footers. That's going to be a
12 very expensive thing, and you're crying about a chef and
13 all that other stuff.

14 So I don't know. It's not about sound. It's
15 about quality of life. It's about people in my yard.
16 It's about parking all over. I don't know. I agree with
17 Nassau.

18 Thanks for hearing me out.

19 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you, Mr. Hale. Thanks
20 for coming down.

21 Anybody else in the fourth row?

22 Yes, sir?

23 MR. MONDELLO: Good evening, everybody.

24 My name is Robert Mondello, 100 Roslyn Road,
25 right down the block, Mineola.

1 I don't have much to say. I said what I had to
2 say before. I've been a resident since 1959. I watched
3 that bar from when I was a kid growing up. I've hung out
4 in there. It's always been a great neighborhood bar.
5 Your presentation was excellent. I give you five stars
6 for that. But you're talking about your arborvitaes and
7 your seven-foot fences and all that. That's fine for the
8 people on the first floor of those residences. What
9 about the people on the second floor? What's going to
10 happen to them? They're going to hear what the people on
11 the first floor aren't hearing.

12 And the only other thing is I got a
13 presentation myself which I usually wear a poem and it
14 says: Nope, not today.

15 That's all I can say. Thank you.

16 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you, Mr. Mondello.

17 Anyone else in the fourth row?

18 Yes, sir?

19 Ma'am?

20 That's fine. Ladies first.

21 MS. POWERS: Hello. My name is Louise Powers,
22 40 Geranium Avenue, Mineola.

23 I'm in favor of the beer garden. OK? There
24 have been a lot of things that have been passed in this
25 town, you know, apartments that are past the regular

1 height, and I'm sure they got variances. I think the
2 beer garden, for my neck of the woods, would be very
3 nice, a nice place to eat and to socialize.

4 That's all I have to say.

5 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you very much for coming.
6 Thank you, ma'am.

7 MS. POWERS: I'm in favor of it.

8 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you, ma'am.

9 Anybody else in the fourth row?

10 We'll go back to the third row for you. It's
11 all right.

12 MS. AVILA: I'm not used to public speaking.

13 MAYOR STRAUSS: It doesn't get any easier,
14 trust me.

15 MS. AVILA: My name is Michelle Avila and I
16 live at 218 Lincoln Avenue, and prior to Lincoln Avenue I
17 used to live on Albertson Place, which is right across
18 the train tracks. So I know all about noises. I know
19 all about that.

20 And with all due respect, I understand it's
21 about quality of life --

22 MAYOR STRAUSS: Ma'am, just direct your
23 comments to me.

24 MS. AVILA: Sorry. OK.

25 Well I understand what he was saying about

1 quality of life, but face the fact that Long Island is
2 becoming more and more up-scale. You have a lot of
3 apartment buildings going around. There's no parking
4 spaces to begin with all those buildings. So it's always
5 been a problem with parking in Mineola. So I don't see
6 how -- there's an issue already with parking there, and
7 they're trying to accommodate it that it's not going to
8 be -- I still -- no matter what they do, whether they do
9 this beer garden or not, it's not going to effect
10 parking. It's always going to be an issue in Mineola,
11 regardless of one beer garden.

12 I think it's a great idea. I think it brings
13 jobs to some local people that are going to come,
14 teenagers -- well not teenagers in a bar -- but, you
15 know, the servicing anyway. But I think a lot of the
16 young people that you're trying to cater to and bring
17 into Mineola with the new building, I think that that's
18 -- I mean, you have all these Winthrop buildings going
19 up. It's all office, medical, corporations. If you're
20 having all these buildings with new tenants, I think a
21 nice additional upgrade to a restaurant, I mean a bar
22 that's been in the neighborhood for --

23 MR. MINUTELLA: One hundred years.

24 MS. AVILA: -- before I was even there. I'm
25 all for it. I think it's a great idea. And I think that

1 he's more than willing to come up with new ways to reduce
2 -- I mean, it's on the corner of residential and
3 commercial. So I think it's -- I'm all for it.

4 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

5 Anybody else in the third row?

6 Yes, sir.

7 MR. REDMOND: How's it going?

8 Tom Redmond, 187 Grant Avenue, Mineola, New
9 York.

10 I think this would be great for the Village and
11 I think we definitely need it. The downtown Village
12 revitalization. I think rooftop bars, you know, beer
13 gardens, this is what we need for the downtown. We have
14 these buildings going up, luxury apartments. Those
15 people, I see them in the bars and I ask them: Hey, how
16 do you like moving to Mineola? I can tell who is a
17 Mineola resident and who just moved in. And I say: By
18 any chance, do you live in the new apartments? And they
19 say: Yeah. It's great. But, you know, I wish the night
20 life was a little better down here. You know.

21 So I think it's important that we do bring that
22 night life down there because that was -- you know, if
23 you follow the master plan throughout the years, that was
24 always the plan, bring night life in. And, you know,
25 Mayor Martins was always about having businesses stay

1 open later in that area and having a place where people
2 could go after work. And especially, like he said, his
3 clientele is people that work at other bars and
4 restaurants and they come in afterwards. And, you know,
5 I do go there occasionally on the weekends, and I've
6 never seen an issue there. I see fellow firefighters
7 there, and I even see off duty cops there. So God forbid
8 if there was an issue, you have off duty cops there. So
9 -- and there's never been an issue. So, you know, most
10 parties you go to you see issues. And it's actually
11 shocking that I've been there so many times and there's
12 never been a major issue there.

13 This will actually relieve some issues they
14 have with people on the street at night smoking
15 cigarettes and stuff. Now there's going to be a place
16 where they can safely smoke a cigarette. And, as we all
17 know, some of the sidewalks are tight in downtown. So to
18 be on that sidewalk at night isn't really the safest
19 place to be smoking a cigarette. And to have a location
20 like this on their property, I think it would make things
21 safer.

22 And you already have, you know, as far as noise
23 goes, the same amount of people that are smoking
24 cigarettes are going to be smoking cigarettes in the beer
25 garden that would be on the street. And I think the

1 building would actually echo the sound more than this
2 beer garden would. So the beer garden would keep the
3 sound on the property.

4 And the property is roughly 9,200 square feet,
5 I believe. That's what I got off of the computer, so I
6 might be off by a couple of feet, but I think that's
7 close to what it is. And this is pretty small square
8 footage for a beer garden for the whole scale of the
9 property. If anything, he probably should be going
10 bigger than he is.

11 So I think this would be great for the
12 downtown. And, you know, it is a business area. It's
13 actually a manufacturing district. So you could
14 technically have tools going in there all day. So, you
15 know, if I lived in that area I would definitely want a
16 beer garden rather than some manufacturing or light
17 manufacturing going on there, which it is zoned for.

18 So this would definitely be great for Mineola.

19 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

20 Anybody else in the third row? Fourth row?

21 Anybody else in the fourth row? Fifth row?

22 Yes, sir.

23 MR. LUC: My name is Matthew Luc, 98 Albertson
24 Avenue.

25 Though I'm a resident of Albertson, I've been

1 affiliated with Mineola since this building used to be a
2 Lutheran school. I went here before it was the Town
3 Hall, and then I went to the Mineola School District.

4 So I'm also one of the aforementioned people
5 who work late nights. I work in the industry. I get out
6 late. I'm tired. I table two, three, hundred people in
7 a night. A lot of nights I don't want to cook dinner.
8 Then I'm left with Taco Bell, McDonald's. A lot of
9 crappy foods. I would much rather just go over here,
10 have a nice meal cooked for me, have a good beer. You
11 know.

12 And as they mentioned, there are no fights over
13 there. I can name you a dozen bars within the range of
14 Mineola that you go to on any given night, there's going
15 to be a drunk brawl. There's going to be someone who
16 says something to someone else, blah-blah-blah, next
17 thing you know. That never happens there.

18 And as for the sound, on this street alone, if
19 you go to the end of it, how many different outdoor
20 venues are there that I can't count how many times I've
21 been there, in the nearby neighborhood, with my friends
22 and I hear, you know, a little bit of noise from the
23 soccer game. I don't care. It is what it is. But there
24 are times where it's been loud. World Cup times, you go
25 down Mineola Boulevard, you can't be at any house within

1 two to three blocks and not feel the vibration of people
2 chanting and screaming and pounding, let alone the noise.
3 I'm talking vibrations. You're not getting that there.

4 As the zoning was mentioned by this gentleman
5 over there, oh yeah, you got trucks going in and out all
6 day long. It's a little bit nicer to have a quieter beer
7 garden than trucks going. He can just sell his property.
8 That's his right. He could sell that property. It could
9 be a construction company. It could be a tile
10 distribution factory. It could be a metal fabrication
11 shop. Those are all zoned for that type of quality of
12 the zone.

13 So a bar, which never has any issues, not as
14 loud as really it's considered, I don't -- just seems
15 like, you know, a smart choice.

16 Money, it's going to come into the
17 neighborhood. More jobs for people to be hired. More
18 money from people like me, late night workers, who want
19 to come and get better food, better quality beverages, in
20 a safe area.

21 You guys put in all those parking zones. What
22 did you guys want them to be used for? All these
23 buildings? All these new apartments that are going up?
24 What did you expect the people would want?

25 You want people, younger people in their 30s,

1 late 30s, early 40s, who have money. You want that
2 coming here. Do you think they're going to be satisfied
3 when they come here and there's nothing to do? What are
4 they going to do, watch TV all day? OK. Cool. That's
5 nice. That's not what they want. They want to go out.
6 They want nice restaurants.

7 Look at Rockville Centre, how much that's
8 profiting from all the businesses like this that are
9 there. A lot of money is going there. Wouldn't it be
10 nice to have it coming to Mineola? Kind of what I'm
11 saying.

12 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

13 Anybody else in the fifth row? Sixth row?
14 Seventh row?

15 Yes, sir.

16 MR. MORGANSTERN: Tim Morganstern. I live at
17 2 Birchwood Court, before that I lived at 508 Foch.

18 I've been living in Mineola my whole life. I
19 understand there's a need for checks and balances and
20 making sure everything is done the right way. I don't --
21 I don't understand, if you don't know why -- it just -- I
22 don't want to say it's blanked up, but it's mixed up. It
23 just makes sense to do. I understand the concerns.
24 They're serious. People live in the neighborhood and the
25 people that will be effected already live on busy roads.

1 They already live near commercial and industrial areas.
2 Part of the reason you buy a house there is because you
3 can get it cheaper because you already have that
4 condition. I don't really see how a beer garden is
5 making it worse than -- I don't want to say making it
6 worse than it already is. It's not making it worse.
7 It's making it better.

8 That's it. Thank you.

9 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

10 Anybody else in the seventh row?

11 MR. POWERS: Good evening. Jim Powers, 383
12 Andrews Road, Mineola.

13 I grew up on that end of Mineola, before I
14 bought a house on the west side.

15 I think this beer garden would be a great
16 addition to Mineola. I've frequented the bar a couple of
17 times over the past couple of months, and the crowd of
18 people are upstanding. You know, I just think it would
19 bring life to that part of Mineola.

20 I used to pass that corner every day going to
21 school in the morning when I was in elementary school. I
22 remember the meat processing plant there. It was kind of
23 a dead area. When I was younger I would run past there
24 to get to school because it frightened me.

25 I believe that would bring that part of Mineola

1 to life. I think it's a good addition.

2 Thank you very much.

3 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you, Mr. Powers.

4 Anyone else wishing to make a comment?

5 OK. Mr. Minutella, come on back up.

6 So there were a couple of questions. The
7 condensing units with the heat dissipation.

8 MR. MINUTELLA: Yeah, that's going to be
9 contained in the basement.

10 MAYOR STRAUSS: They won't overheat?

11 MR. MINUTELLA: That will be my headache, no
12 one else's.

13 MAYOR STRAUSS: Unless it's the Fire
14 Department's.

15 MR. MINUTELLA: No. No. No. It will be
16 Bob's, you know, damping his forehead while he's working
17 on paperwork.

18 MAYOR STRAUSS: Is it going to be ventilated at
19 all?

20 MR. MINUTELLA: There is ventilation down
21 there. We have fans in the windows where the -- I guess
22 outside you can see -- help me. How can I describe what
23 that is?

24 MR. MILLER: A well.

25 MAYOR STRAUSS: A well?

1 MR. MINUTELLA: A well, yes.

2 MR. MILLER: There's an exhaust fan there.

3 MAYOR STRAUSS: Yes. There's a fan in the
4 well. I'm aware of that one.

5 What about the pooling in the parking lot? Are
6 you looking to address that at all?

7 MR. MINUTELLA: The pooling in the parking lot,
8 it has been an issue. There are two dry wells there and
9 we do have them dredged seasonally, but it is what it is.
10 They fill up. They get sediment and stuff down there.
11 You know, we do what we can with that. There's not much
12 else, you know, to be done.

13 MAYOR STRAUSS: Can you address the deliveries,
14 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.?

15 MR. MINUTELLA: Yes. The deliveries. All of
16 our vendors have been instructed to deliver prior to 3:00
17 p.m. You know, I don't control how their day goes. They
18 get held up at another, you know, store before they come
19 here, or they leave late, or whatever the case may be,
20 but we've asked all of our vendors to make deliveries
21 prior to 3:00 p.m.

22 I don't want deliveries happening while we're
23 open for business because I need the bartender or the bar
24 manager to check in the deliveries and I need the bar
25 manned, you know, at that time. So we really try to

1 avoid getting deliveries during operating hours. If I do
2 get a late delivery, I'm on the phone mad about it.

3 With regard to -- we'll have new deliveries for
4 food, and I anticipate most of that will, again, be
5 during the day. It will be earlier in the day. And we
6 can do that through the parking area in the back. The
7 kitchen will have a door in the back there where the
8 parking area is and there will be a stairwell that goes
9 down to where we're building a prep area downstairs. And
10 that's also where the beer storage is going to be.

11 So if we can work it out so that we can get the
12 trucks to pull into that back parking lot and unload
13 there, instead of on Roslyn Road or 2nd Street, then
14 we'll do that.

15 MAYOR STRAUSS: OK. Thank you.

16 There was also a question about the bottled
17 beer. I remember at one of the earlier meetings you
18 mentioned that.

19 MR. MINUTELLA: Sure. I'll address that.

20 Yeah. I was referring to the fact that we were
21 not a gin mill. We don't operate that way. And it was a
22 specific response to a woman, who is not here today, who
23 complained of having a case of Coors Light cans on her
24 front lawn. I said I don't sell that. They must have
25 bought that at, you know, 7-Eleven or something. Nothing

1 to do with us.

2 Yes, we do sell Bud, Coors, Miller and the
3 like, some of it. The reason being is for the
4 neighborhood. We didn't want to -- most of our
5 customers, beer nerds, don't like the fact that we sell
6 those beers. The reason we carry them is because we're
7 not interested in -- we want to welcome the neighborhood
8 crowd. We don't want to be snobs about it. We don't
9 want to look down our nose at anybody. If you like to
10 come in and relax and have a bottle of Corona then, you
11 know, we're here for you too. If you're a beer nerd and
12 you want to --

13 MR. HALE: Beer nerd. That's great.

14 MR. MINUTELLA: What's that?

15 No. No. Beer nerds are -- I'm a beer nerd,
16 OK?

17 MAYOR STRAUSS: All right, guys. All right.

18 MR. MINUTELLA: A proud, proud, beer nerd. And
19 I have friends who are not. And I have friends -- I only
20 get mad at them when they drink fake craft beer, which is
21 Blue Moon and things like that that are made by Budweiser
22 that pretend to be craft. Then I'll, you know, I'll get
23 on my soap box. But if they like their Budweiser, and it
24 is what it is, enjoy it, and I'll have it at a barbecue
25 at my house if those friends are showing up. That's the

1 reason why we carry those brands. It's to not ostracize
2 anybody. We want everyone to feel welcome. We want
3 everyone to feel comfortable. And we want to, you know,
4 provide everyone with what they care to enjoy. That's
5 all.

6 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

7 The question about the bathrooms being
8 handicapped accessible.

9 MR. MINUTELLA: Of course.

10 I mean, they are currently, but the new ones
11 will be as well. That's up to code.

12 MAYOR STRAUSS: OK. Thank you.

13 Any other comments from the Board?

14 MR. CUSATO: I do.

15 MR. PEREIRA: Yes.

16 MR. CUSATO: Go ahead.

17 MR. PEREIRA: I have just one more question
18 because one of the speakers mentioned outdoor places and
19 sporting events and things like that.

20 I didn't see. Are there going to be flat
21 screen TVs or any --

22 MR. MINUTELLA: Not a one.

23 MR. PEREIRA: No TVs.

24 MR. MINUTELLA: Not a one.

25 MR. PEREIRA: OK.

1 MR. MINUTELLA: As a matter of fact, there are
2 not going to be any TVs in the restaurant side. I would
3 like to keep that --

4 MR. PEREIRA: So you're not going for the
5 sports bar. . .

6 MR. MINUTELLA: No. What the bar is now, we
7 have 11 TVs. They're not giant. They're nice ones.
8 They're Samsungs. You know. We show the games. We
9 don't subscribe to the fights, the Pay-Per-View things.
10 We don't do that. We're not a sports bar. I don't, you
11 know, care to be. But we do put the game on if it's of
12 interest to people sitting there.

13 MR. PEREIRA: But you're not going to have it
14 outdoors.

15 MR. MINUTELLA: No.

16 MR. PEREIRA: OK. What about ambient music?

17 MR. MINUTELLA: There will be -- I'm working on
18 another project elsewhere, and I'm working with a sound
19 designer. And the approach to that -- because actually,
20 where we're working on the other project is Freeport and
21 they have very, very, strict rules with regard to the
22 decibel level that's permitted on The Nautical Mile,
23 where we're opening another place.

24 So with that in mind, the thinking is that an
25 array of smaller speakers at a low volume provides enough

1 ambient sound to be heard by those within those confines
2 without going outside of that. If you do it the other
3 way around, where you have just a few loud speakers to
4 fill the area, it escapes and is a problem.

5 So we have addressed that in Freeport, and I'm
6 using the same person to deal with that here. It
7 shouldn't be an issue. It shouldn't be, you know -- you
8 should not be able to hear it outside of the garden
9 itself.

10 MR. PEREIRA: Thank you.

11 MAYOR STRAUSS: Mr. Cusato?

12 MR. CUSATO: Yes. So I'm not really a beer
13 drinker, but is there -- when you talk about craft beer,
14 is this another age level that prefer craft beer than
15 another age, or it doesn't matter?

16 MR. MINUTELLA: You know what, truthfully, it
17 runs the gamut. That's one of the cool things about
18 craft beer is that it's something that unites very varied
19 people, varied ages, varied ethnicities, varied
20 backgrounds. You know. Yeah, probably in their
21 demographics they'll see 25 to 35 probably their
22 strongest demographic, probably slightly more men than
23 women. But when you look at beer in general, far more
24 women like craft beer than non-craft beer, and the ages
25 go far beyond that.

1 We regularly -- if anyone would come into the
2 bar at any time, it would not be unusual to see older
3 folks, folks my age, folks younger than me. You know, it
4 runs the gamut. It's a very, very, mixed crowd.

5 MR. CUSATO: Thank you.

6 MR. MINUTELLA: You're welcome.

7 MAYOR STRAUSS: Mr. Durham, anything?

8 MR. DURHAM: No.

9 MAYOR STRAUSS: Mr. Walsh?

10 MR. WALSH: Yes.

11 You know, it has nothing to do with your
12 presentation tonight or anything else, but something you
13 just mentioned about the woman that mentioned the case of
14 beer and this and that. You know, I didn't believe for
15 one minute that, from the original hearing, that the
16 problems that did occur in the neighborhood came from
17 you, necessarily. Roslyn Road is someplace that people
18 walk by. There's a stadium behind there that has
19 football games and such. And I believe that the problems
20 happen, such as the person saying that a beer can went
21 into the manger and all that, I definitely believe that
22 but I don't believe that it could be tied to you. And I
23 thought you took a little bit of a -- you know, I didn't
24 think that you should be responsible for what may or may
25 not have happened from your place. So --

1 MR. MINUTELLA: I agree. Thank you.

2 MR. WALSH: So I wanted to add that.

3 MR. MINUTELLA: I appreciate that.

4 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

5 Yes, sir.

6 MR. DURHAM: With your deliveries right now,
7 how do they come into the building? Is it the front
8 door? Is it the back? Is it the side?

9 MR. MINUTELLA: Typically the beer trucks will
10 park on 2nd Street, just south of our driveway. They'll
11 unload there on the sidewalk and go down the Bilco doors
12 on 2nd Street into our basement, which is where the
13 walk-in boxes are currently and the beer is currently
14 stored. That whole process takes ten, 15, minutes.

15 MR. DURHAM: So now, you're saying that you're
16 looking to take and move them. What size truck is
17 delivering the beer? Is it a giant beer truck that's not
18 lifted in the back area, or is it --

19 MR. MINUTELLA: Honestly, it depends on the
20 company.

21 MR. DURHAM: You have multiple deliveries?

22 MR. MINUTELLA: We work with various different
23 distributors. Some of the breweries that we work with
24 self-distribute. They're small local Long Island
25 microbreweries and, you know, I order a couple of kegs

1 from them. They throw it in the back of their car. So
2 that's another reason why places like mine, I feel, are
3 important, because we support that as well and that's
4 getting to be a big part of our local community and our
5 local business resources.

6 MR. DURHAM: So you'll close the delivery area
7 in the front and move that to the back?

8 MR. MINUTELLA: If I can. I guess the smaller
9 ones will go to the back. If the truck can't maneuver in
10 the parking lot to do that, to get in or out, it's going
11 to have to remain the same. Perhaps if it was easier to
12 do it on the 2nd Street side, considering that we're
13 pushing through to the other side and taking over that
14 basement, there's a Bilco gate on the 2nd Street side.
15 So that might be easier, if they were to turn the corner
16 there on 2nd Street and park in front of the beer garden
17 and unload there and bring the barrels down, use the
18 Bilco on that end. We could do that. The food as well.
19 And they could break it down down there. But we can
20 figure something out. The smaller deliveries, obviously,
21 will be in the parking lot in the back.

22 MR. DURHAM: Thank you.

23 MAYOR STRAUSS: Any other comments from the
24 Board?

25 OK. Mr. Minutella, anything else?

1 MR. MINUTELLA: Yes. One last thing.

2 Mr. Hale, I just wanted to clarify, is confused
3 about some things regarding the plantings, and that's one
4 thing that Tom Cahill is here to address, if there are
5 questions about it. When I say I want trees in the beer
6 garden, you know, I'm not going to plant an acorn.
7 They're trees. We're buying fully grown trees and we're
8 buying fully grown arborvitaes and they will immediately
9 be a sound buffer and they will only continue to be an
10 additional sound buffer and to additionally beautify the
11 space as they continue to grow, but they're going in full
12 grown, just to make that clear.

13 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

14 MR. MINUTELLA: That's it.

15 MAYOR STRAUSS: All right. Thank you, sir.

16 MR. MINUTELLA: Thank you. Thank you,
17 everyone.

18 MAYOR STRAUSS: I'll entertain a motion to
19 close and reserve decision.

20 MR. WALSH: Motion.

21 MAYOR STRAUSS: Motion by Trustee Walsh.
22 Second?

23 MR. PEREIRA: Second.

24 THE COURT: By Trustee Pereira.

25 All in favor?

1 MR. DURHAM: Aye.

2 MR. PEREIRA: Aye.

3 MR. CUSATO: Aye.

4 MR. WALSH: Aye.

5 MAYOR STRAUSS: Aye.

6 Any opposed?

7 Carried.

8 OK. That will end the hearing. Thank you very
9 much, folks, for coming out. You'll be hearing from us
10 one way or the other.

11 And I greatly appreciate the residents in favor
12 and against, and certainly the supporters that are
13 non-residents. I'm sure you don't want to sit in my
14 chair, or any of these other chairs. It's going to be a
15 difficult decision. But thank you very much for coming
16 out and giving us your time and opinions.

17 Folks, we're going to take a brief recess and
18 then we're going to come out for a public meeting. Thank
19 you, folks.

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21 This is to certify that the within and foregoing is a
22 true and accurate transcript of the stenographic notes as
23 recorded by the undersigned Official Court Reporter.

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