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Subject: Comments for Planning Commission -BFG Project Additional Thoughts

Please forward to the Commission. Thank you!

As I said on Tuesday evening I am in favor of this project as it applies to the Village's best future, however in addition to my comments at the public hearing I would like to add and perhaps clarify a few concerns:

1) General consensus is that parking for ALL current and FUTURE business in and around the South Main Street area is an issue. This was also established as an outcome of the community work group held 7 (?) years ago at St. Matts. Possible parking at the Post Office was suggested. This would entail crossing the train intersection. A recent article in the Altamont Enterprise quoted Village officials having to wait 25 minutes for a train to pass after leaving an evening meeting. CONSIDER: An out of town customer who comes to enjoy a evening at the tavern may unwittingly park at the PO and then have potentially wait 25 minutes outside, in the cold, at night to be able to get back to their vehicle would and be unlikely to make a return visit to this location. The joining of the two major RRs and expansion of tracks make this scenario likely. The same could be said for any parking in the HHRT on Grove. This would not be a viable solution to the parking shortage.

2) As a resident of South Main Street I have concerns with the increase in night time noise of customers and staff leaving the confines of the establishment AT 11PM when the doors close AND quiet hours BEGIN at 11PM. I strongly suggest that the establishment hours end

ideally at 10PM but no later than 10:30PM to conform to existing quiet time and respect the home owners and residents of the vicinity.

3) While it has been suggested that a 4 WAY STOP be installed at the corners of Voorheesville Ave, South Main, Pleasant St, and Voorheesville Ave that configuration does not allow for a smooth exit from what is currently the Legion and Park parking area. That "driveway" empties out within a cars length of what looks like 1/4th of the 4-way, which if that area becomes shared parking will cause congestion and confusion for drivers. It is really almost a 5-way given the traffic already coming from there daily.

4) Given the strong concern shown on Tuesday for traffic and safety issues I would like to suggest a REDUCTION of the speed limit currently set at 30MPH. South Main St. has been often (daily) used as a speedway for some drivers. Reducing the speed limit to 20 MPH and adding speed humps (as I said on Tuesday) like those in Salem Hills and Pine Street would alleviate many concerns for safe egress of cars and pedestrians alike. It seems a simple solution that all can live with. And if properly enforced would produce revenue for the village.

5) Many of the issues raised can be tempered by a combination of the above mentioned as well as requiring BFG limit the size of the proposed establishment to a 25% to 30% REDUCTION in the seating capacity of the proposed tavern. The most successful restaurants have full tables and people waiting to get in. 110-150 chairs is alot to fill and brings an unmanageable number of persons into our little square footage of space.

Review of the current Village parking laws indicate that much of the problems on Pleasant St, among other streets, have been

addressed. These laws need to be enforced. As does the speed limit. A more visible presence of the County Sheriff is necessary .

If we (the Village) want a local family restaurant then big screen TVs and more pub food (Romo's and Northern Barrell) is not for us. If we want to build a "destination" community then we are going to need MORE than pub food and and TVs. Getting thrown \$4million is a big deal. I get it. But, we have built a life and families here not just a business, for good or otherwise.

Respectfully Submitted.

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