

NASHVILLE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 10, 2023

Commission members present: President Victor Bongard, Vice-President Bob Willsey, Secretary Andi Wilson, Member Nancy Crocker, Member David Plessinger, and Brown County Schools Representative Carol Bowden. Also in attendance: Redevelopment Consultant Ed Curtin and Town Manager Sandie Jones.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Member Bongard called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. All members announced their presence by stating their names.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 6, 2022, FEBRUARY 13, 2023, AND MARCH 20, 2023, MEETINGS

Member Crocker made a motion to approve the minutes. Secretary Wilson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

3. REVIEW OF SUBMITTED RIVERFRONT APPLICATION: BIG WOODS BREWING COMPANY, LLC (MOLLY LANE)—RENEWAL APPLICATION

Chris Curtin from Big Woods was present at the meeting. Member Crocker asked if this riverfront application met our board's guidelines as this location would not technically be a restaurant. Chris Curtin responded that the restaurants in this area are saturated, and this idea will bring a different concept. Curtin continued that Big Woods cannot afford to throw more money at this location in attempts to take another try at a restaurant. Curtin continued that private events can and will be held throughout the year rather than seasonally. This location also will not compete with other restaurants.

Secretary Wilson asked Chris Curtin what the employees would do between events. Curtin responded that the employees would be busy with other catering events at alternate locations, though the food would be made out of the Molly's Lane location.

Vice-President Willsey asked if Big Woods could get a license a different way. Chris Curtin responded that they hadn't looked at a catering license. Vice-President Willsey mentioned that his son could get a liquor license for catering. Curtin said the company could work with a catering license—this would be their Plan B.

Ed Curtin asked if and how many catered events would be at the primary location. Chris Curtin responded that there would be catered events, but that he didn't have a number on how many, though he guessed 100–150 events and included there would be 50–100 events at The Wilds alone. Chris Curtin added that they also host not-for-profit events. Vice-President Willsey noted that the number of days would be an issue/precedent.

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Member Crocker asked if they could use their license from their other facilities and get a catering license, then return next year. Ed Curtin asked if this would be a year-round facility. Chris Curtin said it would be. While Ed Curtin mentioned this would be an evolution from where the board started, Chris Curtin noted that they would also cater outside of Brown County and would only stay open until 10–11 on days they have events on-site. They are also not doing any current events, but are in the process of booking out for future events.

Discussion.

Ed Curtin suggested the board approves the guidelines first and then take action on this application.

Discussion.

President Bongard motioned to approve the renewal but that Big Woods must follow the new criteria. Secretary Wilson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

4. RIVERFRONT GUIDELINES

There was a discussion on the riverfront guidelines. Carol Bowden suggested we review the policies every three years. Member Plessinger noted that an Excel spreadsheet of each location with a riverfront license would help the board see if the businesses are growing.

Discussion.

Ed Curtin said he would like to make more changes to the documents and applications and return with them at the next meeting.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

Vice-President Willsey announced that he is moving to Franklin and will resign from the board.

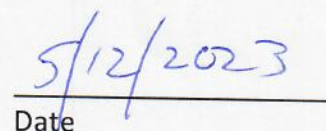
Discussion.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Crocker seconded the motion. President Bongard adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.



Redevelopment Commission President Victor Bongard



Date