

BUSINESS/INDUSTRIAL REGULATIONS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

Table: New Brooklyn B/I Area

Small group of people at top of hill with similar businesses agreed that COBI had an obligation to balance commercial, residential and recreational areas. COBI should be more in line with protecting the line of businesses they are in because it helps define the Island and should attract more businesses. There should be supporting infrastructure to encourage business development. COBI has not necessarily been supporting with the type of permitting codes and should create some that are more helpful and encouraging of businesses. Not opposed to youth programs in their zone. Rather than restricting certain areas from being in certain areas, encourage and support more businesses to be in the area. Have the City be supportive with infrastructure and codes that fit what they do.

Table: Sportsman Club B/I Area

High foot traffic – definition of what constitutes this? Designation is already pedestrian. Multi trip destination. How should the Island plan for expansion and other business uses. Why should change occur when current mix is working? No visibility into what businesses are trying to get permits and access that necessitated change. Referenced previous meeting and the idea of grandfathering in was confusing. Why would you limit growth 20 years down the line? Healthcare, professional based inquiries. Need entrepreneurial space for people to develop and grow their businesses. Why is this more of a push on to property owners and tenants. Tenants should be providing input to owners who speak with City. Seems like this is a backward process. Something about school. Businesses that serve children can have risks mitigated. Do not limit child services. Natural symbiosis that occurs since near schools. Great functioning facilities in Coppertop that would take a long time to develop now.

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Table: Day Road B/I Area
Not necessary to have high foot traffic. Type of businesses should be determined between landlord and tenant as long as appropriate infrastructure is available. Offices, etc., should be determined by landlord and tenant. Child services should be allowed with special needs worked out between landlord and tenant. Rather than exclude businesses, include everything. COBI support would include infrastructure and expediting permit applications. Incentivize desirable uses that would bring businesses wanted on the Island. Use zone as incubator zone. If business wants to be there and has the appropriate facilities, parking, etc., it should be allowed.
All Groups: Craft Food and Beverage Discussion
Permitting in B/I zones hinges upon retail factor. Unique situation being in middle of island. Hoping to see uses opened up and defined and allowed to have retail option at front of production.
Would like to see these businesses in Rolling Bay. It would be a great addition to that area.
Supported idea of a specific craft/food beverage category if going to stick to a list of B/I acceptable businesses. Would like to see businesses grow instead of being restricted. Would like to see clear definition of craft/food businesses. Felt Infrastructure was the problem, not zoning. Wanted to see COBI support this industry.
Loved Coppertop but would love to see a distillery getting big enough to move into the higher priced downtown area. If room and infrastructure was available, craft/food industries should be allowed. Spoke against the wineries only being allowed to open to customers two weekends a month. The City needed to want to support these businesses and have code that supports them. Felt entrepreneurs did not have a voice on council.
Signage no allowed on street; finds this has a broader applicability to businesses. Would like to see more signs allowed. Someone else stated they didn't see the City enforcing sign code, so people should just put their signs up anyway.

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COBI needs to define what size businesses are and treat them accordingly. Felt Traffic Impact fees are not fair because they do not take into account the business size. Wastewater fees are really high also. Felt there needed to be some common sense used by COBI. Felt if black and white, define more and better. If going to be gray rules, then be a little more flexible in permitting.

Should not do away with studio tours.

Wanted to further discussion on Rolling Bay, Lynwood Center, etc. Lots of traffic downtown but also felt that there should be opportunity in B/I centers.

COBI support with sidewalk on north side of New Brooklyn.

Energy and focus should be on small craft food and beverage businesses.

Transportation from ferry to help support B/I areas like Day Road, New Brooklyn, and other business hubs.