Community Meeting on Condado Tacos Liquor License Transfer Application Meeting Notes

7/31/2018, 6:30 p.m. @ Stephen Foster Community Center (286 Main Street)

7 people on sign-in sheet.

1. Review of community process & ground rules – Dave Breingan, Lawrenceville United

2. Presentation from the project team + Q&A with audience – Joe Kahn (Condado Tacos) with attorney Marc Reisman (Gelman & Reisman)

7 locations in 3-4 years. Started in Ohio – won best taco in Ohio. Food first, alcohol is second: about 65% food vs. 35% alcohol. We are not a bar. Takeout available, beer to go but less than 1% of sales. No theme nights, small happy hour 5-7 p.m. (half off margaritas). No live music or anything like that.

Hours will be 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. 7 days per week; kitchen is open until 1:00 a.m. weekdays, 1:30 a.m. on weekends. Will offer brunch (breakfast tacos).

Seating inside and out is for 160. Same outdoor space as Tender alongside the building, not going through zoning. Sidewalk café application. Occupancy is the same as Tender. No substantial addition to bar seats, no major demolition. Adding some signage, windows will be the same.

Price points: \$3.50-4.50 for tacos; \$4.50-10 for draughts. Affordable prices for food – have tried to keep those prices low. Food in Lawrenceville is great but a lot of it is expensive, so happy to offer something more affordable. Have talked to LU about AdvantAGE program discounts. Volume is the key for us.

All ingredients are fresh so will be receiving deliveries every day. Pittsburgh is tough because of the tight streets, but are trying to figure it out to minimize disruption.

Trash and recycling will be in the back – same location as Tender's. 2 trash and 1 recycling. Let us know if you have any issues with staff people pouring out bottles late at night – has happened in other locations but we fix it. Any other issues with staff – taking smoke breaks on people's stoops, etc. – just let us know and we'll address them.

Looking at 40-50 employees. Opening will be October 15th – good at hitting our projected open date. Want to hire local, talked to LU about Goodwill's Lawrenceville Works program. Working with local artists to do murals on inside.

Parking? None of our locations have it anywhere, doesn't seem to be an issue, even downtown, where it's really hard to come by. We try to attract local residents who don't need to drive, depend on regulars, plus these days so many people use Uber.

Interested in being part of the community – community events, etc. In other locations, make donations to local charities each month, would like to continue that here.

Security? Will definitely have security system and cameras, do not plan on security personnel as it doesn't seem like Lawrenceville really needs that, but if it becomes a need, we will.

3. Closed door discussion? No residents wanted it, seems to be fine what they're proposing.

4. Adjourn.