

City of Columbus
Public Hearing – Trinity Business Consulting, Inc. (Aces Hotel, LLC) CUP Application
(PC-16-121)
(Trinity Business Consulting, Inc. [John Seibert] –applicant)
September 21, 2016

The September 21, 2016 Public Hearing to receive testimony regarding the request for a conditional use permit request for a planned unit development (PUD) to include a hotel was called to order at 7:18 p.m. by Chair Garth Sternberg at the City Hall. Present were Commission members Jim Watson, Pam Wolowski, Jesse Preiner, and Jody Krebs; City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko, Planner Dean Johnson, Public Communications Coordinator Jessica Hughes, and Recording Secretary Karen Boland.

Also in attendance were City Council members Denny Peterson and Bill Krebs; John and Julie Seibert, Russ Hanes, Pavel Bodnar, Michelle Mauch, and Mike Hursh.

Sternberg: Now we're going to have a Public Hearing and discussion for Trinity Business Consulting, Incorporated, CUP request, pages 10 through 24 and enclosures. And, at this time, I would like to ask the recording secretary to read the notice as published.

Notice was read at this time.

Sternberg: Thank you. And if you could please come forward again, and give us some background on the second part of your application.

Seibert: The intent behind the, uh, uh, planned unit development here is, is to obviously provide the opportunity for the hotel on this property. And, uh, as we looked at this particular property, we looked at varying different areas that we could end up developing a hotel on, and the property to the east of the current casino was the one that really worked well for us. And an important part of this was, is we wanted to end up making sure that the facility had some, some uh –what do I want to call it?—some consistency throughout the entire property. So, when we did this, we really were cognizant of that particular aspect of it. And as Mike had kind of mentioned, GrandStay was willing to work with us in reference to the specific layout. And, uh, when you go up and look at the one in Chisago City and then you look at the one that we're doing here, there's a little bit of maybe disconnect, from some people's perspective, as to, uh, the consistency. But the interior consistency will end up being there, and, and people will end up feeling that aspect of it. In an effort to try and again, make this so that it would end up looking like it was part of the casino, we had to kind of change the motif of the hotel. Um, this particular property is a 74-room property. Uh, it will not have a conference center located inside of it, and part, and part of that is, obviously, being connected to the casino and the meeting spaces that the casino has, there's no real need to do that. It will have an indoor pool. It will also end up having the varying other amenities that Mike was referring to, as far as the GrandStays go. It'll have the continental breakfast area; it'll end up having a, uh, exercise room. It'll end up having a, um, a guest laundry, and those sort of things. So, it definitely has a very different aspect as far as the property goes itself.

Sternberg: Thank you, sir. Any questions? I have no questions, so, thank you very much. At this time I'm going to open the hearing to the public. Is there anyone here from the public that would like to speak? Anyone from the public? Okay. I'm going to close the hearing with the right to reopen if it becomes necessary.

Hearing closed at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen Boland, Recording Secretary