MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES, IL
PLAN COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014

| Members Present: | Chairman Todd Wallace <br> Vice Chair Tim Kessler <br> Brian Doyle <br> Steve Gaugel <br> Tom Pretz <br> Sue Amatangelo <br> James Holderfield |
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|  | Tom Schuetz |
| Members Absent: | Matthew O’Rourke, Economic Dev. Manager |
| Also Present: | Court Reporter |

## 1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Kessler.

## 2. Roll Call

Vice Chair Kessler called the roll. A quorum was present.
3. Presentation of minutes of the April 22, 2014 meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Kessler, seconded by Mrs. Amatangelo and unanimously passed by voice vote to accept the minutes of the April 22, 2014 meeting.

## 4. 2701 E. Main St. - Drive-Through Stacking Reduction Request (Kolbrook Design)

Stuart's Crossing PUD- Proposed Dunkin Donuts
The attached transcript prepared by Chicago Area Real Time Court Reporting is by reference hereby made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Kessler to recommend approval of the drive-through stacking reduction request with conditions: 1) to include signage to encourage movement to the signalized exit to the east, and 2) to add one more stacking space (from 7 spaces to 8 spaces). Motion seconded by Mr. Gaugel.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Wallace, Gaugel, Pretz, Doyle, Amatangelo, Holderfield, Kessler
Nays:
Absent: Schuetz
Motion carried: 7-0

## 5. Meeting Announcements

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Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at 7:00pm Council Chambers
Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 7:00pm Council Chambers
6. Additional Business from Plan Commission Members, Staff, or Citizens. None.
7. Adjournment at 8:18PM.

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In Re the Matter of: )
Drive-Through
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Request, 2701 East
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## PRESENT:

MR. TODD WALLACE, Chairman;
MR. TIM KESSLER: Vice Chairman;
MS. SUE AMATANGELO, Member;
MR. BRIAN DOYLE, Member;
MR. STEVE GAUGEL, Member;
MR. JAMES HOLDERFIELD, Member; and
MR. THOMAS PRETZ, Member.
ALSO PRESENT:
MR. MATTHEW O'ROURKE, Planner.

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CHAIRMAN WALLACE: The meeting of the St. Charles Plan Commission will come to order.

Tim, roll call.
MEMBER KESSLER: Amatangelo.
MEMBER AMATANGELO: Here.
MEMBER KESSLER: Doyle.
MEMBER DOYLE: Here.
MEMBER KESSLER: Pretz.
MEMBER PRETZ: Here.
MEMBER KESSLER: Gaugel.
MEMBER GAUGEL: Here.
MEMBER KESSLER: Holderfield.
MEMBER HOLDERFIELD: Here.
MEMBER KESSLER: Wallace.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Here.
MEMBER KESSLER: Kessler, here.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Item No. 3 is
presentation of the minutes of the April 22nd, 2014, meeting. Is there a motion to approve?

MEMBER KESSLER: So moved.
MEMBER AMATANGELO: Second.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Second. All in favor.
(Ayes heard.)

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CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Anyone opposed? (No response.)

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: All right. That motion passes unanimously.

Item 4 on the agenda is 2701 East Main Street, drive-through stacking reduction request from Kolbrook Design, Stuart's Crossing PUD, proposed Dunkin' Donuts. All right. Hold on.

Okay. Before we begin -- or actually to begin, staff would you like to summarize what we're doing here.

MR. O'ROURKE: Sure. This item was before the Plan Commission at the February 4th meeting. What is being requested this evening is a request for a stacking space reduction for the drive-through.

If you recall, the zoning entitlements are already in place for a drive-through on this property. As far as a PUD, it's not necessarily part of our normal process, but as such the zoning code has provisions for stacking reduction requests which have to be considered by the Plan Commission before it can be passed on with a recommendation to the City Council. So really the item in front of the Plan Commission is
basically limited to the stacking space reduction request.

Since the last meeting, the applicant has revised his plan. That plan has been supported in the packet. They've also submitted a revised traffic study to support that plan, and they're here to present those changes to everybody this evening.

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: All right. And the applicant is here?

MR. KOLBER: Yes, I'm here.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Okay.
MR. KOLBER: There's more on the way. I'm with Kolbrook Design. I can speak to the --

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Okay.
MR. KOLBER: -- to the layout, and the gentleman from the traffic study, from Gewalt Hamilton --

MR. DORON: Yes, I'm here.
MR. KOLBER: Oh, he's here. So he's here to speak about the traffic study itself.

So to recap, when we spoke last time, we presented a plan that showed what we wanted for the overall drive-through, and the big concern was circulation on top of the amount of cars stacking.

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What we did is we went back to the plan and came up with a way to minimize circulation issues. We're going one way around the building itself, so you'd have cars get in front of you.

The other big concern was where the drive-through let out, that it would be too much confusion on that side drive. So we extended the drive all the way down so it's very clear. Around the building, it's one way all the way around.

The landlord, you know, has approved of this. So he has no issues with it, and we think it really takes away a lot of the circulation issues that we were discussing last time.

Our parking still meets requirements for the parking on this site. We have extensive landscaping that we're adding because of this. So it will spruce up the site tremendously.

And the stacking issue, which the gentleman here from Gewalt Hamilton will discuss, their studies of more similar -- as you recall, the Commission here asked for similar studies for other Dunkin's of the same size, as well as they took a look at the Dunkin' locally that some concerns were raised of how the traffic was backing up and how that would compare to

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what this store would do.
So in the overall plan, we feel that we really conquered some of the circulation issues that minimizes or actually takes away a lot of the confusion that was brought up to our attention at the last meeting.

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Okay.
MR. KOLBER: Also we have the franchisee here, Karim Khoja.

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Okay.
THE COURT REPORTER: Can I get your name?

MR. KOLBER: Steven Kolber, K-o-l-b-e-r.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Okay. Let's go ahead with the Plan Commission. Since this is not a public hearing; correct?

MR. O'ROURKE: No. This is not a public hearing.

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Since it's not a public hearing, we aren't following the same procedures as we would in a public hearing. So I think probably the most appropriate thing would be for Plan Commissioners to lead the discussion, ask questions, or, you know, provide any concerns or comments that

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they may have which would then relate to a motion that would be entertained by the Chair.

Plan Commission.
MEMBER GAUGEL: I'll start.
I guess, to Matt, the 15 stacking spaces that's currently there, is it designed to take the max queue? I mean, is that -- is the purpose of it to accommodate an average, the maximum that's going to be there? You know, I guess how did the number 15 come about?

MR. O'ROURKE: Are you referring to what's in the zoning ordinance standard?

MEMBER GAUGEL: That's correct. Yes.
MR. O'ROURKE: Essentially, the staff -and this was done again when the ordinance was revised in 2006. We looked to the manual from the Institute of Transportation Engineers who study parking standards and drive-through standards.

They go out, and they survey these various kinds of driving studies. There's some varying degree of how many they will get, and they generated some standards. So the majority of what staff uses for parking and stacking space was standard coming from that manual.

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MEMBER GAUGEL: So the next question would be: How many other facilities within the city are less than that 15 stacking spaces? Do we have a number, or is there, you know, an 80 percent figure? Is this the only applicant that would be outside of that?

MR. O'ROURKE: I couldn't give you any sort of actual number without having to look into it, but I would say based on anecdotal experience since I've been here, every drive-through that's come through has requested a stacking space reduction or just about -- at least 80 percent of them.

I can think of one off the top of my head that meets this, and that's the east side McDonald's.

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Okay. Brian.
MEMBER DOYLE: I'm going to piggyback on what was just asked about maximum versus average.

Looking at Section 17.24.100.C, the ordinance states that quantifiable evidence based on comparable facilities that demonstrates the number of stacking spaces may be reduced without the affecting the ability of the proposed facility to meet the applicable requirements.

So I think we have implicitly in the

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presentation materials that are presented an argument that the quantifiable evidence is there based on the average queue of cars for -- with the maximum queue of seven, and in the St. Charles -- on the other side of town, we have an additional study that showed -- I'm looking for that. I know that it was a maximum -average queue of cars, queue four with a maximum queue of 11 cars.

I know one of the -- the third study had a maximum queue of eight, I believe. Didn't one of the initial through ones have a --

MR. O'ROURKE: That might have been -MEMBER DOYLE: No. It was seven. It was seven.

So we're right at the maximum for the Elgin location, but we're above the maximum based on the St. Charles location.

Even for, you know, maybe a half hour per day, the queue goes above seven, what I'm looking at is the effect that if the queue goes right across the handicapped parking spaces and blocks those cars in or out of those spaces.

I think the question for the Plan Commission is how strict should we be on whether or not the
evidence demonstrates that the reduction will allow the site to meet its requirements, assuming that that's the only place on the parcel where the handicapped parking spaces can be placed. If they're blocked in, then for at least that moment in the day, they're not accessible.

I don't know whether -- you know, the evidence seemed to suggest that maybe for 15 minutes a day or a half hour a day that's going to be a problem. If you're the person in that car, and you can't get out -- I mean, to your question, we looked at a reduction in the application for a Burger King on the east side of town, and we specifically were looking at making certain that the queue went through the middle of the lot so that cars when they're parked will still be able to get out and not be trapped in by the queue. So that's my concern here.

I'm concerned, if we just follow the letter of the ordinance, whether we can find that this application can meet the requirements of the ordinance.

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Okay. Go ahead.
MR. DORON: Chairman, thank you. My
name is Tim Doron, director of transportation for Gewalt Hamilton, a professional engineering firm that

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performed a number of parking and queuing analyses for Dunkin' Donuts and specifically related to this site.

So I'm just hearing the discussion about the requirement, the code requirements for stacking and so on. I think it was cited -- maybe it was Commissioner Doyle who cited the study we did on the other side of town at the Dunkin' Donuts.

And that 11 number is parking, not stacking. I don't know if that was made clear, but that was a parking, highest parking demand, not queue demand at 1711. That's a parking demand. That's the highest parking demand.

The other thing I would like to mention is that the tenant, the nearby tenant of AT\&T is not open during our busy hours in the morning, which relieves a lot of the parking demand in that sector -- in that lot.

With me is Mr. Khoja, who is the owner, but I'm here to discuss anything about parking, queuing, stacking.

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Okay.
MEMBER DOYLE: May I ask a follow-up question --

MR. DORON: Sure.

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MEMBER DOYLE: -- here? I'm looking on page 6 of the staff report, Section B, Revised Plan, Supplemental Drive-Through Stacking Space Study.

DORON: Yes.
MEMBER DOYLE: The second bullet in the first main bullet: "An average of queue of four cars and a maximum queue of 11 cars were observed."

MR. DORON: At 1711 West Main.
MEMBER DOYLE: So maximum queue of 11 cars. So you're saying that's not the drive-through.

MR. DORON: Yeah. In our report, which is dated March 17th, I don't know if you have that or not, some drive-through queuing and parking added. The queue range is from zero to a maximum of 9.

MEMBER DOYLE: Okay.
MR. DORON: Okay. From the
drive-through window, not the order board, from the drive-through window, there's usually about two cars between the order board window with an average queue of about four. In fact, out of the 37 data points or the times we collected, 33 of them showed a queue of seven cars or less, seven or less, and the highest parking demand was 11 cars. So I don't know if that was just a transcribed error.

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The other thing is that unlike sometimes the idea that all of us have conjured in our mind about coffee and drive-throughs, unlike that other supplier, that other coffee place, yeah, the green, they deal specifically -- I hate to say this, but I was in one with my wife because she drinks it this morning, and they deal so specifically with specialized drinks that the wait time, the queue time is enormous.

The typical queue time here is about 90 seconds. That's what we found, and we did a lot of surveys, a lot of them. It's about 90 seconds. So from the time you order to the time you pick up your hot cup of Dunkin' Donuts coffee is about a minute and a half. The other place is much longer. So that queue moves through rather rapidly.

So if we can just focus a little bit on the site plan here, so we have stacking available one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, and in the -- I don't want to say rare case or extreme case, but sometimes if there was an eighth car, it would go there and block the handicapped space of which there's two other handicapped spaces, and that would move rather rapidly and dispel that queue rather rapidly.

So there's two things. There's the operation

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of how quickly they serve coffee, and it's the amount of space, and the fact that this is a one-way operation, so if we block half that aisle, people can get around. So that was our recommendation to make it a one-way operation through there.

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Other questions, Plan Commissioners?

MEMBER GAUGEL: Yes. I have a question.
In your letter, the one dated March 17th, under the discussion point, it says, "It should be noted that the Dunkin' Donuts at 1711 West Main Street in St. Charles does much more business than is projected at the proposed site at 2701."

I think everybody here is very familiar with the volume that goes through the site on the west side of town. Why is that?

MR. DORON: Again, from my perspective, because it's one-sided -- it's relatively one-side loaded because North Avenue is a six-lane median divided highway. So unless you're going in that direction on that side of the road where you can pull in, get your coffee, and pull out, you probably won't make the U-turn or turn in and to go back. I hope they do, but I don't think many will. Most of them will be

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single loaded.
MEMBER KESSLER: Wait. Where are we talking now?

MR. DORON: I'm sorry?
MR. KESSLER: It's the same condition on the east side.

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: It's not the east side. It's the west side.

MR. DORON: You mean, the west side.
MEMBER KESSLER: The west side.
MR. DORON: The one on the west side.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: We're not median divided there. It's the same thing as the west side.

MR. DORON: Yeah. It's a different roadway, a different type roadway.

MEMBER GAUGEL: It's the same.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: No. It's the same.
MR. DORON: But there's no median in the middle.

MEMBER GAUGEL: There is no median in the middle.

MR. DORON: Yeah.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: No. There is not.
MR. DORON: Yeah. There is a median in
the middle of this -- no.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: No.
MR. DORON: You are correct. I stand corrected. I stand corrected.

MEMBER GAUGEL: Again, to go back to my question, what's different from what you're doing that -- the way you say does much more business than projected. How do you quantify that?

MR. DORON: If I may have the owner address that. That's kind of a business plan issue. I'll let him --

MR. KHOJA: Do I need to be sworn in?
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: No. It isn't a public hearing.

MR. KHOJA: Okay. Karim Khoja, K-a-r-i-m K-h-o-j-a, and I have an operating partner with me Tom Thiem.

Commissioners and ladies and gentlemen, we have been -- me and Tom operate 44 stores in the Chicagoland area. We're the largest Dunkin' Donuts operator in the Chicagoland area. We have got 13 stores in the city of Chicago, ranging from the Wisconsin border, and we just opened a store in DeKalb, Illinois.

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Some of our other stores in the neighborhood include Aurora at Kirk and Butterfield, and we just bought the Goody's property in St. Charles, so that's going to be a two-tenant Dunkin' Donuts/Baskin-Robbins, and we just signed -- just under construction in North Aurora --

MR. THIEM: Orchard Road across from Woodman's.

MR. KHOJA: Orchard Road across from Woodman's. So we're making our way towards the western suburbs. We have another site identified in St. Charles, which we're not going to mention, that we're negotiating with which is on the other side of North Avenue not too far from this site.

So I have been doing this since I was seven years old. We are perfectionists at what we do. Obviously, the brand is very, very loyal to us, and we're very loyal to them. We have been in the business for a long time. We run some of the fastest drive-throughs in the city.

So going back to your question, why is the other one -- I don't want to share numbers. I know what the franchisee does in volume. He has been the only store there for a long, long time, and when you

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have a store that's been established for so many years, and he recently remodeled, does a great job. I have never been in there, but assuming he does a great job.

The stacking and the queuing is all internal in the lot. AT\&T has a long-term lease with this landlord. So I don't believe they're going anywhere. The point I'm trying to make is if for that 20 or 30 minute expanse that this queue goes past, AT\&T doesn't even open up until 11:00 a.m. Our busiest hour is 7:00 to 8:00 in the morning.

Our stacking, if you look at it, if it's got worse than the seven or eight cars, there is no way any of these cars are getting on to North Avenue or hindering any of the traffic on North Avenue.

Tom can speak more of our service and speed. MR. THIEM: Tom Thiem. On average, our cars make it through the drive-through in about 100 seconds. So that's the time that they stop at the first menu board to the time they pick up their coffee. We put through an average of 2 - to 300 cars per day, which is from 5:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Pretty much that's our whole business. So I really don't see the cars going outside the stack, if we're moving that fast.

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CHAIRMAN WALLACE: What do you anticipate for movement after the point of service? Because it seems like cars potentially have two choices: They can either move behind the Walgreens next door and go out the light-controlled point on Route 64 --

MR. THIEM: True.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: -- or they can circle back around the restaurant next to where they just were going through the drive-through and come out to the private street and go back up to 64 and make a right or left turn there.

MR. THIEM: Then they'll get to the light too behind the Walgreens there.

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Well, yeah, that would be the first one.

MR. THIEM: Right. Exactly.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: And the second one would be going out the private street.

Do you have any other Dunkin' Donuts where you could even just -- I mean, at any of your other stores, do you have the same situation because one of the issues that I think came up in the public hearing was the fact that now you have cars that are waiting,

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that are queued, and you have other cars that are coming around those queue of cars that are then going against cars trying to back out of spaces.

If you've ever been to the other Dunkin'
Donuts, I think that's what everyone has in their mind of what a madhouse that is in the morning with cars trying to get in and out and cars being queued, not knowing where to go, et cetera, and that's -- you know, that's the main thing that we want to prevent.

MR. KHOJA: What would you prefer? We can put signs -- you know, if the Plan Commission says, you know, we would like everyone to exit off of, you know, the signalized intersection, we would force everybody to go that way and not make that --

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Well, it's not what I prefer, but the reason we have a zoning ordinance is because we know that there are certain ways that humans will behave. That's why we want to plan the site in such a way that they will do what makes the most sense.

If we're trying to get them to exit in a way that doesn't make sense or that's too far away from where they came in, they're not going to do it. They're going to turn the wrong way. They're going to go around. They're going to -- you know, who knows

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what's going to happen.
My question is based on the site plan that's in front of us, what do you anticipate happening?

MR. DORON: I think that what we've seen in the 11 Dunkin' Donuts we surveyed, including the 1700 Main Street, that this is on the south side of the street catching eastbound traffic. That's what we're not --

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Okay.
MR. DORON: -- because of North Avenue. It may not have a barrier in the area -- in the middle, but it's still six lanes wide at that point. This will capture a predominant amount of its traffic going in, eastbound, in, taking their coffee, and going back out the same direction.

There will be some destination people coming through from the west. We all know that. If you need a Dunkin' Donuts cup of coffee, you're going to get it.

The only one I can remember that did this, and it's going to do volumes, I believe, well in excess of this was in Morton Grove, a similar situation. But please keep in mind that the drive aisles are 24 feet wide. So there is plentiful room, and even though, like I said before, I don't anticipate the queue.

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Maybe for a few minutes in the morning it could stack to eight cars, but generally most of the time it will be four and five cars; and that's data that we've collected, that we know because we do a lot of Dunkin' Donuts, that that's probably the typical queue. So at that time people will bypass or go around.

Now, I think what you're saying is if the person gets their cup of coffee and they want to go back to the east, how are they going to go. They're going to have to circle the site -- you are correct because of the one-way operation -- come back out to the private drive and then go to the east again or head down to the signal and go to the east.

I suppose if, you know, all the sites in the world are optimal, you have one set path, and it would be right next to an intersection. It doesn't work that way. One thing about these places, as the owner said, they are busy in the morning, and that's it. The rest of the day has some things going on, but they do most of their business in that three hours in the morning.

MR. KHOJA: Five hours.
MR. DORON: Five hours in the morning.
MR. KHOJA: 80 percent of our business
is between 5:00 and 10:00 a.m.

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MR. DORON: So with the 24-foot-wide aisle and plenty of space to circulate around, I just -- I professionally don't have a problem with that.

MR. KHOJA: AT\&T doesn't open until 11:00.

MEMBER HOLDERFIELD: I have a concern here. I'm very impressed with all the improvements that you made from the last time we met with the diagonal parking around the perimeter here.

As I sit here, and I'm not really -- the stacking problem I understand, and the flow I think is going to be okay; but I'm looking at the handicapped parking, and the rest of the parking is diagonal. I never even thought about this until this afternoon when I went out to the site.

If the handicapped parking were to be diagonal, you'd probably pick up another stacking space, and it would be easier for the handicapped people to make a diagonal turn left into instead of trying to make a 90-degree turn into that spot. I really think you could pick up another stacking space.

Just looking at my little sketch here, as I draw it, I don't know if we end up -- I think you could

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still get three handicapped spaces in there. You might have to trim off that corner on the northeast, but that would be easier to access than trying to make a 90-degree turn right into that.

I think it would solve two problems there. We were talking about the handicapped and not blocking them in, which would make it more accessible, and I think you'd end up with another stacking space.

So I just see that as a possibility, and the flow -- if you're going to have a drive-through, I don't know how you can do it any differently. It's just where it's at. I think you can just shift a little bit, turn those diagonal, and you get your three spaces in there, and I think you'll have the parking.

MR. DORON: I'll certainly take that under advisement. I have to plead some ignorance on this because I'm not sure what you can do with handicapped spaces. If you can go to 75 degrees. It's the loading. I don't think it's the spaces. It's the loading adjacent to it, the loading space adjacent. I don't know.

MEMBER HOLDERFIELD: Well, I'm talking about the accessibility for -- you have handicaps or not, if you make a 90-degree turn --

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MR. KOLBER: Right.
MEMBER HOLDERFIELD: -- it's going to be tough.

MR. KOLBER: It is doable, what you're requesting. We thank you for that. That certainly is -- it's absolutely doable.

MR. DORON: Good thought. So now, we would shift as going -- let's say go to 75 degrees, so not a real --

MEMBER HOLDERFIELD: Well, whatever the angle would be.

MR. DORON: Yeah.
MEMBER HOLDERFIELD: I'm sure --
MR. DORON: Yeah. That's 90, so 75. I don't think you'd go to 45 or 60.

MEMBER HOLDERFIELD: I'm talking about the accessibility too here, and I just see that as -MR. DORON: Sure.

MEMBER HOLDERFIELD: -- you know, if you take a little bit.

MR. DORON: It frees up a little space, another car in there, another 20 feet, sure.

MEMBER HOLDERFIELD: That's my comment.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Brian.

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MR. DORON: That's a good point.
MEMBER DOYLE: A question for staff, what's the required number of handicapped spaces for the 29 required, 29 shared spots; is it three?

MR. O'ROURKE: I don't know those rules. That's really administrative, more in the building and code enforcement division. It's based on total number of parking spaces. So the applicant might know better than I do.

MR. KOLBER: Don't quote me on this, but I think it's two for that amount. One to 20 is one, and then from there it's two. I think it will fall in that two range, but that's off the top of my head.

MR. O'ROURKE: It's based on total number of parking spaces. Right. Not zoning.

MEMBER DOYLE: I looked in the zoning ordinance, and the zoning ordinance on that point says the same thing. It says that it is -- it references state law.

MR. O'ROURKE: Yeah. The ADA.
MEMBER DOYLE: It doesn't include the amount here.

I will say that if the amount is two and I'm looking at the current diagram here, it looks to me

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like you've got a space -- on the east side, you've got an accessible space, you've got the loading area --

MR. DORON: This one here?
MEMBER DOYLE: -- south.
MR. DORON: Oh, down here.
MEMBER DOYLE: No, no, no, no, no. Up here. That one, then the loading area, and then you have a nonhandicapped space right in there.

If that were made a handicapped space and if it clearly then -- do you understand what I mean? To push both handicapped spaces as far to the east as possible.

MR. DORON: To the east.
MEMBER DOYLE: And if, in fact, two meets the standard, then you have -- then even if the queue goes -- there's an additional car into that area --

MR. DORON: Right in here.
MEMBER DOYLE: -- it's not blocking those two required handicapped spaces.

MR. KOLBER: What's shown there now is exactly the way it is now. We just have to pull the section with the depressed -- we see where the loading area is, and we can look at the sidewalk. Those are

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depressed areas where you can wheel like -- we have to line it up, so it lines up with the depressed concrete area as it is, but it's certainly something we can work on --

MEMBER DOYLE: Yeah.
MR. KOLBER: -- to make that work.
MEMBER DOYLE: If we could find out, I would be in a position to recommend for approval of this application if the requirement is two. That would remove all of my reservations because then I would feel confident that your -- that the numbers that you're presenting, and even if it does go to a queue of eight, which is getting pretty close to the maximum that we observed at any time, the likelihood of one of those handicapped spots being blocked in --

MR. DORON: Yep.
MEMBER DOYLE: -- is much lower.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Just a suggestion, I mean, we could recommend approval -- I mean, if this is the direction we're going, what we can do is recommend approval on the condition that one more stacking space be added. I mean, if they have to, if there was one additional stacking space on the plan, they could accommodate those handicapped spaces whether by making

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them diagonal or moving them around, whatever they need to do.

MEMBER DOYLE: Yes. And how many spots? We currently have how many spots on the -- if I go back to the --

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: The number of parking is in excess of what --

MEMBER DOYLE: It's in excess right now?
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Right. By quite a bit, I think 15 spaces, isn't it?

MR. O'ROURKE: The number required by the ordinance?

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Yes.
MR. O'ROURKE: It's 15.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Yeah.
MEMBER KESSLER: They're at 29.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Yeah. Way in excess, so. . .

MEMBER DOYLE: Okay. So would the applicant be amenable to --

MR. KOLBER: I got it. Thanks for Smartphones. It is 1 to 25 is one space, and then 26 to 50 is two spaces. So we would be at the two spaces for this.

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MEMBER DOYLE: Okay. And the required amount for this parcel is 29; right?

MR. O'ROURKE: That's correct for the Dunkin' Donuts.

MEMBER DOYLE: So the applicant could reduce the number of spaces, push the two handicapped spaces all the way to the west, even bump out that walkway there potentially; right?

MR. DORON: Well, this is depressions for the -- obviously, your load, and then the wheelchair could go up the depression there. So if that became the next handicapped space, then we'd still have to line up with the depression for the wheelchair to go up over the curb.

MEMBER DOYLE: Sure. Sure. But then you'd have one more stacking.

MR. DORON: Or until we alter the depression.

MR. KOLBER: It may be we can alter the depression. The amount of work -- curbing that we're doing anyway, we can alter the depressions to line up so that it will work.

MR. DORON: So we can do it.
MEMBER DOYLE: Yeah. I would feel much

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more comfortable with a reduction to eight spaces.
MR. DORON: Eight stacking.
MEMBER DOYLE: If that can be done, then --

MR. KHOJA: If we go to eight, then you're okay with blocking the regular spots since we're over parked?

MEMBER DOYLE: I don't even think you need those parking spots there.

MR. KHOJA: So just go three handicapped and -- or two handicapped and no parking.

MR. O'ROURKE: That would reduce the overall parking count to 35 , but assuming the zoning ordinance is at --

MEMBER DOYLE: Yeah. I'd rather not have a parking space blocked in. I'd rather, you know, see the site design truly accommodate an eight stack drive-through, you know, in terms of how the curbing and how that sort of bump-out island is configured.

MR. KHOJA: So since I'm a tenant and not the landlord, I can speak -- I can't speak for the landlord since I have to go back to him and say you're going to lose, you know, one of your prime spots in the front.

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Would you guys be okay with one spot there if it gets blocked?

MEMBER DOYLE: Yes, I would be.
MR. KHOJA: Because at worst case, if it goes to eight cars, it's going to get blocked for maybe 20 minutes a day at worst.

MEMBER DOYLE: Yes. I don't have a problem with a surplus parking spot being blocked.

MR. KHOJA: Being blocked. Okay.
MEMBER DOYLE: I do have a problem --
MR. KHOJA: Because it's an easier sell for me to tell the landlord. If I owned the property, I could make decisions right now on the fly, and, you know, do whatever it takes; but since I'm not the landlord, I'm the tenant, I have to be careful. I've got to go back to Mr. Landlord, and, you know, and tell him that, you know, even though I'm paying for all this stuff that's going on on this property, it's his final decision because he owns the property.

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: I'm sure you have sufficient leverage.

MEMBER HOLDERFIELD: Let me catch up here. So I think what you're saying is we're reducing this from three handicapped to two.

MEMBER DOYLE: There's a third handicapped spot there, but we have on record -- we know that it's one surplus.

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Right.
MEMBER KESSLER: Yes. Right.
MEMBER DOYLE: I'm concerned about approving a motion that would possibly result in a required handicapped spot being blocked in. Even if there is a third handicapped spot there and it's not a required spot, then --

MEMBER HOLDERFIELD: I see what you're saying.

MEMBER DOYLE: Yeah.
MEMBER HOLDERFIELD: But I still want to maintain this diagonal thing because of accessibility as we're talking about handicaps and being able to get in. It would be a tight turn in that first one. So going down to two, with the diagonal, I think that's an answer that's acceptable. If there's a third one, that's fine too.

MEMBER DOYLE: Yeah.
MR. DORON: It looks like you can do both, go down to two and go diagonal.

MEMBER HOLDERFIELD: Say it again.

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MR. DORON: I think what you're concerned with is geometry here. Although that geometry works, obviously, because that's a --

MEMBER HOLDERFIELD: Well, I'm talking about the turn radius.

MR. DORON: It's a tighter radius, but truthfully it's there now, so it's working. So if we went diagonal, like you suggested which is a good suggestion, and eliminated one spot, I think that covers it.

So this would go. This handicapped spot would go. These would slide over. So you'd have two handicapped spots.

MEMBER HOLDERFIELD: That gets to your stacking problem.

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Really the focus would be to add one stacking space.

MEMBER DOYLE: Yes.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: If in doing that you have to take away unnecessary space, then that's fine, but really our concern is adding one.

MR. DORON: Sure.
MEMBER DOYLE: I think you're right.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: So, I mean, we can

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make those things conditions of the motion.
MEMBER GAUGEL: One clarification, can you just state where you read -- what you were reading from that said only two is required?

MR. KOLBER: That's the Illinois
Accessibility Code --
MEMBER GAUGEL: Okay.
MR. KOLBER: -- which is the state code that drives most municipality handicapped parking.

MEMBER GAUGEL: Thank you.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Sue.
MEMBER AMATANGELO: We focused all of our discussion here on the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. I was curious as to whether or not there were any plans to include a Baskin 31 ice cream piece of this because I know a lot of times Dunkin' Donuts do have that.

MR. KHOJA: What's your favorite flavor?
So the Goody's will have a Baskin-Robbins. That decision is not up to me. I wish it was. If it was, then we would have a Baskin-Robbins in here. That decision is up to corporate because they have certain radius that they cannot -- you know, Baskin-Robbins is a very -- very low profitable -- ice cream is very low

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profitable, and they don't want too many too close.
So even though I'm the same owner as the Goody's, they're going to be very careful on putting a Baskin-Robbins in.

How many square feet do we have total?
So it's approximately 2200 square feet. So we could add a Baskin in here if we wanted to. Understand, the majority of -- I own 22 Baskin-Robbins currently. So the majority of the Baskin-Robbins business gets done after 7:00 p.m., and it's the complete opposite of Dunkin' Donuts. Dunkin' is 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Baskin is 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. So the complete opposite ends of the spectrum when it comes to the time when they are at their peak.

MEMBER AMATANGELO: Thank you.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: All right. Any other questions or comments from the Plan Commission? Okay. Anything else from Plan Commission?
(No response.)
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: All right. Members of the audience, if anyone wishes to offer comments or ask any questions.

MS. BAYER: Yes.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Yes, ma'am.

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MS. BAYER: I'm Carol Bayer, 45 Stirrup Cup Court. I have been a resident for 30 years. I have no financial interest, no political interest, however, I have two concerns.

I am partially deaf. So I am really into disability acts, and I'm concerned -- I surveyed local bus companies that take disability people, and their buses average 14.5 feet wide by 45.4 feet long, and that takes into consideration the space needed for the mechanics which require 5 to 6 feet to lower a wheelchair and help the people who need assistance.

So I'm concerned will this plan accommodate a bus of those dimensions, or would they not be able to enter Dunkin' Donuts?

This comes under the Architectural Act, which is under the American Barrier Act, which is under the American Disabilities Act, which is under the U.S. Department of Justice. This is my concern.

While I'm here, I have another concern, or should I talk to you about that?

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Would you like that question answered first?

MS. BAYER: Yes.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Okay. Does the

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applicant wish to offer a response?
MR. KOLBER: We appreciate the need to park something like that, but there is no code requirement to do that. You know, you'll see some restaurants that have bus parking, but generally, the Illinois Accessibility Code only requires, for parking for ADA compliance, the sizes of the spaces shown here and the required loading, that hatched pattern next to the spaces, and the depressed area.

So you have, you know, without barriers, that wheelchairs can access the establishment, whether it's a store or retail or whatever, but to accommodate a bus is nice, but it's not a requirement.

MS. BAYER: So they would not be permitted to park there. There wouldn't be room.

MR. KOLBER: I'm not saying that. I'm just saying that we're not required to do that. If there's a need for such, you know, accommodations, I'm sure it's something that can be addressed, but it's not required by code. The site itself as it stands now, the previous restaurant never accommodated that. You would be hard pressed to find a normal restaurant that would have that type of accommodation unless it was a roadside-type place like a Cracker Barrel. Those kind

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of places have accommodations for buses and larger transportation, but in a normal retail, restaurant, that's not a requirement by code.

MS. BAYER: The other concern I have -did I misunderstand because of my hearing that you said that there were three handicapped parking places?

MR. KOLBER: Yes. There's three handicapped parking places shown.

MS. BAYER: My only comment too, sir, I beg your pardon. I was over there the other day. T-Mobile has two, and there are two at the -- in front of the building that you want to be in.

MR. KOLBER: The requirement isn't for a tenant. It's for the whole space, the whole lot there for the parking, and we have what we're showing here. Even if it's not there, we have the space to put it in, and per the commissioner's suggestion, we're going to change that anyway and have potentially three parking spots, which is one in excess of what the code requires, which is shown on our plan now.

MS. BAYER: Okay. I'll move on. Bear with me.

I assume that you have asked permission or talked to the owner of the Toyota dealership regarding

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the private drive next to the property that you're talking about. This is the property you're talking about. This is Toyota.

This space here is a private drive, and the Toyota dealership pays taxes and maintains that, and there's always been a problem when cars come around -if there's another car and they don't want to wait, they shoot out there and go down the private drive onto 64.

Has this been addressed? Has this been addressed?

MR. KOLBER: I will defer to --
MS. BAYER: Has this been addressed?
Have you asked permission from the Toyota owner to use that private drive? I know you haven't because I have asked --

MR. DORON: Would you address the chairman?

MS. BAYER: -- him, and he says you haven't.

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Ma'am. Ma'am. Ma'am.

MS. BAYER: He sits right here.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: First of all --

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MS. BAYER: He has not been asked.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Okay. First of all, I'm letting you speak tonight as a courtesy. We have already had a public hearing on this, and that was the time to present information -- to present testimony, to present information.

I appreciate the fact that you're bringing this up; but if the Toyota dealer doesn't want them using Toyota dealer's property, then they have legal remedies to prevent them from doing so. So I don't know if there is an easement agreement. I don't know if there's an access agreement.

MS. BAYER: There is not.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Ma'am, do you own the Toyota dealership?

MS. BAYER: Pardon me?
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: This is not up to you to determine what legal rights the Toyota dealer has nor is it up to the city.

MS. BAYER: But you're going to make --
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Ma'am, I'm speaking. They are here before us on an application for something very specific. There was already a public hearing, and we have to follow the process of law. The process says

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that we have a public hearing, we entertain evidence for and against an application, and then after that is done, we vote on it.

Now, I'm happy to have you address the arguments and the information that has been made here tonight, but I'm not just going to have a free-for-all where you're sitting here yelling at them about things you don't know about.

MS. BAYER: I just asked a question. I didn't mean to say it so loud. I am deaf, and so I speak loudly.

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Okay. Well, I appreciate that, but I would also appreciate it if you would address the points that were made in the presentation if you have any other questions or any --

MS. BAYER: These were the only two.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: -- points to make.
MS. BAYER: These are the only two that I have.

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Okay. All right. Is there anything else?

MS. BAYER: So I cannot have the owner of Toyota talk to you about this?

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: If the owner of

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Toyota wants to speak with us about it, he can do so. That's up to him.

MS. BAYER: Would you like to speak, sir?

MR. ALF: Yes.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Do you have anything to add?

MR. ALF: I just would like to say that I didn't know about the public meeting.

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Okay.
MR. ALF: The private drive is a private drive. Mayor Klinkhammer, when they put that in, she came to me and said that that driveway would be used as a fire exit only. We have utilities easements there, but as far as that road.

I welcome them coming to the street, you know, more business is more business for the city and for everything. We went through a tough period in time, anybody who is on Route 64. I bought another building, and my tenant failed during that tough time.

Our business dropped off 30 percent. I'll equate that to $\$ 20$ million a year lost sales. That's been a tough time for anybody on North Avenue as you can recognize, and as your coffers show too because the

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sales tax dropped off.
I am concerned that that road will become even a more prevalent deal when we have a drive-up. I'm concerned. I'd like the new tenant, the new business to please come and talk to me so we can somehow manage that and work that through.

Coming around this way generally says that the people should egress that way, generally. We'd have to emphasize that to a much greater extent because coming that way -- your hours of peak operation are the same hours that my customers come in. At 6:30 in the morning, service opens up.

Now, I can tell you we lost most of our service business during the highway because people wouldn't tolerate being backed up, tolerate it at all. Our best customers would go someplace else.

So we have to work together with this situation, and exiting through the stoplight is the safest way, you know, because if they come through this thing, come back, and angle back through, they're going to be facing, you know, things there.

I really can't give up any more months of poor business in that situation, but it is my road. It was set up -- if you don't know, the reason that road

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was put in and I bought the property in the back was to ease traffic on Route 64. I've spent millions of dollars trying to do that and have egress of my service, my delivery, and my testing of cars out that back. I need customers to be able to come in the front.

And I'd like you to understand that, and you're in error to go this far and not visit your neighbor.

MR. KHOJA: No sir.
MR. ALF: In fact, in the past -- yes, you are.

MR. KHOJA: With all due respect, sir, this is the first time I'm hearing this. As I said, I'm a tenant. You would assume, as a tenant, the landlord has taken care of -- if I was a landlord, if I owned this building, believe me, you and I would be having coffee 10 times a day trying to figure this out.

Okay. Obviously, the Qdoba was there way before I was there, and I apologize. Listen, I apologize for not knowing that this is a private road. This is all new information to me tonight. Here's my business card. I would love to share business cards. I'd love to sit down with you. Like I said, we own 44

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of these. We are the greatest neighbors that can ever be. I would never want to do anything to hurt even a dime of your business. Believe me.

MR. ALF: I welcome you to come to the street. I do. But to not know until this point is my error, but really as somebody moves in affects business, we should handle this a little better.

In the past, when things were going on, the city came to me and said are you aware of this happening next to you, and all parties. Somehow maybe because it's established, it didn't happen. I'm not trying to blame. I'm just here. I can't take another hit, guys.

I mean, I bought another building in town basically because I didn't want the purchasing person to come in and run a heebie-jeebie used car outfit out of it, you know, and I'm working through that building right now without a tenant and expanding this.
St. Charles has been very important to me. So I come here at this point --

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Mr. Alf, I just have a question for you.

MR. ALF: Yes.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: If there is potential
approval, it would be on the condition that signage be erected on the site to strongly encourage an exit to the east. Do you think that that would address --

MR. ALF: You're a traffic specialist. I think we could sit down, and we could talk, and we could look at some of that.

MR. DORON: Sure.
MR. ALF: And the safest thing is going out to the stoplight. Unquestionably, that's where you'd want all the customers.

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: And I have a feeling that that's what most people are going to do anyway. You don't think so? I would be interested to know.

MR. ALF: A traffic pattern and study was done at our dealership, and what we thought was practical and reasonable we found out that when people test drove their cars, they would take our car, the new car, and they'd park it in front, and then other people would back up, and they'd collide into each other. Yeah. They'd collide into each other.

So we purposely now take their car, go around, do the test drive, and park it on the other side, gated, so that they can't collide into each other, and it flows so much better.

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Now, that was somebody like him who sat down and said, hey, these are the potential problems, plus we had a couple of accidents, you know.

So discussion should be made there --
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Yes.
MR. ALF: -- even if it's in arrears now. The dumbest thing I could do is irritate a guy buying a cup of coffee that potentially could be buying a Toyota, right, you know.

MEMBER KESSLER: I have a question for staff.

Who would be notified of the public hearing?
MR. O'ROURKE: I need to clarify. There was no public hearing for this proposal.

MEMBER KESSLER: Okay.
MR. O'ROURKE: This drive-through use was approved as part of the PUD back when the PUD was approved in the late '90s, 1997. So all the surrounding applicants would have been notified at that time. The PUD was amended over the course of many years to allow different uses and different things, and you certainly would have been notified of all those public hearings.

In this particular case, there was no

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requirement to send out notices because there was no public hearing required.

MEMBER KESSLER: Okay.
MR. ALF: I didn't miss a public
hearing.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: I misspoke.
MR. ALF: Because I try to watch you guys on the Internet every morning to see what's happening to me.

MR. O'ROURKE: This item was before the Plan Commission as a meeting item just like this evening, but there was no public hearing required.

MEMBER KESSLER: So there was no notice.
MR. O'ROURKE: There was no notice or publishing.

MEMBER KESSLER: I bet you're going to call the landlord. I bet you're going to be calling that landlord tomorrow morning.

Let me finish really quickly. Do you feel satisfied that we did make some conditions to strongly suggest that they --

MR. ALF: Well, we've got to live together.

MEMBER KESSLER: I understand that.

MR. ALF: We've got to live together

MR. ALF: Does it have to be there?

MR. O'ROURKE: I mean, I can't verify what Mayor Klinkhammer may or may not have said. All I can say is that --

MR. ALF: Oh, I could bring her here.
MR. O'ROURKE: -- I remember this came up -- this had come up previously, and staff did the research on it. I did see it I remember. On all the plats, there was an easement for ingress and egress recorded on the west side of this property. It was recorded in 1987. There was nothing in those provisions that specifically call out for a fire exit, and that's the best the research can tell me.

If it was, you know, kind of promised at some point --

MR. ALF: Just a political slip maybe --
MR. O'ROURKE: I can't speak for any of that. I can just tell you what the recorded easements tell me.

MR. ALF: I'm asking. I'm not telling you.

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: This is kind of -- I
don't know. It's the first time that I have had this.
MEMBER KESSLER: Yeah. I would have thought that there would have been discussion, and I

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can see what happened. It's like tripping all the way along. He doesn't know, and if the landlord doesn't get in touch with you. There wasn't a public hearing, so there was no notification, and it appears that it was, like I said --

MR. ALF: Carol gave me a call this morning, and she says, I'm not a complaining customer, but did you know.

I said, no. I wake up in the morning, and I didn't know it either.

MEMBER KESSLER: Well, I wonder if the landlord here never had any idea.

MR. ALF: That's Amli; right?
MEMBER KESSLER: I don't know.
MR. ALF: Actually --
MR. O'ROURKE: It's owned by a group that's a limited liability company now. They purchased this lot when Boston Market went away, and it was Qdoba and T-Mobile.

MEMBER KESSLER: So it's not a local owner.

MR. O'ROURKE: It is not. They're out of --

MR. ALF: Here today, gone tomorrow.

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MR. O'ROURKE: -- the northeast side, I
believe.
MR. ALF: Well, we only have one Toyota store. It's the largest Toyota store in St. Charles.

MEMBER KESSLER: Thank you for that.
MR. DORON: Could we at the end of the drive-through, which is the predominant amount of their business, since the driveway, since the drive aisles are one way, put a sign there that says, "Exit this way to traffic signal." Somebody will probably sneak out onto your road, but at the exit of the driveway, it would just be turn left for traffic there.

MR. ALF: Okay. They exit in the south. This is new to me.

MR. DORON: They come down through here.
MR. ALF: Right.
MR. DORON: So that's one way. It's going one way going that way, so they have to turn left out of the driveway.

MR. ALF: And if they do that, they're using the safest route --

MR. DORON: Absolutely.
MR. ALF: -- to the sign --
MR. DORON: So we could put a sign --

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good point. Channelize it so that it's a radius there. We could make it one way left turn, no right turn. We'll sign it no right turn or something like that or even emphasize "to traffic signal."

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Brian.
MEMBER DOYLE: So I was reading through the minutes from our meeting of February 4th, 2014, where we discussed the issue here, and at that time we recognized that it was a private street owned by the Toyota dealership and speculated that there was a cross easement access, which Matt just substantiated. There's a cross easement access.

MR. O'ROURKE: There is an ingress, egress access over there.

MEMBER DOYLE: And there are no conditions placed on that.

MR. O'ROURKE: Not that staff researched and was able to uncover.

MEMBER DOYLE: Okay. So I guess I wonder given the application that's in front of us, the application which is a minor change to a PUD, that the minor change to the PUD doesn't actually have any bearing on whether any customer of this business or any other business is going to use, is going to avail

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themselves of that easement. I mean, it would be incumbent on the property owners to renegotiate the terms of that easement and close off that driveway if that was legally possible.

But I just feel like the Commission -- in terms of the question that's in front of the Commission, I'm not clear on what bearing this issue has on the Commission's deliberations. Because that question predates this Commission, predates this administration.

According to the information we have from staff, it's sort of already a matter of legal fact, and so the argument that -- we would be putting ourselves in a place of denying -- deciding to deny the applicant a right that they the owner has, and I'm not certain what basis we would have to do that.

MR. ALF: Planning Commission, that's who you are. We're supposed to plan things. Now, this is number three on this plot; right? We didn't plan real well when we put it together, time one -- first, the chicken stand; second, Boston Market, third, Qdoba, and the other thing. We're not planning real good, guys. The results is what we're measuring here.

So we're going to put something else in there

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right now, and as the plan -- as we keep trying to make deuces into aces, and it's shadowing over into my business. As a Planning Commission, I want you to respect my business, and I have been here 25 years. In good years, $\$ 67 \mathrm{milli}$, and you get a take on that. Now, that's why we plan. That's why we sit here. We don't legislate and look for a good line and a bad line, okay, and a way in and a way out. We plan, and we get judged on how many of those plans we put into place over the years, put tax dollars into it often, and it goes up in smoke. That's the results of the Planning Commission, the things that went up in smoke or the things that succeed.

MEMBER DOYLE: The Plan Commission does not develop businesses in the city. We are not the economic development department. We don't provide tax incentives. That's the City Council's discretion. We simply adjudicate on zoning issues, period, and we're not in a position to make proposals for plans. We see the applications, and we adjudicate those applications. We make recommendations to the City Council based on whatever legal frameworks are in evidence for us. So, of course, we have no interest and no desire to do any injury to your business or any

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other business.
I'm asking the other commissioners what basis we would have to deny the specific application in front of us based on evidence that -- based on the claim that contradicts the information we have from staff.

MEMBER KESSLER: Well, my take on it is simply that all of the deliberations that we've had have been for the safety of the customers in that lot.

MEMBER HOLDERFIELD: I can't hear you, Tim.

MEMBER KESSLER: All of the deliberations that we've had up to this point have been surrounding the safety of the customers that are entering and leaving that lot -- not stacking spaces, not blocking handicapped spaces, went to one way because we didn't want cars going against.

Frankly, I would be very -- after all of this discussion and what we've learned, I would be very uncomfortable not making a recommendation that we send them to a signalized exit on Main Street, period, Regardless of private ownership of that drive, regardless of what happens; and I think that's what we're talking about is, you know, asking the applicant to, you know, make it firm that this is a one way and
that they should exit through the signalized --
MEMBER DOYLE: Are we saying that we don't want -- like if you were parking along, you know, this western face, you can't exit that way?

MEMBER KESSLER: Well, I think you can, but we're going to encourage that. We can't tell them not to, but the applicant can --

MEMBER DOYLE: Through signage.
MEMBER KESSLER: -- through signage --
MEMBER DOYLE: Yeah.
MEMBER KESSLER: -- direct those customers to leave through a signalized intersection because it just -- you know, it goes to the safety of the patrons in the parking lot.

MEMBER DOYLE: Yes, I agree.
MR. KHOJA: Commissioner Kessler, I agree with you. We can put the right signage up. And as -- let's just assume Dunkin' Donuts was not coming in, and any other retail that would go there today, I don't know who, but let's just take some other retailer, food or not food, would go there today.

Those customers that are parked in those parking stalls would still have the access to exit off that private road; correct?

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MEMBER KESSLER: Oh, sure. You can't stop it, but you surely can --

MR. KHOJA: Well, what I can control is the people getting out of that drive-through.

MEMBER KESSLER: Yeah.
MR. KHOJA: What I can't control is the handicapped person parked right in front of the store. I can't make them go all the way around. Their most likely inclination is going to be to exit off that private road.

MEMBER KESSLER: But we can ask you to install signage that would --

MR. KHOJA: Sure. Sure. The majority of my business is drive-through, so I can force the drive-through patrons, but if someone is parked right next to that private driveway --

MEMBER KESSLER: I understand. You can't force them.

MR. KHOJA: -- I can put a ton of signs up. They're going to -- like they would today. If Qdoba was there today, what are they doing today? Let's say Qdoba was open today. What do those people that go to Qdoba doing today? They're parking right there, and they're exiting off the private drive.

MEMBER KESSLER: My experience is that half the people I know follow rules and the other half don't. So if we could cut it down by half, we could put the signage up. Okay.

MR. KHOBA: Okay. I understand.
MEMBER KESSLER: Also I will tell you this, that I believe if something else came up on this site at a future date, I'll remember this --

MR. KHOBA: Sure.
MEMBER KESSLER: -- and I will still encourage somebody to exit through the signalized intersection.

MEMBER HOLDERFIELD: This has gone off the tracks here, so I'm really not prepared for this, but I'm thinking here the problem is not the entrance to your facility. It's leaving; correct?

MR. KHOBA: Correct.
MEMBER HOLDERFIELD: That's the big thing. So we've talked about the stacking here tonight, and that's what I thought we were going to deal with, but the ingress on the west side is 90 degrees to your private road.

I'm wondering -- I'm just thinking out loud here if that were diagonal to the southeast where they

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have to go in this way and they come around, and they cannot make the turn to go back out. They have to go around out to the stoplight, that seems to me that it would be alleviating the problem. I thought this was the proposal, but that way it would be impossible to jump the curb.

MEMBER KESSLER: Entrance only.
MEMBER HOLDERFIELD: Entrance only. And outside of putting barriers up -- but if this were angled, you'd lose a couple of parking spaces south of that entrance, but there is no way you could make a right turn to get back out on that private road.

I don't think they will -- I agree with the gentleman from Toyota. I don't think people are going to pay attention to the signs.

MEMBER KESSLER: I agree. That's why I said half the people do and half the people don't.

MEMBER HOLDERFIELD: But if there is no possibility to get out other than -- I don't --

MEMBER KESSLER: I don't think this is to going to be a problem. I think that we're -- I don't know.

MEMBER HOLDERFIELD: It's out of our scope.

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MEMBER KESSLER: I believe that's going out of our scope to make a requirement like that. I think that if we -- you know, if we can say, as Brian points out, the fact that it's a private drive is not under our purview.

We can encourage -- we can encourage the applicant to work with the owner of the private drive to mitigate the problem, the exit out of that private drive; and from a safety standpoint, as far as we're concerned, we want those patrons to be safe, and so they encourage them to go out through the signalized intersection. I think that's about as far as we can go. I don't think we -- I don't really believe that we can --

MEMBER HOLDERFIELD: I have problems about going forward at all because now that I know that, this is the kind of an issue that bothers me deeply, you know, because we're talking about one thing here, and this should have been addressed earlier.

MEMBER DOYLE: May I ask a question of the applicant? May I ask a question of the applicant?

MR. KHOBA: Yes.
MEMBER DOYLE: There is a public access to this site; correct?


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that's -- thank you. I would really think that you're running a risk of doing or requiring things that the fire department would not really appreciate at this point.

MR. KHOJA: Could also the commissioners understand that it's not my total shop. You know, I stand up with 7,000 stores. It is the Dunkin' brand that controls the final approval of this site, and this site was presented to them with this site plan. It goes all the way up to the CEO of Dunkin' Donuts in Boston. If I told him that that driveway was closed, this site would definitely get disapproved. I mean, knowing what I know of the business in 30-some years, this site would get disapproved, and they'd say move on.

MEMBER AMATANGELO: And how is that other site looking?

MR. KHOJA: Across the street?
MEMBER AMATANGELO: Yes.
MR. KHOJA: We have two options. One is in front of the mall, you know, what we're talking about, and the other one is Tin Cup.

So any traffic heading the other way, this site is not going to pick up. So I'm definitely going

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to be putting one across the street, and I'm not opposed to doing that. I did that in Highland Park. I'm in front of the Glenview board next week. I'm in front of Deerfield Thursday, and I'm in front of Lake Forest the week after. So I've been through the ringer many, many times.

MEMBER KESSLER: Well, I have to say that I am prepared to make a motion, and I would also encourage everybody here -- we just make a motion to recommend approval. We don't make a motion to approve because there will be another committee hearing; and if you feel at that time that you strongly and strongly -you have some strong opinions about this at that time, I would encourage you to attend that. That would be the community planning and development committee of the City Council. They're the ones who actually vote to approve or not approve. Our job here is to make a recommendation one way or the other.

So if I don't hear any objection, I would like to make a motion to recommend approval of the drive-through stacking reduction request by Kolbrook Design, 2701 East Main Street, Stuart Crossing PUD, the proposed Dunkin' Donuts, with some conditions: a condition to include signage to encourage movement to

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the signalized exit to the east, to add one more stacking space, and that's it. So that would be my motion.

MEMBER AMATANGELO: You don't want to reconfigure the handicapped spaces.

MEMBER KESSLER: I would encourage them to do that, but I don't think I would want to make that a condition of my motion.

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: All right. Is there a second?

MEMBER GAUGEL: Second.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Okay. It's been moved and seconded with those two conditions. Any further discussion on the motion?

MEMBER DOYLE: I just want to say for the benefit of the people in the audience, I'm a patron of the Toyota dealership. My wife and I have serviced our Islander there, and we go right next door to Qdoba for dinner.

Again, I want to reiterate that none of the commissioners have any interest in doing anything that is injurious to a business or to the residents of the city. I simply feel that the consideration that has been put forward in terms of this private access, this

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private drive because there is an existing easement, it is not the place of this Commission to litigate that or to deny the application on the limited basis of what the application is. So I hope that that rationale is understood and appreciated.

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: All right. Anything further on the motion?

MEMBER HOLDERFIELD: Well, I just have to say that I am troubled by this, but the fact that we're dealing with the stacking issue only tonight and that's the way the motion read and this proposal was put together; and as the chairman said, this was done further down the line, and we have offered our advice and our input on what was before us as this was brought to us -- that's all I have to say. This was just unexpected.

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: All right. Anything else?
(No response.)
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: All right. Tim.
MEMBER KESSLER: Amatangelo.
MEMBER AMATANGELO: Yes.
MEMBER KESSLER: Doyle.
MEMBER DOYLE: Yes.

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MEMBER KESSLER: Pretz.
MEMBER PRETZ: Yes.
MEMBER KESSLER: Gaugel.
MEMBER GAUGEL: Yes.
MEMBER KESSLER: Holderfield.
MEMBER HOLDERFIELD: Yes.
MEMBER KESSLER: Wallace.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Yes.
MEMBER KESSLER: Kessler, yes.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: All right. That motion passes unanimously, and that concludes Item No. 4 on your agenda. Thank you gentlemen.

MR. KHOJA: We will be inviting you to the Goody's grand opening soon.

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: All right. Item 5 on the agenda, meeting announcements, May 20th, June 3rd, June 17. If you know you will not be able to attend any of those meetings, please let staff know.

Any additional business from Plan Commission members? Staff?

MR. O'ROURKE: No.
MEMBER KESSLER: We have the invites to the Plan Commission workshop.

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Actually, I know I'm
not going to be able to attend. I already have something that evening.

MEMBER KESSLER: I'm going.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: You are. Okay. And anyone else?

MEMBER AMATANGELO: I do have something that evening, but I'm trying to rearrange it.

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Do you know how late that goes?

MEMBER KESSLER: 9:30.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Okay. I may be able to get there by 7:30.

MR. O'ROURKE: I will just advocate that this is the same group I'm been working with on Homes for a Changing Region Study with the Housing Commission. It's the same person, and they are very, you know --

MEMBER KESSLER: Berenice.
MR. O'ROURKE: Yeah, specifically
Berenice. I have been working with her and her staff. They are very good and to the point. They know their stuff, and I'm sure they're going to put on a really good workshop.

CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Okay. All right.

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Citizens?
(No response.)
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: All right.
MEMBER DOYLE: Move to adjourn.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Motion to adjourn.
MEMBER AMATANGELO: Second.
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Second. All in favor.
(Ayes heard.)
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: Opposed.
(No response.)
CHAIRMAN WALLACE: The meeting of
St. Charles Plan Commission is adjourned at 8:18 p.m. PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED AT 8:18 P.M.

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