

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Ross Black, Community Development  
Officer Scott Jordan, Police - SID (Vice & Drugs)  
Lt. Steve Roegge, Police - Traffic Division  
Jim Stevens, Inspections  
Capt. Stan Taylor, Fire Prevention Division  
Jodi Maybanks, Accounts Receivable  
Don Leist, Corporation Counsel  
Ken Andrejasich, Public Works (Sidewalk Café Requests Only)

FROM: Trina D. Bonds, Deputy Clerk II  
Liquor Commission Secretary

DATE: November 17, 2015

SUBJECT: **SITE APPLICATION:** Case: 16-01  
Sonny's Club, Inc.  
d/b/a To Be Determined  
633 Main St.  
Class B-1 (restaurant, 25% food)  
Subclass 1 (4:00 a.m. hours)  
Subclass 2 (live entertainment)

The City Liquor Commission has received the attached application for consideration and would like to go before the Commission for a Public Hearing on Monday, January 4, 2016. **Contact person for this application is Sam Zabek (PH: 673-8422 or 453-8429)** if you have questions or need to make arrangements to inspect the interior of the building.

Your comments are DUE: December 18, 2015 so I can forward them to the Commissioners.

- Zoning classification/comments
- Police inspection/comments
- Traffic inspections/comments
- Code inspections/comments
- Fire Safety inspection/comments
- Accounts-fines/liens, etc. outstanding/comments
- Any comments concerning any aspect of the application. *\*New Correspondence*

Thanks!  
Trina (ext. 8566)  
City Clerk's Office

**SITE APPROVAL APPLICATION FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES  
IN THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS**

*Beth Bell*

TO THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, for approval of site location for the purpose of retail sale of alcoholic liquor, pursuant to an ordinance to regulate the sale of alcoholic liquor adopted by the City Council of the City of Peoria on January 2, 1974, and any subsequent amendments thereto:

- 1. Name(s), address(es) and phone number(s) of Property Owner(s):  
\* SONNY'S CLUB INC + WARREN DANZ 710 NE JEFFERSON PEORIA IL 61603
- 2. Name, address and phone number of Intended Lessee:  
Dennis Littlefield 3212 MAIN STREET, EAST PEORIA, IL 61611
- \* ClO SAM ZABOK, 60 STATE ST, STE. 201, Peoria IL 61602 616-5523
- 3. Street address of Property requested for approval: 453-8429  
633 MAIN STREET PEORIA IL 61602

**NOTE: All site approvals are 1<sup>st</sup> floor only, unless specifically applied for and authorized.**

- 4. Legal description of Property listed in #3:  
FLY'S SUB NS 1/4 SEC 9-8-85 COMG MOST NLY COR LOT 4: TH SE 23.64' SW 74.81' ~~SE~~ 19.36' SW 25.19' NW 43.15' NE 100'
- 5. Are there any improvements (buildings, accessories, etc.) presently on the property? TAVERN PT LOT 4  
Yes  No  If Yes, please give description of same:  
TAVERN Building
- 6. Are you planning to build any improvements upon the property? NO If Yes, please indicate such improvements: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. What type of sale of alcoholic beverages is the property to be used for (i.e., tavern, restaurant, package liquor, etc.)? RESTAURANT
- 8. Is this property located in a residential section? Yes  No
- 9. What classification of license are you applying for? (Section 3-52 of the Code of the City of Peoria)  
Class: A, B, (B1) C, C1, CG, D, E, E-1, G-A, G-B, G-C, I, J, K, K-1, L, M, N B-1  
Subclass: (1), 1A, (2), 2A, 3, 3A, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 1, 2
- 10. Do you plan to add video gaming? Yes  No  right now  
(Must wait 2 years & show 80% revenue from food & drinks)
- 11. A site plan **MUST BE SUBMITTED** with this application, see Attachment A.

**AFFIDAVIT**

I (we) swear that I (we) am (are) the owner(s) of the property described in this application and that the statements contained herein are true and correct.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015

Mick Miller

Warren Danz  
Signature of Property Owner(s)





CITY OF PEORIA

# County of Peoria

## Supervisor of Assessments



INFORMATION FOR PARCEL: 18-09-202-013

TAX YEAR: 2015 ▾

Address:	633 MAIN ST	
City:	PEORIA	
State:	IL	
Zip:	61606	
Township:	City of Peoria	
Land Use:	Commercial	
Property Class:	Improved Commercial	
Tax Code:	046	
Tax Status:	Taxable	
Created:	1/1/1982 12:00:00 AM	
Retired:		
Legal:	FRYE'S SUB NE 1/4 SEC 9-8-8E COMG MOST NLY COR LOT 4: TH SE 23.64' SW 74.81' SE 19.36' SW 25.19' NW 43.15' NE 100' TO POB PT LOT 4	

### PARCEL OWNER INFORMATION

Name	Type	Tax Bill	Address
Name Secured	1999	Y	710 NE JEFFERSON AVE · PEORIA, IL 61602
Name Secured	OWNER	N	710 NE JEFFERSON AVE · PEORIA, IL 61602

### PARCEL ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Level	Reason	Land/Lot	Improvements	Farm Land	Farm Building	Total
Prior Year Equalized	New Level	\$16,960.00	\$16,930.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,890.00

### PARCEL EXEMPTION INFORMATION

Exemption Type	Exemption Amount	HRE Base Value	Senior Freeze Base Year	Senior Freeze Frozen Value

### PARCEL TAX BILL DETAILS

No Tax Bill Details for this tax year

### PARCEL SALES INFORMATION

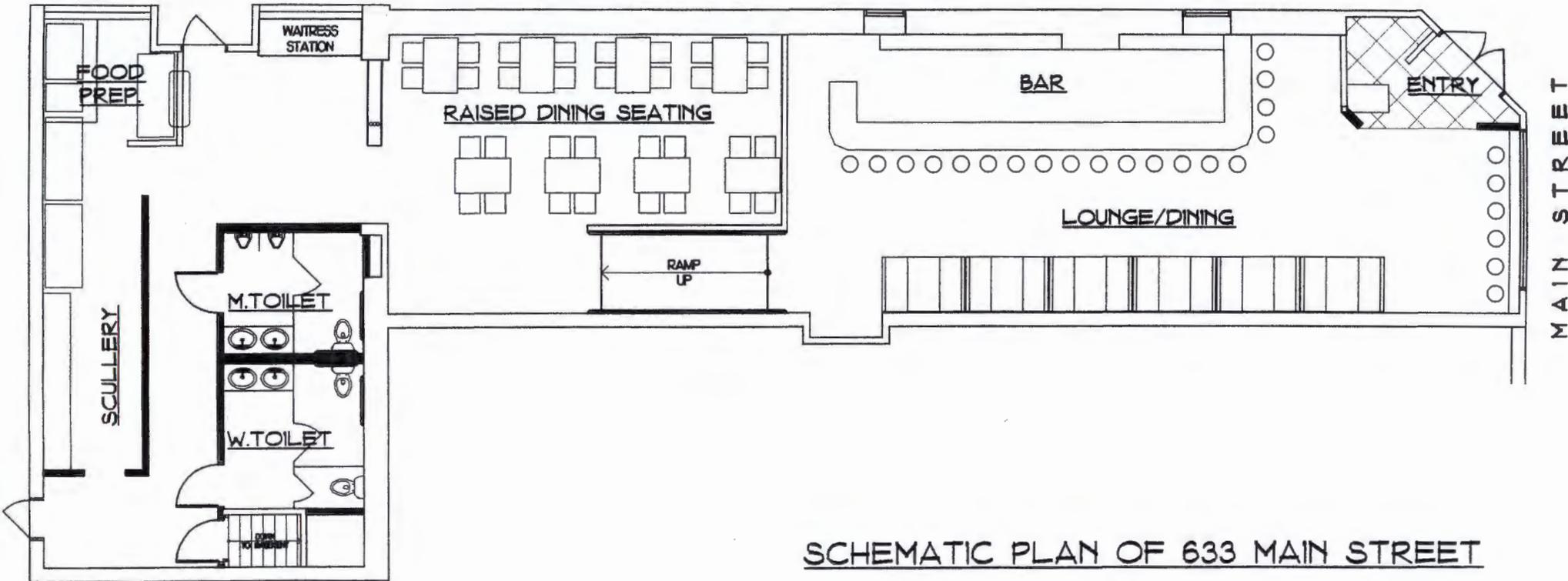
No Sales data on file

### PARCEL GENEALOGY INFORMATION

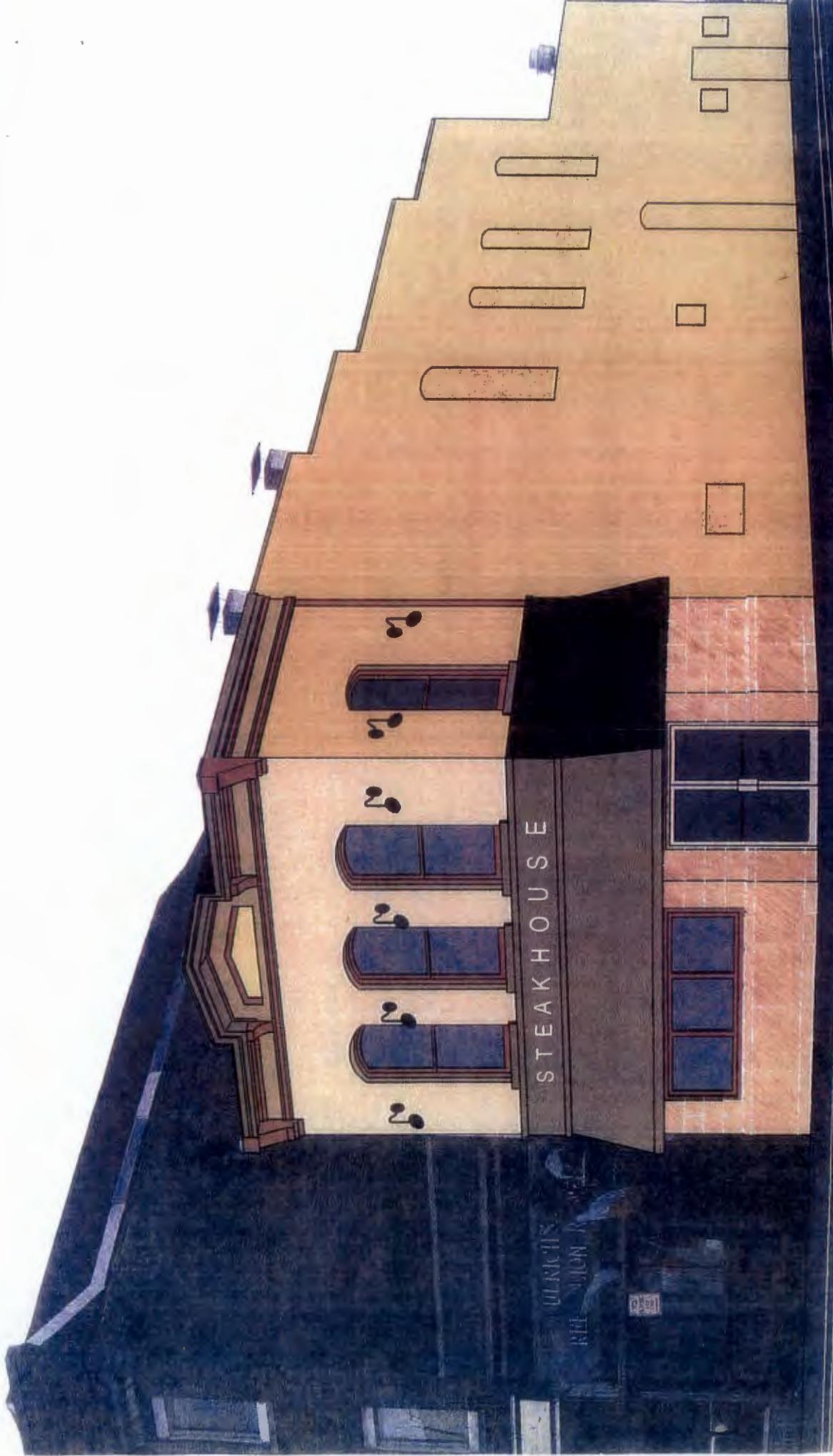
No Parcel Genealogy Data on File

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PERRY AVENUE

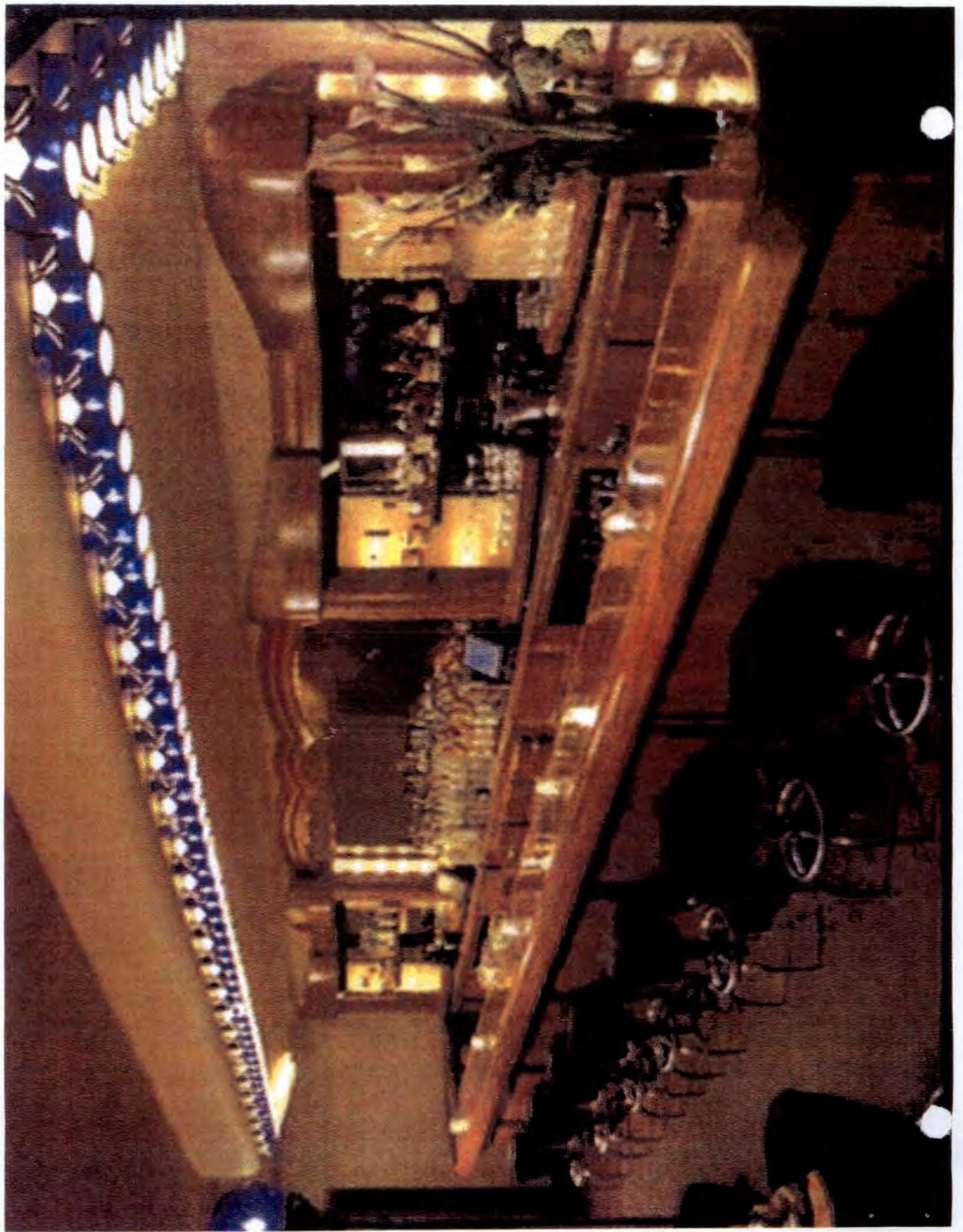


SCHEMATIC PLAN OF 633 MAIN STREET



633 MAIN STREET PEORIA, ILLINOIS

THOMAS STEEN ASSOCIATES, LTD.  
Architectural Services



**INTRODUCTION TO 633 MAIN STREET**  
**DOWNTOWN SPEAKEASY & RESTAURANT**

Dennis Littlefield is introducing a new proprietorship at 633 Main Street seeking a 4:00 am liquor license for a new speakeasy concept serving food and alcohol. This concept shall be a newly remodeled and established location as indicated in the architectural plans that are attached. The idea is to bring an adult restaurant/tavern at the corner of Main and Perry to complement the 600 block as an introduction to the hotel entertainment area near the new hotel. This establishment will be centered on Peoria with memorabilia and contain a reflection of bar restaurants in the past that have been a shining example of downtown Peoria. It should attract hotel guests and adult guests from the Peoria area and be a place to go for food and drink in the hotel Civic Center area. It should be complementary for the downtown entertainment center and should provide an attractive establishment for guests for the downtown area.

Dennis Littlefield has managed and operated restaurants in the Peoria areas as contained in his resume, which is attached. He brings his experience and his reputation of running an excellent establishment to the downtown Peoria area.

## **Proprietor Resume**

**DENNIS LITTLEFIELD  
3212 N. MAIN ST.  
EAST PEORIA, IL 61611  
(309) 696-5523**

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I have been in the restaurant business from 1990 to 2006. I was involved in food and beverage in all of these establishments as an owner or manager.

### **WORK HISTORY**

- **Dockside Restaurant**  
16606 N Holiday Harbor LN  
Chillicothe, IL 61523
- **Fitzpatrick's Landing**  
579 Wesley Road  
Creve Coeur, IL 61610
- **Fitzpatrick's North Beach**  
2229 E Poplar LN  
Peoria Heights, IL 61614
- **Beach Club**  
Rome, IL
- **Dockside Restaurant**  
16606 N Holiday Harbor LN  
Chillicothe, IL 61523

4:00 A.M.

**APPLICATION FOR SUBCLASS 1 LIQUOR LICENSE**

Present License Class \_\_\_\_\_ Present License No. \_\_\_\_\_

Establishment Name: TBD

Address: 633 MAIN STREET

Has there been a lapse in this license? Y If so, when was the premises last used for this license?  
6-7 years

Have you previously applied for this Subclass at this location? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, when?  
6-7 years

1. **AS REQUIRED BY ORDINANCE, attach a list of names and addresses of the last person to whom taxes were assessed for any property within 300 feet of the proposed site.**
2. **As required, attach a sworn Affidavit that you, as applicant, have caused Notices to be sent to all such property owners.**
3. **It is highly recommended that you contact the District Council Member for the District in which the proposed site is located to discuss your proposed site application.**

**AFFIDAVIT**

I swear that I am fully informed as to the provisions of the Illinois Liquor Control Laws and the liquor ordinances of the City of Peoria and will not violate any of the laws of the State of Illinois or of the City of Peoria in the conduct of the function described herein; and that the statements contained in this application and any attachments are true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Licensee or Agent

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
10<sup>th</sup> day of November  
2015.

Terri L Garber  
Notary Public



**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Application for Subclass 1 is Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Not Approved \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Liquor Commissioner/Date

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**APPLICATION FOR SUBCLASS 2 OR 2A LIQUOR LICENSE**

Present License Class \_\_\_\_\_ Present License No. \_\_\_\_\_

Establishment Name: TBD

Address: 633 MAN STREET

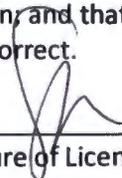
Type of entertainment: DJ live music

**Pursuant to Sec. 3-53(a)(c), the application for this subclass shall include a site plan for the area in the licensed premises for the proposed live entertainment and shall state the type of the proposed live entertainment. If granted, the live entertainment shall be limited to the approved area and type of entertainment.**

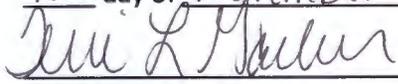
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**AFFIDAVIT**

I swear that I am fully informed as to the provisions of the Illinois Liquor Control Laws and the liquor ordinances of the City of Peoria and will not violate any of the laws of the State of Illinois or of the City of Peoria in the conduct of the function described herein, and that the statements contained in this application and any attachments thereto are true and correct.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Licensee or Agent

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public



**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Application for Subclass 2 is Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Not Approved \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Liquor Commissioner / Date

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Liquor Commission of the City of Peoria, Illinois will hold a Public Hearing on an application of a Class B-1 Subclass 1, 2 Liquor License for the following described property.

SONNY'S CLUB, INC. D/B/A TO BE DETERMINED

(name of establishment)

633 MAIN STREET

(address)

FOR USE AS:

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REQUEST FOR A CLASS B-1 (RESTAURANT, 25% FOOD)

LIQUOR LICENSE, WITH SUBCLASSES 1 (4:00 AM CLOSING)

AND 2 (LIVE ENTERTAINMENT)

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The Hearing will be held on MONDAY - JANUARY 4, 2016 in Room 404 at City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Peoria, Illinois at 3:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the item can be heard.

Because the proposed location is within 300 feet of the premises owned or occupied by you, you may wish to attend this Hearing.

Objections may be heard at the meeting or submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Liquor Commission, City Hall, 419 Fulton, Room 401, Peoria, IL 61602.

Information concerning the application is available in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, Room 401, or by calling the Secretary of the Liquor Commission at (309) 494-8566. Be advised that certain information is restricted under the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act.



## SITE PLAN REVIEW BOARD COMMENTS

**Address / PIN / General Location:** 633 MAIN ST / 18-09-202-013

**Project ID:** 15-297

**Project Description:** Liquor Commission - Site Approval

**Project Status:** ACTIVE

### CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL REGARDING THE SITE PLAN AND APPLICATION:

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**Public Works/Permits**

No comments

**Community Development**

See attached...

**Building Safety**

See attached...

**Police Department**

See attached

**Fire Department**

See attached

**Accounts Receivable**

See attached...

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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONTACT:**

Kimberly Smith  
Senior Urban Planner  
Community Development Dept.  
419 Fulton Street Room 300  
Peoria, IL 61602  
PHONE (309) 494- 8612 FAX (309) 494-8680  
kismith@peoriagov.org

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**INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT CONTACT:**

Scot Wolf  
Building Safety Department  
419 Fulton Street Room 203  
Peoria, Illinois 61602  
PHONE: (309)494-8620 FAX: (309)494-8674  
inspections\_development@peoriagov.org

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTACT:**

Stanley Taylor  
Fire Department  
505 NE Monroe St  
Peoria, Illinois 61602  
PHONE: (309)494-8735 FAX: (309)494-8787  
fire\_development@peoriagov.org

**PUBLIC WORKS CONTACT:**

Ken Andrejasich  
Public Works Department  
3505 N Dries Lane  
Peoria, Illinois 61604  
PHONE: (309)494-8800 FAX: (309)494-8855  
KTA@peoriagov.org  
[www.peoriagov.org/permits](http://www.peoriagov.org/permits)

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TO: Trina Bonds, Liquor Commission Secretary  
FROM: Jodi Maybanks , Accounts Receivable Supervisor  
DATE: November 23, 2015  
SUBJECT: Case 16-01 Sonny's Club Inc

The Finance Department has no objection to this site approval.

Any questions, please contact me at x8505. Thank you!



PEORIA POLICE DEPARTMENT



December 15, 2015

City of Peoria, Liquor Commission  
Office of Corporation Counsel  
City of Peoria, Illinois

RE: Site Approval Application  
Sonny's Club, Inc.  
d/b/a TBD  
633 Main St.  
Requesting: Class B-1 (restaurant, 25% food)  
Subclass 1 (4:00 a.m. closing)  
Subclass 2 (live entertainment)

Dear Commissioners,

A site application has been received from Sonny's Club Inc., d/b/a TBD, 633 Main St., for a Class B-1, Subclass 1 and Subclass 2 liquor license. Approval of this site application would permit a restaurant with a 4:00 a.m. closing and live entertainment to operate at this location.

This location is on Main St. at Perry Ave. and is neighbored by other taverns and similar businesses. This location previously operated as a tavern under the name of Anna's with a Class A liquor license, which closed in 2007.

It does not appear that the approval of this site application would be detrimental to the surrounding businesses and is appropriate for this location. There are no parking or traffic concerns raised by this request.

The Peoria Police Department has no objections to this site approval request.

Sincerely,

  
Jerry Mitchell  
Chief of Police

JEM/ks

cc: City Clerk  
Corporation Counsel  
Deputy Liquor Commissioner

600 S. W. Adams Street  
Peoria, IL 61602-1592  
Phone 309.494.8300

## Trina Bonds

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**From:** Kim Smith  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2015 3:51 PM  
**To:** Trina Bonds  
**Cc:** Ross Black  
**Subject:** 633 Main - liquor response

The property located at 633 Main is zoned B1 (Downtown Commercial) and was previously used as a bar. The Community Development, Planning Division, has no objection.



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Kimberly Smith, MBA, MAUP, AICP, Senior Urban Planner  
City Hall – 419 Fulton Street, Room 300, Peoria, Illinois 61602  
(309) 494-8612 – direct  
[kismith@peoriagov.org](mailto:kismith@peoriagov.org)  
[www.peoriagov.org](http://www.peoriagov.org)



Fire Department

December 16, 2015

Liquor Commission  
Office of Corporation Counsel  
City of Peoria, IL

Re: Site Approval Application  
Case: 16-01  
Sonny's Club, Inc.  
d/b/a To Be Determined  
633 Main St.  
Class B-1 (restaurant, 25% food)  
Subclass 1 (4 am hours)  
Subclass 2 (live entertainment)

Liquor Commissioners,

I contacted Attorney Zabek on December 8<sup>th</sup> to schedule a fire department inspection and he stated I would receive a call from someone to schedule a time for me to walk through the building. As of December 17, 2015 (835 am) I have not heard from anyone. I have made several stops at the address and no one has been present. Until I get to inspect the premises I cannot give my approval.

Your mutual concern for life safety is appreciated.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Capt Stan Taylor".

**Captain Stan Taylor**  
Fire Inspector, Fire Prevention Division  
Peoria Fire Department  
309.303.8275 - c  
309.494.8735 - o  
309.494.8787 - f  
[staylor@peoriagov.org](mailto:staylor@peoriagov.org)

505 NE Monroe  
Peoria, Illinois 61603-3767  
309/494-8700  
FAX 309/494/8777



## Trina Bonds

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**From:** Jimmy Stevens  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 17, 2015 11:35 AM  
**To:** Trina Bonds; Ross Black  
**Subject:** Liquor Site Case #16-01 being heard 1-4-16

Case #16-01  
Sonny's Club, Inc.  
d/b/a To be determined  
633 Main St.  
Class B-1 (restaurant, 25% food)  
Subclass 1 (4:00 a.m. hours)  
Subclass 2 (live entertainment)

Regarding current floor plan will need to re-visit property for the following:

1. As I recall a raised floor is on the premises, will need to see exact plans to cover access to restrooms and secondary exit (if required)
2. Need more information as to cooking process to achieve 25% food requirement

\* In past inspections both of these issues existed and needed to be resolved

Regards, JIm

Heim, Roger K  
4444 N Knoxville Ave Unit 302  
Peoria Il 61614

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Peoria Public Library  
107 Ne Monroe St  
Peoria Il 61602

~~Doc Property LLC  
P O Box 5805  
Peoria Il 61601~~

Doc Property LLC  
P O Box 5605  
Peoria Il 61601

First United Methodist Church of  
Peoria Il Inc  
116 Ne Perry Ave  
Peoria Il 61603

~~Peoria Main Street LLC  
P O Box 56  
Peoria Il 61650~~

~~Heim, Roger K  
4444 N Knoxville Ave Unit 302  
Peoria Il 61614~~

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Peoria Il 61650~~

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West Peoria Il 61604~~

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West Peoria Il 61604

Peoria Civic Center  
201 Sw Jefferson St  
Peoria Il 61602

Peoria Civic Center Authority  
Attn Chairman 201 Sw Jefferson Ave  
Peoria Il 61602

~~First United Methodist Church of  
Peoria Il Inc  
116 Ne Perry Ave  
Peoria Il 61603~~

Ulrich's Real Estate Inc  
C/O Joseph Ulrich 1011 E Tripp  
Peoria Il 61603

Danz, Warren E  
710 Ne Jefferson Ave  
Peoria Il 61602

Mtr Realty LLC  
Attn Michael A Landwirth 7625 N  
University St Suite C  
Peoria Il 616141253

~~Kickapoo Building LLC  
1916 W Manor Parkway  
West Peoria Il 61604~~

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Peoria Il  
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Peoria Civic Center Authority  
Attn Chairman 201 Sw Jefferson Ave  
Peoria Il 61602

Peoria Civic Center Authority  
Attn Chairman 201 Sw Jefferson Ave  
Peoria Il 61602

First United Methodist Church of  
Peoria Il Inc  
116 Ne Perry Ave  
Peoria Il 61603

Vilberg, Beverly  
618 Ravinswoods Rd  
Peoria Il 61615

Genusa, Frank  
26998 N County Hwy 27  
Canton Il 61520

First United Methodist Church of  
Peoria Il Inc  
116 Ne Perry Ave  
Peoria Il 61603

Peoria Civic Center Authority  
Attn Chairman 201 Sw Jefferson Ave  
Peoria Il 61602

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Land/Stone Land Trust  
C/O Michael Landwirth 7625 N  
University St Suite C  
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Peoria Civic Center Authority  
Attn Chairman 201 Sw Jefferson Ave  
Peoria Il 61602

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
 ) SS  
COUNTY OF PEORIA )

**AFFIDAVIT**

SAMUEL ZIGER, being duly sworn, does hereby swear/affirm

that:

1. I am the Liquor Licensee of DENNIS Littlefield / \*Savvy Club  
(establishment name) INC.

located at 633 MA.W ST Peoria IL 61602 Peoria, Illinois.  
(address)

2. On 11 / 13 / 15, I caused Notices of Hearing to be mailed to all property owners within 300 feet of my liquor establishment.

3. I have attached to this Affidavit, the list of property owners and their addresses to whom I mailed Notices.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

[Signature]  
(Signature of Liquor Licensee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 28 day of October,  
2015.

[Signature]  
Notary Public

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Riverside

COMMUNITY CHURCH

February 3, 2016

Dear Mr. Mayor,

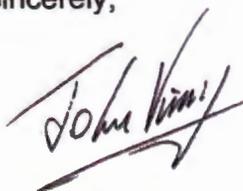
I write representing the 1000 citizens who attend Riverside Community Church! I do so as I have heard that there is an application for a new bar to be opened at the corner of Main and Perry near our downtown location!

We would like to appeal to the City Council so that this will not be approved. In the past this location has not been a good place for our community to have a bar. Constant disturbances and calls for police intervention have been reported there when it was used as such in the past. Please do not allow a bar to be revived again in this location.

The proposed site is near an ex-offender location, numerous churches that do work in the evenings with young people, and Dream Center Peoria which houses people battling drink and other substance abuse! We believe opening a bar on the corner of Perry and Main will have negative impact on our wonderful community and it's most vulnerable people.

I would be most happy, Mr. Mayor, if you would please carry our appeal to the City Council. Thanking you for your great leadership of this still great city.

Sincerely,



John King

**John King**

**Lead Pastor**

**Riverside Community Church**

**[twitter](#) // [facebook](#)**

**309.676.7700**

**[www.riversidepeoria.com](http://www.riversidepeoria.com)**



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UNITED METHODIST  
**CHURCH**  
PEORIA • ILLINOIS

116 NE PERRY AVE, PEORIA, IL 61603  
309 • 673 • 3641  
WWW.FUMCPEORIA.ORG

February 1, 2016

Mayor Jim Ardis  
Peoria City Hall: Office of the Mayor  
419 Fulton St, Suite 207L  
Peoria, IL 61602

Dear Mayor Ardis:

I have learned a proposal is before the Peoria Liquor Commission to open a bar on the corner of Perry and Main streets opposite the First United Methodist church. I request that permission be denied. This request is not rooted in personal animus toward whoever is making the request. It is not rooted in prudery; 28 years of active duty in the Navy leaves no room for a wussy attitude toward the real world.

I offer these reasons for concern:

- (1) A number of businesses that serve beer and hard liquor already are located in this area. This is not a question of the area being underserved or denied access to beverage alcohol.
- (2) Church members and staff find themselves busy cleaning up every Saturday evening prior to our evening worship and on early Sunday mornings prior to our Sunday worship. Bottles, discarded food and assorted trash that migrates from the existing bars to our property already create plenty of work to clear the area for weekend worshippers. Another establishment that produces similar trash will not make our day, nor speak to the attractiveness of the downtown area.
- (3) As good neighbors in the city we never have placed our parking spaces off-limits except for compelling reasons (funerals, etc). That said, another bar located within sneezing distance of the church certainly will complicate the parking situation for our Saturday evening worshippers and those who come here over the weekend for youth activities and related events that stretch into the night. Virtually every Sunday some parking spots have been claimed from cars left over Saturday night by drivers too drunk to drive home safely. While we are glad that we can offer a safe alternative for intoxicated patrons who wisely decide not to drive home, we also know that another bar next to us will cost us more proximity parking every week.
- (4) Every Saturday we feed, clothe and provide tutoring and free medical attention for the 300+ guests who participate in our Loaves and Fish soup kitchen and ministry. A significant percentage of these persons have had their lives compromised or wrecked by the consumption of alcohol. Having one more such establishment locate literally next door will do the church, and our guests who receive our community ministry, no favors.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cordially in Christ,

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