

May 19, 2017

To ALRC Committee Members,

Thank you for reviewing my application for a sidewalk café for Rockhound Brewing Company. As noted in the application, we intend to build a sidewalk café of approximately, 541 Square feet and a proposed capacity of 30 patrons.

With this letter you will also find a revised layout of the sidewalk café plan. The changes include removal of the bike rack, and adjustment of the landscape items, based on city feedback. The square footage of the usable sidewalk café space has not changed. I hope that you will consider that I'm working with multiple city agencies to satisfy engineering, street permits, and forestry needs and that those changes and discussions not affect the decision of the ALRC regarding the liquor license application to the patio.

With the Rockhound sidewalk café, I hope to bring more positive activity to Park Street and continue the successes seen in its revitalization. My staff and I know that we need to be good neighbors, be conscious of potential noise issues, and maintain a clean, welcoming establishment, inside and out. We will carefully monitor sound issues, potential drinking issues, and trash, just as we do inside the restaurant. Currently, I have an employee walk the perimeter of the building looking for trash a few times a week. Even if it isn't related to Rockhound, we want to present a clean, welcoming approach. This will easily transition to the sidewalk café where staff will collect trash regularly and work to ensure that paper and other items don't blow away. For security, it can be noted that the café area is clearly visible from the bar and restaurant through large windows, and I will be installing an additional camera to my already installed security system to monitor the sidewalk café area.

As I am out of the country on May 25th I will unfortunately be unable to attend the special ALRC meeting on that date. In my stead, Jaimie Fairbanks will be attending. She is my assistant house manager, wait staff lead and trainer, has been an employee at Rockhound since we first opened, and has extensive service industry experience, most recently working for the Concourse Hotel in their banquet operations. I've briefed her extensively on the sidewalk café plans and provided her with notes to help answer questions.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward your decision.

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