

ALRC
Meeting of June 17, 2020
Agenda Item #33, Legistar #60509, Café Coda

The Preservation and Development Committee supported the applicant's request for outdoor seating, with conditions.

- (1) a maximum capacity of 8 people; and,
- (2) patio hours limited to 5:00 -10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 5:00 – 11:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

These conditions were in accordance with the information provided to P&D by the applicant: "Cafe CODA would like approval for eight (8) seats and two (2) 24" tables for our front door and pallet areas. We already have the patio borders. Outside seating for the club would begin at the start of our business day (usually at 5 PM) and be taken up one hour before closing (before midnight). We would ask that our outdoor seating schedule this year to be from June 21-October 31."

The closing hours were added so the closing time would be in accordance with other Williamson Street patio conditions that have been implemented over the more recent years.

The capacity is for the 8 seats at the front of the building as was originally proposed. A revised outdoor seating plan dated June 9th was submitted to the City, which reflected 8 seats at the front of the building plus an additional 9 seats on the terrace. I have no idea whether the proposed sidewalk café on the terrace was properly noticed. But assuming notice was given and the issue is properly before this Committee (or that nightclubs are now covered by the Sreatery program), is there a risk to the health, safety and welfare of pedestrians required to walk between two outside patios on a sidewalk that is not quite 6 feet wide during this time of COVID-19?

The ALRC sometimes establishes hours for outdoor patios (e.g., Fuegos) and sometimes leaves the patio hours to the Plan Commission (e.g., Tokyo Sushi). However, a sidewalk café can operate while the establishment is open unless the alcohol license limits the hours. Thus, should this Committee approve the terrace patio, I request you place hours on its operating hours.

I also request that conditions for the outside patio(s) be in addition to the existing license conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Lehnertz