PLANNING DIVISION STAFF REPORT

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PREPARED FOR THE URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION

Project Address: 128 W. Wilson Street

Application Type: Façade Grant – Final Approval is Requested

Legistar File ID # 67013

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Background Information

Applicant | Contact: Matt Aro, Aro Eberle Architects | Francesco Mangano, Osteria Papavero

Project Description: The applicant is seeking final approval for a façade improvement grant. The scope of the work includes the replacement of two street-facing windows flanking the restaurant entry with roll-up garage type doors. The existing stone and sills will be maintained. The proposal also includes the installation of retractable fabric awnings.

Project Schedule:

• The applicant has submitted a concurrent minor alteration request and staff understands that the applicant intends to proceed as soon as all reviews are complete.

Approval Standards: The Urban Design Commission is advisory on this request. On October 3, 2000, the Common Council adopted Resolution No. 61179, approving the Objectives and Criteria for the Façade Improvement Grant Program. The resolution specifies that all Façade Improvement proposals be referred to the Urban Design Commission for comments and recommendations. The funding resolution will ultimately be a decision of the Common Council.

Summary of Design Considerations and Recommendations

Staff recommends that the UDC review the proposed modifications and provide their findings and recommendations to the Common Council.

The request includes two primary improvements. This includes the replacement of two existing street facing windows with roll-up garage type doors. The existing stone and sills will be maintained. The proposal also includes the installation of retractable fabric awnings. This request has been reviewed by the City's Façade Grant Team, who has recommended approval noting that the proposal is believed to meet the goals of that program. Please see the report of that staff team for further information.