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To: [Bob Kelly](#); [Mary Sheehy Moe](#); [Owen Robinson](#); [Rick Tryon](#); [Tracy Houck](#)
Cc: [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Krista Artis](#)
Subject: FW: June 2 Commission Meeting Public Comment Agenda Item 1
Date: Monday, June 1, 2020 4:51:38 PM

See Mr. Doney's comments below for consideration during Item 1 on tomorrow evening's agenda.

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From: Lisa C. Kunz
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 4:50 PM
To: 'Brett Doney' <bdoney@growgreatfalls.org>
Subject: RE: June 2 Commission Meeting Public Comment Agenda Item 1

Hi Brett – your comments will be shared with the Commission and appropriate staff, and noted during agenda item 1 at tomorrow evening's commission meeting.

Take care.

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From: Brett Doney <bdoney@growgreatfalls.org>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 4:36 PM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: June 2 Commission Meeting Public Comment Agenda Item 1

Dear Mayor and City Commissions,

On behalf of the Great Falls Development Authority we would like to thank city leaders, staff and volunteers for everything you have done to help the city weather the COVID-19 situation!

As we keep moving into reopening and recovery — ever mindful that we need to do

everything possible to avoid having to go backward — we urge the City to continue to do everything possible to help our businesses survive and prosper while keeping our community safe.

Businesses will continue to be strained by limitations use of their indoor space. Our local businesses will continue to comply with state and local rules to keep their employees and customers as safe as possible. Businesses will also do everything they can to assure customers that it is safe and inviting to patronize their locations. The use of outside spaces, public and private, could help many businesses to survive these difficult times. Anything the Coy could do to allow temporary by right business use of sidewalks and parking stalls, even closed portions of streets, would be greatly appreciated by both local businesses and residents. Many communities of all sizes have already allowed this.

Thank you again for everything you are doing to help Great Falls to stay safe, stabilize, recover and get back to growth.

Brett

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For resources, virtual live meetups, and learning opportunities (recorded and live) to help navigate the COVID-19 crisis, please see our [Crisis Toolkit webpage](#).

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Subject: FW: Public Comment for 6/2/2020
Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 1:26:29 PM

FYI – pertaining to item 1 on tonight’s agenda.

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From: Lisa C. Kunz
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 1:25 PM
To: 'Joan Redeen' <info@greatfallsbid.com>
Subject: RE: Public Comment for 6/2/2020

Thank you for your comments Joan. Your comments will be provided to the commission and appropriate staff for consideration during item 1 on this evening’s commission meeting agenda.

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From: Joan Redeen <info@greatfallsbid.com>
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Cc: Joan Redeen <info@greatfallsbid.com>; Kellie Pierce <info@downtowngreatfalls.net>; Brett Doney <bdoney@growgreatfalls.org>; Sherrie Arey <sarey@nwgf.org>
Subject: Public Comment for 6/2/2020

Commissioners,

In an effort to continue to support our downtown businesses, the Business Improvement District would like to encourage the City to provide whatever permissions may be necessary to allow for increased sidewalk or parking space opportunities – allowing a means for our businesses, both restaurants as well as retail, to expand. Whether this amounts to closure of several blocks of Central Avenue or simply allowing more utilization of the sidewalks or parking spaces – we believe this is a fantastic means to provide our businesses the opportunity to increase their facilities, if they wish to pursue the opportunity. Many communities are following this model and it is time that Great Falls open up the streets to the possibilities! Thank you for your continued support of Downtown Great Falls and recommendation to our City Manager to make this happen.

**Thank you,
Joan Redeen
Community Director**

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The Business Improvement District (BID) is the focal point of regional commerce for social, cultural, governmental, business and residential activity in downtown Great Falls. The goal of the BID is to maintain, beautify, and stimulate development in Great Falls' historic downtown district.



As a Main Street America™ Accredited program, Great Falls is a recognized leading program among the national network of more than 1,200 neighborhoods and communities who share both a commitment to creating high-quality places and to building stronger communities through preservation-based economic development. All Main Street America™ Accredited programs meet a set of National Accreditation Standards of Performance as outlined by the National Main Street Center.

June 2, 2020

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Room 204 in the Civic Center

Honorable Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, and City Staff:

I am writing to request that you empower the City Planning Department with flexibility regarding city ordinances regulating outdoor business operations due to the health risks and mandated limited operations in place because of COVID19.

We operate a small, craft cocktail bar, and German pub on central avenue. We are in the process of obtaining financing for a major expansion, however at this moment we have very limited seating capacity. We are looking at other solutions to keep our customers and staff safe.

We cannot wait weeks/months for review processes in these extraordinary times. We must follow the examples of other cities and apply creativity and flexibility to allow our businesses options to operate safely while adhering to CDC standards.

Other communities are temporarily blocking off parking spaces in front with cones and flowerpots to add additional seating or shopping racks, utilizing sidewalk expansions, parking lots, and more. We have an excellent, highly skilled, and professional Planning and Community Development Department and trust that each business can work with them to quickly implement these emergency commerce methods that meet their individual needs.

Thank you for encouraging and supporting business during these difficult times.

Jolene and Matthias Schaper

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