



**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN  
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN**

**AGENDA FOR SPECIAL  
ELECTRONIC REMOTE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

**October 19, 2020**

**7:00 PM**

*According to the Attorney General, interrupting a public meeting in Michigan with hate speech or profanity could result in criminal charges under several State statutes relating to Fraudulent Access to a Computer or Network (MCL 752.797) and/or Malicious Use of Electronics Communication (MCL 750.540). According to the US Attorney for Eastern Michigan, Federal charges may include disrupting a public meeting, computer intrusion, using a computer to commit a crime, hate crimes, fraud, or transmitting threatening communications. Public meetings are being monitored and violations of statutes will be prosecuted.*

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- **Meeting Called to Order**
- **Outdoor Café Report**  
Nathan Slauer, City Manager Intern
- **Issue Media Group**  
Pat McGinnis, City Manager
- **Adjournment of Meeting**

SEPTEMBER 2020

# OUTDOOR CAFÉ SEATING REPORT



Report by:  
Nathan Slauer  
City Management Intern

Approved by:  
Pat McGinnis  
City Manager

# PUBLIC WORKS COMMENTS



- Large barriers cost \$336 each, and there were 66 barriers purchased for a total cost of \$22,176.
- Small barriers cost \$50, and there were 10 barriers purchased for a total cost of \$500.
- Distribution cost - Approximately \$2,000 for manufacturer to pick up the barriers and store the barriers and \$2,000 to reset the barriers during the spring.
- Labor and equipment costs - Approximately \$1,000 to install additional signs and barricades.



# RESTAURANT #1

## Grand Armory Brewing



- Number of boundaries: 4
- Number of barrel tables: 14
- Located next to a shopping center and a colorful food truck
- Blue umbrellas top each table
- Each barrier is separated by a barrel
- Direction signage
- Flowers are located in the corner
- The space covers eight parking spots
- The space is located in a parking lot next to the street
- The space has room for expansion

## Business Comments

- Pre-Covid-19 seating - Indoor seats- 156 seats, outdoor seats - 0
- Post-Covid-19 seating - Indoor seats- 50, outdoor seats - 48
- Operating with 23% capacity inside, 48% capacity outside
- Invested \$10,000 in equipment
- Customers concerned about eating inside, but they want to dine outside
- Funding helped save business
- Positive comments
- Gave people a reason to walk around
- Located on 8 parking spots
- Business wants more space



[www.grandarmorybrewing.com](http://www.grandarmorybrewing.com)  
17 S 2nd St, Grand Haven, MI 49417  
(616) 414-7822

# ADDITIONAL NOTES

## Grand Armory Brewing



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# RESTAURANT #2

## Sportys



- Number of barriers: 6
- Number of benches: 6
- The location is next to a parking lot and a park
- The space does not take up any parking spots
- The barriers are not painted
- Plants sit between barriers
- There is a garbage can nearby
- Colorful art piece of a dog
- Welcome banner posted outside

## Business Comments

- The owners estimated that the outdoor café increased their capacity by close to 50%
- Customer response to the barriers has been universally positive
- Recommended maintaining and expanding the program



[www.sportysbargrandhaven.mealpoint.us](http://www.sportysbargrandhaven.mealpoint.us)  
6 S Beechtree St, Grand Haven, MI 49417  
(616) 846-5302

# ADDITIONAL NOTES

## Sportys



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# RESTAURANT #3

## Stanz Cafe



- Number of barriers: 4
- Number of tables and benches: 6
- Takes up four parking spots
- Barriers are painted blue
- Each barrier is separated by a flower pot and topped with a wooden plant holder
- Blue and white striped umbrellas
- Located next to a parking lot



# Business Comments

- Pre-Covid-19 seating capacity - Indoor seats - 38, outdoor seats - 0
- Post-Covid-19 seating capacity - 26 indoors, outdoor seats - 32
- Positive customer response
- Invested a significant amount of money in outdoor materials
- "Feels European, fun, lively."

<https://www.stanz.cafe/>  
**1118 Washington Ave, Grand Haven, MI**  
**49417**  
**(616) 846-4620**

# ADDITIONAL NOTES

## Stanz



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# RESTAURANT #4

## JW's



- Number of barriers: 3
- Number of tables: 4
- Used two parking spaces
- Astroturf on the ground.
- Traffic cone located on a corner
- The barriers are painted brown and include the JW's logo.
- Each barrier is separated by wooden fencing and flowers.



## Business Comments

- Outdoor café doubled Covid-19 seating capacity and increased overall seating capacity
- Owner invested significant amount of money in upgrades
- Universally positive customer response and increase in dining
- Requested program continuation

<https://www.jwsfoodandspirits.com/>  
**6 N 7th St, Grand Haven, MI 49417**  
**(616) 846-3380**

# ADDITIONAL NOTES

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# RESTAURANT #5

## The Kirby House



- Number of barriers: 7
- Number of tables: 10
- Parking Spaces Used: 3
- Decorative surf pattern on barriers
- Surfboards decorate each barrier
- Barriers are separated by wooden paneling and fences
- Flower planters placed in the seating area
- Blue umbrellas located by tables
- Wooden ramp leads from the sidewalk to the seating area



[www.thegilmorecollection.com/kirbyhouse/](http://www.thegilmorecollection.com/kirbyhouse/)  
2 Washington Ave, Grand Haven, MI 49417  
(616) 846-3299

# ADDITIONAL NOTES

## The Kirby House



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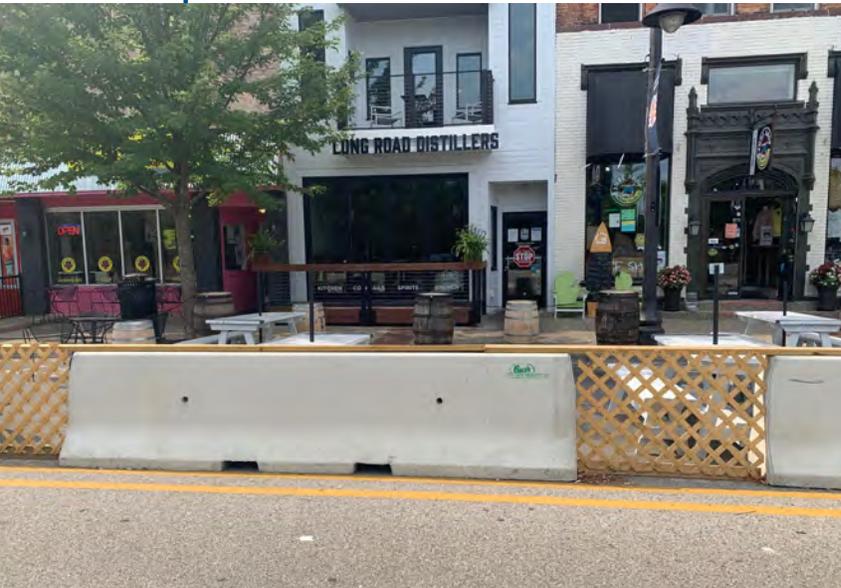
# RESTAURANT #6

## Long Road Distillers



- Number of barriers: 7
- Number of benches: 13
- Parking spaces used: 4
- Two of the barriers are painted.
- Umbrellas are available for use.
- There are no decorative touches such as flowers, lighting, or art pieces

# Business Comments



- Pre-COVID-19 seating capacity - Indoor seats - 38, outdoor seats - 10
- Post-Covid-19 - Indoors seats - 0, outdoor seats - 28
- Customer response has been overwhelmingly positive with no complaints.
- "Creates a vibrant streetscape. We'd like to see this happen everywhere."

<https://longroaddistillers.com/visit-grand-rapids/visit-grand-haven/>

**18 Washington Ave, Grand Haven, MI 49417**  
**(616) 414-7797**

# ADDITIONAL NOTES

## Long Road Distillers



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# RESTAURANT #7

## Electric Hero



- Number of barriers: 2
- Number of benches: 2
- Number of tables: 4
- Uses one scooter space
- The barriers are not painted
- The space takes up some room in the street
- The space is located next to trees, which provide a nice, shaded area.

# Business Comments



- Pre-COVID-19 seating capacity - Indoor seats - 38, outdoor seats - 10
- Post-Covid-19 - Indoor seats - 0, outdoor seats - 20
- Positive customer response
- No complaints about location

<http://electricheroshop.com/>  
**20 Washington Ave, Grand Haven, MI 49417**  
**(616) 607-7166**

# ADDITIONAL NOTES

## Electric Hero



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## RESTAURANT #8

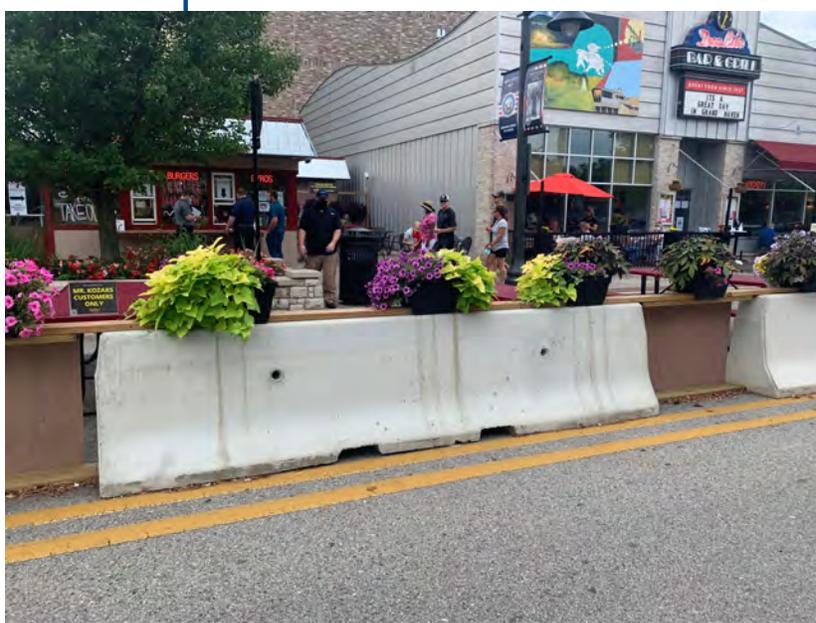
### Dee-Lite, Theatre Bar & Grand



- Number of barriers: 5
- Number of benches: 1
- Number of tables: 3
- Parking Spaces Used: 0
- The barriers are not painted
- The space takes up some room in the street
- The space is located next to trees, which provides a nice, shaded area

## Business Comments

- Post-Covid-19 seating capacity - 13 total benches
- Lost 70% capacity
- Outdoor space provides 8 more tables than they would have had otherwise
- Outdoor concerts are held on a weekly basis on Tuesdays
- Public response has been positive



[www.harborrestaurants.com/index.php/DeeLite/Contact](http://www.harborrestaurants.com/index.php/DeeLite/Contact)  
20 Washington Ave, Grand Haven, MI 49417  
(616) 607-7166

# ADDITIONAL NOTES

## Dee-Lite



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# RESTAURANT #9

## Mr. Kozak's Gyros



- Number of barriers: 5
- Number of benches: 1
- Number of tables: 3
- The barriers are not painted
- No umbrellas are out
- The space takes up some room in the street
- The space is located next to trees, which provide a nice, shaded area

## Business Comments

- Pre-Covid-19 seating capacity - 4 tables
- Post-Covid-19 - 13 total benches
- Expanded total capacity of restaurant from before Covid-19



<https://www.mrkozaksgyrosgh.com/>  
**38 Washington Ave**  
**Grand Haven, MI 49417**  
**616-846-2390**

# ADDITIONAL NOTES

## Mr. Kozak's Gyros



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# RESTAURANT #10

## Snug Harbor



- Wooden barriers
- Wooden platform
- 8 tables
- Several umbrellas
- No parking space used
- Close proximity to the water and art sculptures

# Business Comments



- Seating capacity before Covid-19 -344, current seating capacity - 216
- Percentage of seating capacity filled - 63%
- Owner purchased equipment, including new seating, plants, hosting supplies, and umbrellas
- Enjoy the lower deck space and want to add an upper deck
- Enjoy the lower deck's access to the pier
- Request extension into winter
- Guests enjoy comfortable outdoor seating area

<https://harborrestaurants.com/index.php/SnugHarbor>  
311 S Harbor Dr, Grand Haven, MI 49417  
(616) 846-8400

# ADDITIONAL NOTES

## Snug Harbor



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# RESTAURANT #11

## Odd Side Ales



- Number of barriers: 18
- Number of benches: 15
- Number of tables: 6
- The barriers are unpainted
- Barriers are separated by barrels and connected with wood pieces
- There are some trees in the area.
- Some parts of the location have lights on a string
- Decorative plants are present in some parts of the space
- AstroTurf used in one corner

# Business Comments



- Pre-Covid-19 capacity - 489, post-Covid-19 - 244.
- The expanded patio on First St added roughly 110 seats.
- The space uses three parking spaces
- "The public loved it all summer."
- The experience was positive for expanding capacity and adding a new vibe.

<https://oddsideales.com/>  
**41 Washington Ave STE 160, Grand Haven, MI 49417**  
**(616) 935-7326**

# ADDITIONAL NOTES

## Odd Side Ales



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# RESTAURANT #12

## Porto Bello



- Number of barriers: 18
- Number of benches: 15
- Number of tables: 6
- The barriers are unpainted.
- There are some trees in the area.
- There are no decorative touches or lighting fixtures out.



<http://enjoyportobello.com/>  
**41 Washington Ave, Grand Haven, MI 49417**  
**(616) 846-1221**

# ADDITIONAL NOTES

## Porto Bello



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# CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS



## Industry Research

- The restaurant industry is estimated to lose \$240 billion by the end of 2020
- Federal retail sales data shows that national sales dropped in recent months
- Outdoor seating is considered to be a lifeline for some business owners. It helps keep people employed
- CDC expresses concerns about indoor dining, while outdoor dining is still being debated
- Some restaurants spend up to \$10,000 for new seating, restaurant supplies, plants, décor, and other items
- Some reports have shown that drivers struggle to navigate new obstacles on the street.



## Public Response Summary

- Restaurant owners universally praised the program and requested an extension
- Customers have given a positive response as well
- Outdoor cafes expanded seating capacity significantly
- Outdoor cafes use minimal parking space
- Outdoor cafes spur investment in new restaurant supplies
- Some spaces could expand beautification efforts by painting barriers, adding lights, and decorating tables
- There is an opportunity to use the outdoor cafes as destinations by adding platforms for music and performances and installing public art and games
- No reports of difficulty navigating streets.

**To: City Council**  
**From: P. McGinnis, City Manager**  
**Date: October 12, 2020**  
**RE: Issue Media Group**



Issue Media Group approached the MSDDA in June last year to become a sponsor for 2020. The MSDDA readily agreed to support this on line business magazine as the cost of the first year of participation was covered by the Redevelopment Ready Community program at MEDC. The cost for full participation was \$12,000. [Here is an example](#) of some of the work done thus far by the online publication.

The group intends to continue their coverage of west Ottawa County and are busy approaching funders to support the operation going forward. Paul Schutt will address the City Council during the work session on Monday evening. Here are the headliners from the past week:

## **Retailers find new home in Grand Haven's refurbished Depot**

By Shandra Martinez | Monday, October 12, 2020

## **Lakeshore Advantage entrepreneurship director takes on international role**

By Shandra Martinez | Monday, October 12, 2020

## **After nondiscrimination ordinance passed, the time has come to heal, advocates say**

By andrea goodell | Thursday, October 08, 2020

## **Lighthouse Award recipient's Purple Pride helps those on cancer journey**

BY PAUL R. KOPENKOSKEY | Tuesday, October 06, 2020

## **Racist attack on race/racism town hall leaves organizers shaken, resolved to continue**

andrea goodell | Monday, October 05, 2020