



PUBLIC COMMENTS –
for the Tuesday, June 25, 2024 Board Meeting

Good Evening, President Hofeld and Members of the Board of Trustees:

The July 4 holiday is approaching. Similarly, my concern is approaching about a repeat of a 2023 Southgate/Smith's Third Addition fireworks melee. These illegal fireworks, which included Roman candles and bottle rockets shot between power transformer lines and down a 10-foot property line between two houses to see whether they could land on my patio, caused property damage to my frame garage, put two fully-fueled vehicles and my neighbor's new wooden deck at risk of igniting, and left Section 20-27 of the Village Code unenforced despite three contacts to law enforcement.

To Chief McGrath's credit, she not only listened to my concerns with what I believe will be a genuine attempt to have different patrolling in our neighborhood this July 4. Additionally, she offered me some very helpful advice on the ways in which I can help law enforcement to help me, all of which I will implement. I take her at her word, trust her representations, and believe her when she says she and DC Johnson will use the enclosed email trail to inform HPD's next steps this Independence Day.

Additionally, it is to Trustee Heiferman's credit that he went on the record in 2023 to appeal to residents' sensibilities and good judgment this July 4 holiday. As you can see from the e-mail trail to this body and to Village administration from 2023, an opportunity exists for the rest of this Board and the Village President to similarly appeal to residents. I hope the entire body will take the opportunity to do just that at the June 25 meeting.

Respectfully, Kristine Condon

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Hi All

My name is Thomas Kidwell, my company Factum LLC owns the parcel of land that contains 2024-2026 Ridge Road and 18033 Martin Ave, see attached photo.

We are interested in building a restaurant in the building at 2020 Ridge Road. We have built, owned and operated full-service restaurants since 1994. The following is what we operate today:

Chant Restaurant
1509 E 53rd Street in Chicago
<https://www.chantchicago.com>

Noodles Etc
1333 E 53rd Street in Chicago
<http://noodlesetc.com>

GroundLevel 105
105 W St. Charles in Lombard
<https://www.groundlevel105.com>

We also operate in the two food court locations on the campus The University Of Chicago.

Since purchasing our Homewood property in 2018 I've always admired the building next door at 2020 Ridge road and thought it has fantastic bones to put a cool vibrant full-service restaurant, bright industrial open floor plan concept with exposed Chicago brick and expose that beautiful vaulted ceiling, the artistic options are endless.

Another issue, I found out last March is that the main sewer line from our existing building is tied together with the 2020 Ridge Road building (see attached invoice from Reid & Pederson Drainage). That's going to be a huge problem for our existing building with basement sewage backups if a different restaurant goes next door that we don't operate & maintain.

The fact that we already own the property next door, share the parking lot, the years of restaurant experience we can bring with 100+ restaurant employees to tap to get restaurant up and running quickly, we seem a perfect fit for this location. I've express this to Village officials at a meeting we had back around 2021, that's how much I've been interested in this building for a restaurant.

Please consider all of the above and feel free to call me anytime.

Thank You
Thomas Kidwell