

Adams, Nancy

From: Christopher Castaneda <
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 4:01 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: Support of Rabid Brewing

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Dear Mayor Hofeld, Village Board of Trustees and Village Staff,

My name is Chris Castaneda. My family and I moved to Homewood in July 2021, and we live at 18135 Gottschalk Avenue.

I speak for myself when I say that I support the "Rabid Public House" proposal at 3003-3025 W. 183rd Street in Homewood, IL.

One of my personal criteria for moving out of Chicago with my family was that we find somewhere with a quality music/arts culture. I have grown to appreciate Rabid Brewing's outside-of-the-box way of thinking when it comes to celebrating Homewood. It is a business that is proud of being a Homewood grown business, and I've found them to be the epitome of a good neighbor that you enjoy running into.

I feel their addition to 183rd would create a new, positive vibe for Homewood.

Chris Castaneda

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From: Jessica Z <
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 4:01 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: Park West Plaza proposals

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Good afternoon,

As a concerned citizen, I would like to remark on the proposals being considered for the redevelopment of Park West Plaza. Specifically, I would like to show my support for Rabid Brewing's proposal.

While the other two proposals both show a concern for improving the space and bringing businesses in, neither shows as much promise as Rabid, or is as representative of Homewood itself. Rabid has been a local staple for years now, has participated in Homewood events, and already has a following, which only stands to grow. They are very beloved by the community. Homewood doesn't need more gaming parlors, or cookie cutter businesses, to fill in space. The people want and need something that fits the culture.

Many of us hope you'll make the best decision to serve the community and the business owners that have already invested so much into the town.

Best,
Jessica Zaniolo

Adams, Nancy

From: Michael Reblin <
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 3:16 PM
To: PublicComments; Mesaros, Angela
Subject: Rabid Brewing for Park West Plaza

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Dear Village of Homewood Board of Trustees,

My name's Michael Reblin and I am writing to you in support of Rabid Brewing, a beloved Homewood business that has made a proposal to evolve and expand their business through the renovation and reinvigoration of a long underutilized property in Homewood, commonly referred to as Park West Plaza.

Although I am not from Homewood, my wife does work for your park district and we are members of the Chicago Knockouts Roller Derby League. We also frequent Rabid and love that they host many events for the league and for lovers of DnD.

To be blunt this is a great place with a unique experience that is excepting of all people. It is a community, not just a brewery. People from the city come to Rabid. It is an amazing place, full of amazing people.

Personally I would love to see a local business expand and grow (not to mention supporting residents that own a business in their hometown) than see something corporate go in that would close in an instant if profits dont hit a mark. Rabid has already proven they have sustainability. Now is the time to show them and your citizens that Homewood cares about local businesses. Please, reward them for their hard work.

Thank you,

Michael Reblin

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From: Monica Thomas <
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 4:02 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: Support for Rabid Public House

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Good Afternoon,

I am unable to attend the meeting regarding the business proposal for Rabid Brewing Company, but was writing to express support for their proposal. I am a former employee, and feel that the owners and business provide a wonderful gathering place for the community. The owners are great people who care deeply about their industry, product, Homewood, and the people they serve. Having this business, alongside the others in downtown Homewood, would be a great draw for business.

Regards,
Monica Thomas

Adams, Nancy

From: Mark Kocol <
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 4:13 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: Rabid Brewing's Redevelopment Plan (4.22.2025)

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Good afternoon -

I hope that I can fit this in before tonight's Board meeting.

I have owned and operated One Trick Pony Brewery (OTP) for over 10 years. Raiye and Tobias are the most salt of the earth folks I have come across in this industry since they arrived a few years after OTP. I have a special affinity for them given their dedication to being loyal stewards of the beer brewing and selling business - you will not find anyone in the industry with a cross word about them or how they operate. I would highly recommend their proposed use for the 183rd Street property given its attachment to the community, and Raiye and Tobias' desire to expand on that and engage their fellow Homewood residents with another option for an evening meal, or a weekend afternoon lunch.

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Mark

Mark S. Kocol, P.C.

Adams, Nancy

From:
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 6:11 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: In support of Rabid Brewing's Proposal

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Dear Village of Homewood Board of Trustees,

My name is Catrina Pace and I am writing to you in support of Rabid Brewing's expansion proposal.

My husband and I moved to Homewood in 2008 with our (then) one-year-old son. We had two more children as the years went on, and when we outgrew our first house, we relocated ... six houses down the street! We have many friends who have also relocated within Homewood, and we have encouraged at least four families to relocate to Homewood as well, all of which are current Homewood homeowners.

What does this have to do with Rabid Brewing? One of the biggest draws of Homewood is its uniqueness and diversity, not only of its residents, but in what the village has to offer them. Rabid Brewing is an integral part of our community in this regard. I trust that their stats and mission statement are well known to you by now, so I will refrain from reiterating those points, but I in no way mean to imply they're unimportant.

What I'd instead like to focus on is the fact that when Rabid found themselves in need of more space to accommodate their growing family of customers, they chose to relocate within our village. This expansion will not only bring life to a long-dead property, but will allow them to increase their already impactful presence in our community and beyond.

Rabid is so much more than "another bar," as some may think. It is truly a wonderfully creative, inviting, supportive, and inclusive space for so many people. I saw this firsthand when my children attended their Rapscaillon D&D on Sunday afternoons. Friendships were forged over creativity and silliness, the kids sometimes wearing costumes and letting their imaginations run wild ... IN REAL LIFE!!! Parents would unplug and converse, often mentioning other events or clubs in the community and bonding over shared interests.

Rabid is where I was encouraged to get out of my comfort zone and try something I really wanted to do: roller derby! I joined the Chicago Knockouts and the experience has been life changing for me. That may sound dramatic to some, but it's true. I now have an outlet for my own creativity and "weirdness", motivation to keep physically fit and healthy, and, best of all, an entire community of new friends, who are themselves diverse, inviting, inclusive, supportive, and wonderfully weird!

This is all thanks to Rabid Brewing and the environment their business fosters. Homewood is richer for having them.

Please consider this message (along with all the others you're sure to receive) when it comes time to make a decision.

Thank you for your time,
Catrina Pace

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From: Gloria Krisik <
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 7:27 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: In support of Rabid!

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To whom it may concern,

I hope the Village of Homewood decides to approve Rabid Brewing's business plan for the property on 183rd! The owners are responsible, civic minded and creative. What they offer is a quality product and unique experience that is sure to draw people to Homewood from all over!

Sincerely,
Gloria Ringberg

Sent from my iPhone

Adams, Nancy

From: rachel lampley <
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 9:45 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: Zoning ordinance

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To whom it may concern:

As a high tax- paying citizen of Homewood, Il for over 19years, I would like to request a binding and permanent waiver to complete a project on my property.

I feel that a person should be granted the liberty to build on their property if it helps to increase their property value and not harm it. If this is not to be granted, what are the reasons forbading the right to build on your own property?

[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Adams, Nancy

From: Rachael Hoffman <
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 9:32 AM
To: PublicComments
Subject: Rabid Brewing

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Hello and thank you for taking the time to read this comment on the question of Rabid brewing vs the out of town developer.

First, let me express how much I and my family love Rabid Brewing, Raiye, and Tobias. From the days of Covid when I first moved to the area, I have watched Rabid rise to the occasion in every way, and maintain their clientele while keeping us safe. They have managed to take on the responsibility of being family friendly and excelled, with things like the Basho Box tournament that allows kids to exercise their creativity and play OUTSIDE, to the D&D held on Sunday afternoons for all ages of kids, allowing children to be introduced to a game, and way of life for some, that has been changing lives for decades now. Beyond that, they serve the purpose of the third place, a concept that was enacted throughout communities prior to the Reagan era, and was dismantled purposefully by his administration in the name of capitalism.

Third places exist as coffee shops, independent book stores, roller rinks, bars, community rec centers, malls, parks, and libraries, among others. These places provide community and a space for civic engagement. It is a form of neutral ground that allows people with differing views to interact and trade ideas. The loss of these spaces, or the lack of effort put into these spaces (for example the lack of events and programs meant to create community at parks, and the shuttering of roller rink after roller rink) is felt keenly in a community and leads to isolation and further divide.

Homewood needs third places, places that people can gather and be together. What Homewood does not need is a soulless strip mall, run by developers and companies out only for monetary gain. Especially in this day and age, when more and more people are looking to shop and spend money locally, it would behoove Homewood to make sure it is worth investing in, by supporting its local businesses.

Thank you for your time,

Rachael Hoffman

Adams, Nancy

From: Andrew D'Ambrosio <
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 11:31 AM
To: PublicComments
Subject: In support of Rabid Brewing.

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Hello,

I am writing today to show support for Rabid Brewing, a place that I have worked with in wrestling and in roller derby, that has always had the interests of community at their core. It's important that Homewood show support for this local business, as it provides many services and opportunities for entertainment to the community, and is a place for many to enjoy their time and the company of others.

Not only is Rabid always willing to support other local businesses, such as the CKO roller derby league and Wrestle League, LLC, it creates a space for small vendors with their markets and yearly Festival of the Goat Queen. For Rabid to lose out on this opportunity to expand would be a loss to the community and small businesses.

Thank you for reading,
Andrew D'Ambrosii

Adams, Nancy

From: Steve Ahrendt <
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 5:20 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: Rabid Brewing

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This establishment is a pillar of the community. They sponsor events, they participate in many community activities. As a professional commentator that works with Chicago Knockouts Roller Derby I have found their event participation and willing to the extra mile for patrons and fans is a throw back to simpler times when customer service meant something. Please let this fine Homewood institution grow!!!

Warmest Regards, Steve Ahrendt
Formerly of DeRe Tire/Local Resident Sent from my iPhone

Adams, Nancy

From: Bob Robertson <
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 7:15 PM
To: Haney, Napoleon; PublicComments; generalinfo; Hofeld, Rich; Chmielewski, Michael; Heiferman, Jay; Jones, Vivian; Roman, Lauren; Willis, Julie; Opyd, Allisa; Mason, Phillip; Steinmiller, Antonia;
Subject: Re: Police Problems

PD Administration

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Hello?

On Sun, Apr 20, 2025, 5:00 PM Bob Robertson < wrote:

It is absolutely ridiculous that on Easter Sunday, while Target was closed, a police vehicle was parked in the lot for well over 30 minutes doing absolutely nothing with flashing lights on. This isn't the first time either—this has been happening far too often, and frankly, it's an embarrassing display of laziness and misuse of public resources. I can't imagine that this is helping with Dave's, Target, or Jewel's customer traffic either. Whenever I see a police car with flashing lights on, I assume that someone has done something bad inside these establishments, and I am not interested in entering them.

While officers are sitting around in empty parking lots, cars are flying down nearby roads like it's a racetrack. Where are the patrols? Where are the traffic stops? We have a serious speeding problem, and instead of addressing it, our so-called protectors are parked in vacant lots wasting time and taxpayer money.

This kind of behavior is unacceptable. If officers are on duty, they should be doing their jobs—not hiding out in a closed store lot like it's a break room. The community deserves better, and we are demanding accountability and action.

Do something about it.

The attached image was taken at 2:30 pm Sunday April 20th, 2025.

Sincerely,

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From: Jim Hogan <
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 7:25 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: Rabid brewing

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Rabid Brewing has been very loyal to homewood, supporting local companies and fests. Is great place for high quality beverage and live music on occasion.

It would be great to see them get the new location they have applied for.

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From: Isabel Pennington <
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 7:29 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: Rabid Brewing

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Hello,

I am writing in support of Rabid Brewing and their relocation to a new building in Homewood. The village should support a local small business, particularly one that is a supportive, safe, and artistic space for so many. Rabid has created an excellent community and has a strong and loyal following. Please keep this business within the village, and support Rabid in their plans to move to a new location. It is a business I frequent and I am grateful to have a place to go where the owners, staff, and clientele are friendly and inclusive.

Sincerely,

Isabel Pennington

Adams, Nancy

From: Bob Robertson <
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2025 10:08 PM
To: PublicComments; Hofeld, Rich; Chmielewski, Michael
Subject: APP Problems

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Been trying to tell you about problems and your app isn't working

Adams, Nancy

From: Lorraine Brochu <
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 6:54 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: Supporting Rabid Brewery

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We encourage Homewood to approve the new site for Rabid. As a strong supporter of the community and a strong economic engine, this business brings people like me and my neighbors from Pullman on a regular basis.

Rabid has proved to be a destination far from what I've seen a good neighbor. Please support their new enterprise.

In peace
Lorraine Brochu

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