

# Cuyahoga Falls City Council

## Minutes of the PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE Meeting

### March 1, 2004

Chair: Mary Ellen Pyke; Vice Chair: Terry Mader; Member: Jerry James.

Mary Ellen Pyke brought the Public Affairs Committee to order at 7:12 p.m. All member of the Committee were present. The minutes from February 17, 2004 and February 23, 2004 Public Affairs Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

#### **Scheduled legislation (second reading):**

A-46	An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to grant a license to Mark Jaber, owner of property located at 2097 Front Street to use of a portion of the City's property for outdoor dining and declaring an emergency.
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Jennifer Syx from Community Development states this is for approval at the former Draft House site and the current tenant will be reopening under the name Cashmere Cricket. The outdoor dining area will be ornamented with an iron fence similar to the Downtown District Centre. Outdoor dining will be created in the downtown corridor and this will be extremely encouraging to other downtown businesses. A 9 x 13 ft area constructed with iron fences filled with tables will be left out during the summertime and offer customers outside dining options. Jim Knox is the current tenant (operator) with Mr. Jaber the property owner. Jennifer states this is a great atmosphere that we want to create this with other establishments in the Downtown area. Don Walters inquires as to how much room between the fence and the walkway, especially during festival time. He doesn't want a bottleneck area making it frustrating to travel the corridor. Mrs. Hummel questions if there is there a fee/donation or a rental agreement for this use of city property. Jennifer states there are no fees with this lease agreement. Liquor control requires a 3 ft high fence with limited access and these regulations will be accommodated. Mr. Flinn indicates he had the pleasure of seeing this business firsthand and is excited about its March opening. The other businesses may want to follow this lead. The Cashmere Cricket will offer soups, salads and gourmet sandwiches. It will create and enhance a great area.

*The committee recommends bringing out Temp. Ord. A-46*

The Public Affairs Committee Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.