

Present:

Committee

Councilmembers Gail Griffin, Amy Richter, Dave Voss and Chair, Alana Tucker

Council and Cheviot Employees

Councilmember RaeJean Hardig, Councilmember Kitty Zech, Councilmember Jim Sunderhaus, Mayor Sam Keller, Law Director Kim Rohr and Safety Service Director Tom Braun

Members of the public:

Cheviot residents Debbie Slaughter and Kerry Smyth

Public Comment:

Victor Vidas, Cheviot Business owner – Rooties
Eileen Borgmann, Cheviot business owner – Hops and Vines, Fogerty's
Mike Blum, Cheviot resident and business owner – 2nd Street Saloon
John Hardig, Cheviot resident
Debbie Slaughter, Cheviot resident

Councilmember Tucker opened the Streets, Sidewalks and Traffic (SST) Committee by outlining the agenda and ensuring that every member of the public wishing to speak had filled out a speaker card. Each member of the public wishing to offer public comment was given 4 minutes to speak. The item for discussion in SST was business district sidewalk patios.

Five members of the public spoke during public comment, including, Victor Vidas, Cheviot Business owner, Eileen Borgmann, Cheviot business owner, Mike Blum, Cheviot resident and business owner, John Hardig, Cheviot resident and Debbie Slaughter, Cheviot resident.

Mr. Vidas expressed his support of sidewalk patios in Cheviot and discussed the benefit to his business since adding the sidewalk patio. He disclosed that his business spent \$2,500 in the creation of the sidewalk patio at his business.

Ms. Borgmann expressed her support of sidewalk patios the benefit to her business since adding the sidewalk patio. She disclosed that her business spent \$3,200 in the creation of the sidewalk patio at her business

Mr. Blum expressed his support of sidewalk patios the benefit to his business since adding the sidewalk patio. He disclosed that his business spent \$1,200 in the creation of the sidewalk patio at his business.

Mr. Hardig expressed his support of the comments made by the Cheviot business owners. He asked what rules were in place for the process of allowing a business to have a sidewalk patio.

Ms. Slaughter expressed her support of the sidewalk patios. She did have concern that these patios should continue to be in compliance with ADA.

Law Director, Kim Rohr made the recommendation that moving forward, there should be a written license agreement between the City of Cheviot and the business owner for sidewalk patios. This license agreement should include an indemnification clause, similar to that of leased properties which protects both the City and the business owner.

Many Committee and Council members, along with the Safety Service Director were supportive of the written agreement recommended by the Law Director.

Councilmember Voss would like to see a hold on allowing additional businesses to build sidewalk patios until the Committee and Council has made a recommendation or passed legislation.

The Committee members and others participating in the meeting had much discussion about how to move forward as more businesses come to the City wishing to create a sidewalk patio. There was much discussion around the concerns of ADA compliance and accessibility for those using mobility devices and families with children and strollers.

Committee Chair Tucker took a vote of the SST Committee on moving forward with guidelines for sidewalk patios. The entire Committee was in support of creating guidelines.

Committee Chair Tucker asked the Law Director and Administration to prepare a written report detailing the options available on moving forward with creating guidelines, zoning changes, leases and or a combination of these options.

The Committee will schedule another meeting once the Law Director has prepared the requested report.

Alana Tucker, Chairwoman

Gail Griffin

Amy Richter

Dave Voss