

# #2010-28 Nighttime Entertainment Project Review for Planning and Zoning Commission

**Meeting Date:** May 5, 2010

**Zoning Requests:** Special Use Permit to allow a lounge.

**Location:** 5831 Northwest Highway, Suite C.

Acreage: Site: 2.08 acres

**Existing Zoning:** "B-2" General Commercial

**Surrounding Properties:** North: "B-2 PUD" General Commercial PUD

South: "B-2 PUD" General Commercial PUD

East: "B-2" General Commercial West: "B-2" General Commercial

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#### **Background:**

The property in question is the former Great Escape store, approximately 30,000-square-foot in area, located on Northwest Highway, east of Main Street. The property is zoned "B-2" General Commercial. It is the petitioner's intent to locate a lounge with dancing on Friday and Saturday nights within a tenant suite at this location. The use is classified as a 'Drinking Place' per the Unified Development Ordinance and is a Special Use in the "B-2" district.

#### **Land Use Analysis:**

The property is located at 5831 Northwest Highway. However, access to the site is from Rosenthal Drive and Heritage Drive. At this time, the only tenant in this building, Designer Shoe Discount, occupies the tenant suite at the eastern end of the building. For the past three years, Halloween Express has occupied an approximately 22,000-square-feet tenant space from around September to November.

The petitioner is requesting a Special Use for a Drinking Place to allow a lounge with dancing on Friday and Saturday nights at this location. The lounge will be approximately 6,000-square-feet in area including toilets, office and storage space. It appears from the floor plan presented that additional area in the rear of the building is available to this tenant space. No demising wall along the rear between this tenant space and the space to the east is shown on the drawing. However, it

appears that no improvements are being proposed for this space. The petitioner has indicated that there will be no kitchen on-site; therefore no food will be prepared on-site.

#### **Parking:**

There are 83 parking spaces at this location. In 1995, the City Council granted a variation to allow a reduced parking setback and a reduction in the required number of parking spaces. In addition, a condition of the approval stated that "all general retail uses, not including those listed in Table 3 "Design Capacity Requirements" in the Zoning Ordinance shall be permitted regardless of the actual usage area". Since variations run with the land indefinitely, this allows all uses permitted in the "B-2" district that are not specifically listed in "Table 3" of the (erstwhile) Zoning Ordinance to locate without any parking variations. "Table 3" is appended to this report for the Commission's reference.

Per the parking requirements in Article 4-200 of the UDO, Drinking Places are required to provide 1 parking space per 3 seats of design capacity or 1 parking space per 150 square feet of the gross floor area, whichever is greater. Based on the floor plan, it appears that there are approximately 112 seats provided. This generates a parking requirement of 37 spaces. A gross floor area of 6000-square-feet (not including the unutilized space in the rear) generates a parking requirement of 40 spaces.

At this time, there are no other potential co-tenants that will occupy the remaining tenant spaces. If future tenants are retail uses not specifically listed in Table 3, no parking variations will be necessary. If future co-tenants are uses specified in Table 3, parking requirements will be computed based on the floor area of each use. If the parking requirement cannot be met, variations will be necessary. However, it should be noted that peak hours for retail and personal service uses are different from the peak hours for a lounge/bar use which are typically later hours.

#### Comprehensive Land Use Plan 2020 Vision Summary Review:

The Comprehensive Plan designates the subject property Commerce, which is defined as: "representing existing commercial areas and indicates areas for future commercial uses."

Within the Commerce/Office/Industrial Land Use section of the Comprehensive Plan, the following applicable goals and objectives are observed by allowing this Special Use Permit:

# Objective #1: Promote Crystal Lake as a center of business activity and economic growth both locally and regionally.

Maintain a diversity of commercial, office and industrial uses throughout the City to create a more sustainable local economy that has the ability to meet the different personal and business needs of the people in the City.

# Objective #2: Encourage business development that maximizes links to related businesses, infrastructure, and customers.

Encourage business development along major roads, railroads and the bicycle route network to encourage the movement of goods and people as smoothly and as timely as possible.

#### **Findings of Fact:**

#### SPECIAL USE PERMIT

The petitioner is requesting approval of a Special Use Permit to allow a Drinking Place. Due to their unique nature, Special Uses require separate review because of their potential to impact surrounding properties and the orderly development of the City.

Section 2-400 of the Unified Development Ordinance establishes the general standard for all Special Uses in Crystal Lake. The criteria are as follows:

1.	That the proposed use is necessary or desirable, at the location involved, to provide a service or facility which will further the public convenience and contribute to the general welfare of the neighborhood or community.
	☐ Meets ☐ Does not meet
2.	That the proposed use will not be detrimental to the value of other properties or improvements in the vicinity.
	☐ Meets ☐ Does not meet
3.	That the proposed use will comply with the regulations of the zoning district in which it is located and this Ordinance generally, including, but not limited to, all applicable yard and bulk regulations, parking and loading regulations, sign control regulations, watershed, wetlands, and flood plain regulations, Building and Fire Codes and all other applicable City Ordinances.
	☐ Meets ☐ Does not meet
4.	That the proposed use will not negatively impact the existing off-site traffic circulation; will adequately address on-site traffic circulation; will provide adequate on-site parking facilities; and, if required, will contribute financially, in proportion to its impact, to upgrading roadway and parking systems.
5.	That the proposed use will not negatively impact existing public utilities and municipal service delivery systems and, if required, will contribute financially, in proportion to its impact, to the upgrading of public utility systems and municipal service delivery systems.
6.	That the proposed use will not impact negatively on the environment by creating air, noise, or water pollution; ground contamination; or unsightly views.
	☐ Meets ☐ Does not meet
7.	That the proposed use will maintain, where possible, existing mature vegetation; provide adequate screening to residential properties; provide landscaping in forms of ground covers, trees and shrubs; and provide architecture, which is aesthetically appealing,

	standards, as further detailed in Article 4, Development and Design Standards.
	☐ Meets ☐ Does not meet
8.	That the proposed use will meet standards and requirements established by jurisdictions other than the City such as Federal, State or County statutes requiring licensing procedures or health/safety inspections, and submit written evidence thereof.     Meets   Does not meet
9.	That the proposed use shall conform to any stipulations or conditions approved as part of a Special Use Permit issued for such use.
10.	☐ <i>Meets</i> ☐ <i>Does not meet</i> That the proposed use shall conform to the standards established for specific special uses as provided in this section.
	☐ Meets ☐ Does not meet

Additionally, Section 2-400 C of the UDO, establishes specific criteria for consideration before the issuance of a Special Use Permit for Drinking Places.

- a. Screening: Any bars, taverns, nightclubs and lounges located adjacent to a residential property shall provide a 6 foot tall solid screen consisting of a solid wooden fence along the perimeters of the property, in accordance with the provisions of Article 4-700, Fences, Walls and Screening.
  - *Not Applicable. The property is surrounded on all sides by commercially zoned property.*
- b. Entrance: 1 clearly-marked, main entrance for all patrons to enter and exit from, exclusive of fire exits or other required points of ingress and egress must be provided.
  - One entrance is being proposed on the north side of the building. Entry into the bar/dance area is through a reception room.
- c. Live music: If live music is to be played, in-wall sound-barriers or other means to prevent sound from traveling beyond the property lines of the subject property must be provided. Any amplified sound as measured at the closest property line of the closest adjoining property, must not exceed 55 decibels where adjoining residential property and 65 decibels where adjoining non-residential property.
  - If live music is to be provided, the petitioner shall provide proof at building permit that all sound-proofing requirements are being met.

#### **Recommended Conditions:**

If a motion to recommend approval of the Special Use Permit is made, the following are recommended as conditions of approval:

- 1) Approved plans, to reflect staff and advisory board comments, as approved by the City Council:
  - A. Application, received 4-13-10
  - B. ALTA/ACSM Land Title Survey, Mionske, dated 9-5-2003, received 4-13-10
  - C. Floor Plan, JAKL, dated 3-8-10, received 4-13-10
- 2) This Special Use Permit is granted specifically to this applicant based on the floor plans submitted. An increase in the intensity of the use beyond what is indicated in the application is not permitted. A change in ownership will require a new Special Use Permit.
- 3) All proposed signage shall meet the requirements of the Unified Development Ordinance for Commercial Signs (Article 4-1000 F)
- 4) The petitioner shall address <u>all</u> comments of the Planning and Economic Development, Engineering and Building, Public Works, Fire Rescue and Police Departments.

D. Certain uses regardless of the zoning district, except for B-4 Downtown Business District, require specific design capacities in order to ensure adequate parking. Examples of uses and their parking requirements are listed in Table 3, Design Capacity Requirements. Uses requiring specific design capacities not included in the Table 3 are subject to review and approval of the Zoning Administrator.

Table 3
Design Capacity Requirements

Use	Spaces Required	Design Capacity
Assembly facility	1	per 4 seats
Bar/lounge/tavern	1	per 3 seats
Bed-and-breakfast	1+	per guest room +
	2	per owner
Beauty/barber shop	8	per 1,000 square feet of usable area
Commercial recreation		
Billiard parlor	2	per l table
Health club	1+	per 100 square feet +
	1	per 2 employees
Racquetball court	4	per court
Swimming pool	1	per 4 persons
Other recreation uses	1	per 4 seats or persons
Day care	1	per employee +
	1+	per 6 children
Furniture store	2	per 1,000 square fect
Hotel/motel	1+	per room +
	I	per 2 employees on maximum shift
Institutional uses		
Hospital	1+	per bed +
	1	per 2 employees on maximum shift
High school	1+	per 4 students +
	1	per employee
Nursing home	1+	per 4 beds +
	1	per 2 employees on maximum shift
Post office	4+	per customer station +
	1+	per 2 employees +
	1+	per vehicle

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# Table 3 Design Capacity Requirements

Use	Spaces Required	Design Capacity
Medical office	8	per 1,000 square feet of usable area
Overnight accommodations	1	per person
Private club	1	per 3 seats
Golf course	4	per hole
Restaurant	1+	per 3 seats +
	1+	per 2 employees +
Carryout	1	per 15 square feet of customer service area
Self-service storage facility	1+	per 20 stalls +
	5	per 1,000 square feet of usable area

### § 650-42. Traffic studies. [Amended 8-19-2003 by Ord. No. 5693]

The City requires that developers pay the City for the expense of conducting traffic studies, through one of the City's approved traffic consultants. Any special use permits, including preliminary PUDs and all new commercial (including office and retail), industrial and residential projects which are expected to generate more than 100 vehicle trips per peak hour, in accordance with standards established by the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) shall be required to submit a traffic study. In addition:

- A. Any proposed subdivision or resubdivision may require a traffic analysis if, due to the creation of the new lot(s), public road access safety issues are introduced.
- B. Projects that are expected to generate less than 100 vehicle trips per peak hour may also be subject to a traffic analysis if the project presents site-specific safety issues, as determined by the City Council and City staff, including but not limited to the following:
  - (1) Off site conditions that may require a study by a City consultant:
    - (a) If the proposed access to an existing arterial or collector road (limited access roads) poses a safety concern due to daily traffic (ADT) or peak hour traffic loads.
    - (b) If for safety and/or efficiency, there needs to be an investigation of shared access or cross-access potential.
    - (c) If the location of existing driveways or intersections creates safety issues in terms of visibility and separation from the proposed access point(s).

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## CITY OF CRYSTAL LAKE **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION**



Office Use Only File #

PROJECT TITLE: Nightime Entertainment, Inc. Special Use Permit

## Action Requested:

Annexation Variation

APR 1 3 2010 Rezoning Conceptual PUD Review

X Special Use Permit Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Preliminary Plat of Subdivision Preliminary PUD

Final Plat of Subdivision Final Planned Unit Development

Other: Final PUD Amendment

PETITIONER: OWNER (IF DIFFERENT):

Name: Nightime Entertainment, Inc. Name: Cross Country Partners LLC

Address: 350 Corrine Avenue Address: 215 N. Main Street

> Crystal Lake, IL 60014 Algonquin, IL 60102

Phone: 815-341-0987 Phone: 815-793-5994

Fax: 816-344-8142 Fax:

#### Property Information:

Project Description: The Petitioner is requesting a Special Use Permit for a Drinking Place at 5831 Northwest Highway. Petitioner, as a tenant at Suite C in the property, desires to establish a new upscale lounge with dancing on Friday and Saturday nights. It is anticipated that the Owner will be conducting the buildout of the interior of the space for the new use and also making façade improvements on the exterior of the building.

Project Address/Location: The common address is 5831 Northwest Highway, Crystal Lake, Illinois.

PIN Number(s): 19-09-101-010

## Development Team

Please include address, phone, fax, and e-mail

Developer:
Architect:
Attorney: Lisa M. Waggoner, 4 N. Walkup Ave., Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014; 815 477 0830; (FAX) 815 477 0834
Engineer:
Landscape Architect:
Planner:
Surveyor:
Other:
Signatures:
Nightime Entertainment, Inc. By:
Carmen Tronolone April 9 th 2010
PETITIONER: Print and Sign name (if different from owner)  Date
As owner of the property in question, I hereby authorize the seeking of the above requested action.
Cross Country Partners LLC By:
DAN KERNES ( 2010
OWNER: Print and Sign name Date

NOTE: If the subject property is held in trust, the trust officer must sign this petition as owner. In addition, the trust officer must provide a letter which names all beneficiaries of the trust.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

BEFORE THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CRYSTAL LAKE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICA-TION OF Cross Country Partners, LLC, as Owners, and Nightime En-tertainment, Inc., as Lessee

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in compli-ance with the Unified Development Ordinance of the City of Crystal Loke, illinois, that a public hearing will be held before the Ptanning and Zoning Commission of the City of Crystal Lake upon the applica-lion of Cross Country Partners, LLC, as Owners, Nightime Entertainment, Inc., as Lessee, relating to the prop-erty located at 5831 Northwest Highway, Suite C, Crystal Lake, Illi-nois, and having permanent Index number 19-09-101-010, (the "Subject Property").

This application is filed for the purpose of requesting a Special Use Permit for a Drinking Place, pursuant to the requirements of Section 2-400C-18 of the Crystal Lake Unified Development Ordinance and for such other variances that may be required for the Proposed use to be located at the Subject Property.

A public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding this request will be held at 7:30 p.m. on May 5, 2010, at the City of Crystal Lake City Hall, 100 West Woodstock Street, at which time and place any person desiring to be heard may be present.

Thomas Hayden, Chair Planning and Zoning Commission City of Crystal Lake (Published in the Northwest Herald April 20, 2010)



