



other non-conformities associated with the Cougar Cottage because of its prominence as an issue, both past and present, with respect to this particular conditional use.

Entered into the record Staff Report No. 12-8 with Attachments A-C as Exhibit No. 1.

Entered into the record an email from the College Hill Association, dated August 17, 2012, as Exhibit No. 2.

Entered into the record a letter from Lucas Nurmi, dated August 15, 2012, as Exhibit No. 3.

BOB CADY  
409 NE "G" Street  
Pullman, WA 99163

Applicant and owner of the Cougar Cottage. He submitted that he has resisted making this change to his liquor license for some time, but now feels that the change must be made in order to remain competitive as a business because the cultural shift has been away from drinking beer towards drinking spirits. He asserted that the Cougar Cottage will maintain its current culture; the values and services are not changing, they are just adding more items to their menu.

Answered a question about any taverns in town that just sell beer and wine by indicating that the Cougar Cottage is the only establishment that does so, and there are only a handful remaining in the state, whereas 15 years ago they were everywhere. Answered a question about service to minors by stating that selling food to minors currently accounts for approximately 20% of the Cougar Cottage's business, but they will no longer be allowed in because the installation of a permanent 42" barrier required by the liquor law would trigger a recalculation of the occupancy load and would significantly reduce their occupancy.

JOHN McMULLAN  
900 NE "C" Street  
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President of the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC), attending on behalf of the residential Greek community in the College Hill area. They are in support of the Cougar Cottage receiving this additional spirits permit for their liquor license due to the Greek community struggling with locations for third party vendors to hold social events as they try to move alcohol away from Chapter facilities as recommended by their national organizations.

McMullan answered a question about his proximity to the Cougar Cottage by stating that he moved into Lambda Chi Alpha in September 2008 and is the former Chapter President of Lambda Chi Alpha, so he was a neighbor with the Cougar Cottage for a number of years. Also responded that the Cougar Cottage could

be rented out for social events as a “Beer/Wine Restaurant”, but it is not a viable option for some chapters because of the cultural shift away from beer and towards spirits.

**KALLAHER**

Called for additional proponents – no response.  
Call for opponents – no response.  
Call for neutral parties – no response.  
Closed the public input portion of the hearing.

**DISCUSSION**

Board members determined that on-site parking would not be a viable requirement due to the size of the lot. Beaumont commented that the support of the College Hill Association “means a lot.”

**MOTION**

Chapman moved to accept Findings of Fact Nos. 1-24 as prepared by staff. Seconded by Beaumont and passed unanimously.

**MOTION**

Beaumont moved to accept Conclusions Nos. 1-9 as prepared by staff. Seconded by Vik and passed unanimously.

**MOTION**

Vik moved to approve the amendment to Conditional Use Permit No. C-01-5 subject to the two conditions/provisions prepared by staff. Seconded by Beaumont and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

No new business at this time. Dickinson did indicate that the Board will be meeting to hear an appeal in the coming months.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

September 17, 2012 – no conflicts noted.

October 15, 2012 – no conflicts noted

November 19, 2012 – Chapman indicated a conflict; Board members came to a consensus that this is a bad week because it is the week of Thanksgiving.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

**ATTEST:**

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Chairperson

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Planning Director

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Secretary