

# Nob Hill Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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de Anza Motor Lodge

## Nob Hill Neighborhood Association Statement on Possible Beer Garden

Thank you, Jim, for reaching out to our association for input and an expression of support for a temporary (5+/- year) use of the restaurant pad at the motor lodge. We sent your plan out to our list serve and to our board on June 1, 2020 asking our neighbors for to comment and/or to participate in the discussion at our NHNA board meeting June 3. We also forwarded a preliminary design sketch and your contact information.

In your materials you stated that the Restaurant Pad is eventually targeted for a two story building that will complement the residential units. With the economic impact to existing restaurants (expected 60% to close), the marketing and demand time has probably been extended five years from 2020.

Leaving the site vacant has concerns that impact the residential units and East Nob Hill activity. Therefore a temporary use you are considering is an open beer garden with family entertainment. The design is to have containers for the Bar and freezer area, restrooms, and restaurant. All tables will be outside, allowing safer surroundings.

The De Anza Beer Garden will be a brewery, creating some of their own recipes. The balance of the beer will be guest kegs from other Albuquerque breweries. It will only be open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Special events may take place during the week. Hours of operation will be from 10 AM to 10 PM, always making sure events end prior to midnight so that residents and neighborhoods are not disturbed.

Large trees, colorful canopies, exterior lights will be throughout, a theme that supports Route 66 and the De Anza. Ping-Pong tables, Corn hole, and other activities will be included on site. Occupancy is expected not to exceed 50 people at any one time.

This is a temporary use, not disregarding the original concept. It will need to gain neighborhood support and City approvals. The goal would be to have it operational March/April 2021.

We received 8 email responses from the community. To quote a few: love beer garden, love space activated, sounds cool, great idea for use of the space, I am OK with this, sounds like a great idea.

Reservations were attached to three: (1) need fence and plantings on Central; (2) grateful murals are protected. Not sure another beer resource is beneficial but with time limits for service and 5 year life it could be acceptable (3) if it does not impact mural restoration it sounds like a great idea.

You have pointed out that the murals are safe under the amenity building to the north and not associated with the beer garden.

On June 3, 2020 our board voted unanimously in support of the beer garden with family games concept outlined in your materials quoted above and expressed eagerness to participate in the planning work leading to its eventual completion.

Respectfully yours,

(signed)

Gary Eyster, President