Old Abe Use of 828 7th NW

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Introduction

Old Abe has been part of the Washington Cook Park neighborhood since 2017. We took a 1950 house that was no longer suitable for residence because of its location in a commercial district and converted it to a café. In the last 7+ years we have created a neighborhood spot to relax, drop in, and meet while increasing the city's tax base and giving back to the community. We've supported improvements in Cook Park and numerous neighborhood operations as well as helped the Washington Neighborhood get restarted.

About our Project

After acquiring the 828 law office house next to the original location, we'd like to begin the process of migrating out outdoor activities to the east closer to Cook Park so that park users can take advantage of outdoor seating while watching/playing pickleball. We also plan to add about 6 to 8 seats in the building. This will also add another bathroom to our operation.

The Application Process

Applicant meets with City Teammates to review application requirements



GET INVOLVED:

Attend Applicant-hosted Neighborhood Information Meeting



Applicant submits
Development
Application within 30
days of Neighborhood
Information Meeting



Applicant completes other required applications & sign-offs (i.e. building permit, grading permit, etc.)



If application meets all requirements, application is approved



Full Application Review by City, County, & State departments within 14 days of receiving application

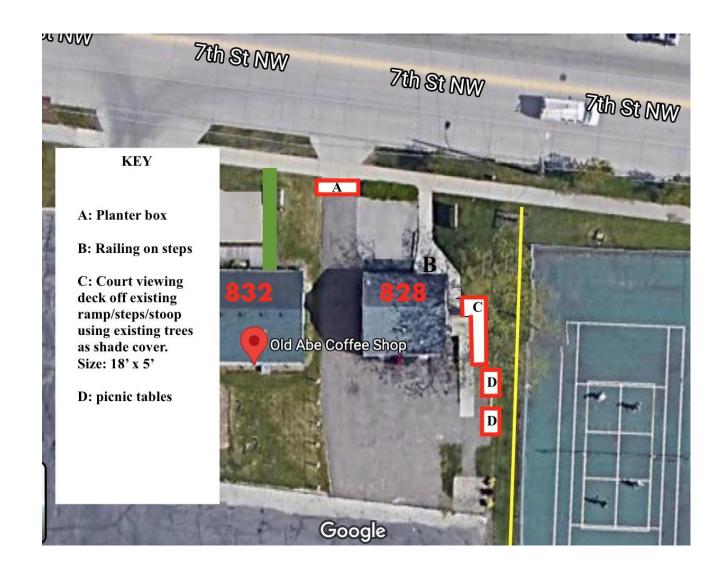


Applicant proceeds with Project

Site Plan

Very little change to the building will happen. We will be updating the existing steps and ramp to make them compliant with accessibility requirements. This includes railings etc. We will add a temporary planter box to block the exiting driveway at 828 to prevent cars from driving into an area that may have people moving between buildings.

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Building Elevation

No changes will be made to the existing building elevation with the exception of the added deck which will be 24 inchest off the ground to match the existing entry elevation.



Photometric Plan

No changes will be made to current outdoor lighting.

Traffic Impacts

We anticipate that these changes will have negligible impact on traffic. The blocking of the driveway will improve safety as it will close use f one of the abundant existing driveways on 7th St NW.

Q&A

Still have Questions?

Contact the City of Rochester's Community Development Department with any questions about this application type via email communitydevelopment@rochestermn.gov or phone (507-328-2600).