



City of New Bedford

IN COMMITTEE

December 06, 2022

The Honorable City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Special Committee on Cannabis Regulation and Host Community Agreements Review at a Meeting held on Thursday, November 17, 2022, considered a COMMUNICATION, Council President Morad, submitting copies of emails to and from Martha Worley, Worleybeds Factory Outlet, 197 Pope's Island, New Bedford, MA, regarding Ms. Worley's opposition to a Zoning Waiver for a recreational cannabis business at 161 Pope's Island (Ref'd 02/28/19).

On motion by Councillor Burgo and seconded by Councillor Lima, the Committee VOTED: To recommend that the City Council take "No Further Action" on the COMMUNICATION, Council President Morad, submitting copies of emails to and from Martha Worley, Worleybeds Factory Outlet, 197 Pope's Island, New Bedford, MA, regarding Ms. Worley's opposition to a Zoning Waiver for a recreational cannabis business at 161 Pope's Island. This motion passed on a voice vote.

IN SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CANNABIS
REGULATION AND HOST COMMUNITY
AGREEMENTS REVIEW

Ryan J. Pereira

Councillor Ryan J. Pereira, Vice-Chairman

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On Feb 13, 2019, at 3:12 PM, Worley Beds <worleybeds@gmail.com> wrote:

President Morad and City Councilors,

I would like to express in the strongest terms my opposition to the efforts being made to accommodate a recreational cannabis business at 161 Popes Island by granting them a zoning waiver. My business is located at 197 Popes Island and I have been here since 1993. Not only is Marine Park located directly across the street, but as I am sure you are aware, Noah's Playground is also there. It seems unfathomable to me that that the council would even entertain a waiver for the very first establishment that is requesting a license to operate under an ordinance that was unanimously passed by this body. The absence of any opposition by the existing business community on the island is due to the fact that we have been unaware of when the subject will come before the council and therefore, left out of the process. May I humbly request notification when this will come before you in the future so that I and my business neighbors can be heard on this? I support and want retail and commercial businesses to thrive in New Bedford, but having a cannabis business across the street from a park and a big, very popular playground is shortsighted and just a bad idea.

Respectfully,

Martha Worley



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From: lindamoradatlargecouncillor@aol.com

Date: February 13, 2019 at 7:19:54 PM EST

To: Worley Beds <worleybeds@gmail.com>

Cc: lindamoradatlargecouncillor@aol.com, dennis.farias@newbedford-ma.gov, newbedfordcitycouncil@newbedford-ma.gov

Subject: Re: Zoning waiver request for Whisk & Jane

Dear Ms. Worley

Thank you for taking the time to send along your comments and concerns regarding the Zoning Waiver request of Whisk & Jane.

I want to be sure you are aware that the waiver request you reference is not being heard by the New Bedford City Council but by the City's Zoning Board of Appeals. That public hearing is tentatively scheduled for March 21, 2019.

The Zoning Board members are dedicated volunteers that listen to both sides of issues presented before them and strongly take into consideration the concerns of the abutting residents and business owners.

I hope you and the other business owners that you referenced in your message will attend that Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to state your opposition to the waiver being petitioned for.

Further, I will be sure to record your email as part of the official records of the City Council and with your permission, share your email with the Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Please advise if that would be acceptable to you.

Thank you again Ms. Worley for sending along this message. Please feel free to call me directly should you wish to discuss this issue further. I've noted my home phone number below.

Linda Morad
New Bedford City Council President
Councillor At Large
4162 Acushnet Avenue
New Bedford, MA 02745
Home Telephone: 508-995-8009

From: Worley Beds <worleybeds@gmail.com>

Date: February 14, 2019 at 9:21:53 AM EST

To: lindamoradatlargecouncillor@aol.com

Subject: Re: Zoning waiver request for Whisk & Jane

Dear Linda,

Thank you for being so responsive. You may share my email with the Chair of the ZBA. I plan to be at that meeting. If you have any questions for me, please feel free to call me as well.

Thank you.

Martha Worley