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Hello Lindsey, The BCRHM Board of Directors would like to welcome you to the Historic Sullivan Barn. We look forward to collaborating with your organization to hopefully generate greater visibility, more visitors as well as additional richer experiences for the public as well as many other benefits by having your organization as our neighbor. Please feel free to contact us if there is anything we can do to help your organization during your transition.

Best Regards,

Doug Sturdivant, Chair, Battle Creek Regional History Museum
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From: Larry Rizer <architects.inc@prodigy.net>
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Subject: Planning Commission Special Use Permit V21-0043

Kristen, July 28 planning commission is to take action on Bright Light Early Care & Education opening a daycare in Sullivan Historic Dairy Barn at 49 south Cass Street. The site changed December 12, 2020 from being zoned Industrial to newly zoned T-4 Commercial and daycare has to be approved by special use permit even though two daycares already exist (federal center and across from central high school) in the new zoning. If affirmative action takes place we need city commission approval ASAP on August 3rd and not allow delay to August 17 meeting. We have construction bids that will expire if any more delays are encountered via city processing. Please use your influence to get July 28 affirmative action before city commission on August 3rd. Larry Rizer, secretary of Historic Dairy Barn LLC . Thank you !

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Subject: Special Use Permit petition V21-0043

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To planning commission members,

I am writing to ask your approval of Special Use Permit petition number V21-0043 for "Bright Light Early Care & Education". It is a new start up daycare by a local entrepreneur (Lindsey Potter) who has extensive experience in the management of multiple daycares partially funded by the Battle Creek Community Foundation in recent years.

As secretary of the Historic (Sullivan) Dairy Barn LLC we are repurposing the office use into a daycare use. This is due in part to an oversupply of office space in the downtown area and a result of recent work from home initiatives. We want to avoid the barn becoming another vacant or underutilized building in the west end neighborhood.

Lindsey Potter and her family have operated a daycare, her mother (Abbey Green) is a CPA and her father (Leo Green) is a residential building contractor/cabinet maker. The proposed daycare programing is aimed to achieve state licensing "Five Star" rating and have infant care, toddler, preschool, early education and latch key after school services which are needed in the region.

The Historic Barn and site improvements was developed into offices in 2003 at a cost of over one million dollars. Eighteen years later it is ready for a new purpose that will energize the neighborhood again. Historically the barn partnered with adjacent property owners in the cost of site maintenance and services, and shared parking. Recent years changes in ownership of adjacent buildings disconnected those relationships. We anticipate new relationships will be re-established among the three buildings to proportionally and cooperatively share site uses, services and maintenance to save costs and rebuild a sense of community.

This new business venture anticipates no city or BCU incentives and is privately funded (the risks are on us) but we need your approvals to make it happen. It is a grass roots, self start, pick me up business venture by qualified local people which is very needed in this community.

Recent changes in the zoning of this region of the city has put us in this predicament of having to apply for this special use permit even though two other existing daycare sites are already functioning in the newly established T4 Commercial zoning. This application is therefor consistent with existing uses in the district and supports future residential use in the recently rezoned properties west of Cass street.

Thank you for your service to the city and please support this proposed positive development by approving the aforementioned special permit application.

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