

My name is Donna Bruns and my address is 1225 S 7th St, in Manitowoc.

I'm here to address the Conditional Use Permit applications submitted by Restoration Recovery. I live across the street from 1222 S 7th St.

I need to ensure you understand I am a strong supporter of those in their recovery and healing journeys, and am fully aware of the need for recovery homes and support centers.

This brings me to tell you I am concerned about the quality of Restoration Recovery's business and operations.

I've had encounters with Restoration Recovery staff, as a citizen, at the exterior of both their locations.

The first being at 1201 S 10th St in which I reported to the police. I then informed administration at the Lighthouse Recovery Center of my experience and my genuine concern for the residents' mental health with the appearance of lack of maintenance to the exterior of the home. Inasmuch Lighthouse Recovery is not responsible for that location, communication did occur regarding maintenance.

The second encounter was in front of my home and on my property. A police report could have been filed, but none was. A good neighbor attempts to communicate, to resolve conflicts/issues.

After discovery that 1222 S 7th St would be operating as an alcohol/drug recovery home, I contacted Paul Braun, City Planner, who then communicated neither location had applied for Conditional Use Permits.

Guidelines for recovery and transitional homes are published for those who operate recovery businesses and those accepted into those homes. It reduces the stigma for those living in recovery homes by showing commitment to their community.

Vetting and support by recovery organizations and businesses provides validation for how recovery home guidelines will be followed, respectfully and realistically.

Restoration Recovery services doesn't have any ties to Manitowoc, that I've seen. On their applications they do not provide a business plan, their good neighbor policy, nor references.

The City of Manitowoc and its citizens have been disrespected by Restoration Recovery and Richart Properties by not following Manitowoc's zoning codes and applying for a Conditional Use Permit - for either location. And had no plans to.

For the benefit of those citizens observing this meeting, The Conditional Use Permit application process on The City's website shows the stages of application permits: The first being Project Proposal Created - Based on Code Requirements; Neighborhood Meeting - Recommended for larger projects, Application Submitted, Staff Review and then to the Plan Commission for Discussion

Applicant starts project after complying with the Terms and Conditions Of that Approval (if any) and Obtaining other Approvals (if required).

I support quality transitional residences that provide a clear understanding of what the goals are for their businesses.

What is the difference between a transitional alcohol/drug rehab house and an undefined term/length of stay boarding house for those who celebrate and live sober living?

I request, that The City request, Restoration Recovery to reapply for the conditional use permits as outlined on the City website, and include a neighborhood meeting. Following this appropriate application process, the Plan Commission then place Restoration Recovery's request for a Conditional Use Permit and discussion on the agenda.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak with you.