

Business: Appeal heads to council on March 15

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business out of my home, I could have a scheduling flexibility necessary to share child care responsibilities. Providing for my family while also being present in my child's life are values that are very important to me."

Stephen Fulton and his sister, Sara Orr, who live across from Gutierrez in a property owned by a family trust, appealed Gutierrez's business, along with neighbor Don Heiner.

Fulton and Orr complained of constant buzzing noise when Gutierrez is working. They argued that his business had been operating illegally before seeking a home occupation license, and that the city should require a zone change and analyze the impact of the business on the neighborhood.

City code on home businesses prohibits the on-site repair or assembly of vehicles and equipment with combustible engines. The neighbors contend city staff interpreted the code too narrowly, potentially allowing Gutierrez to run a full-service auto body repair shop.

"It is obvious that the intent of the code language is to prohibit the nuisance of any automotive repair, not just repair of engines," the appellants wrote.

The issue of Gutierrez's business has divided neighbors on 34th Street.



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Will Gutierrez was approved by the Astoria Planning Commission to run an auto-detailing business out of his Uppertown home. The approval has been appealed to the Astoria City Council.

Anne Odom, who lives next to Fulton, argued that Gutierrez had addressed her concerns about noise by limiting hours, switching to quieter electric equipment and testing decibel levels at her house to ensure she could not hear him working.

"Will has done everything he can do to make this business, (with) which he is just trying to support his family," Odom said. "As we know, that's very difficult in a small town."

The appellants called the change to quieter electric

equipment "appreciated but irrelevant. The code is clear: If the noise cannot be contained on-site, the requested use must be prohibited."

The appeal also took issue with potentially hazardous runoff and that Gutierrez would not be subject to the same inspection and record-keeping requirements of a business in a commercial area. Gutierrez explained that he plans to use biodegradable cleaners and a low-flow system for washing vehicles.

Planning commission-

ers were convinced Gutierrez had appeased concerns and that his business, if restricted in hours and number of vehicles per week, would not adversely impact the neighborhood.

"I would definitely not be in favor of this if it were 10 or 20 (vehicles) per week, but this is something (where) we're talking three customers per week," Commissioner Chris Womack said.

The appeal goes before the City Council on March 15.



Edward Stratton/The Astorian

'Safe,' the oil painting on wood panel by John Wesley Willis honoring the firefighters who saved his home and dog, will be on display at the Labor Temple Diner & Bar through Second Saturday Art Walk in March.

Rescue: Painting will go on display at the Labor Temple Diner & Bar

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Groat said a lieutenant sent him inside to assess where the smoke was coming from.

"That's when I saw the dog running around the downstairs and tried to corral him and get him outside," he said. "Then I go upstairs, and was able to find the room that was on fire, and we got a hose line up there and was able to knock it down from spreading any further."

Willis said it took four months to repair the damage to his art studio, during which time he thought of how to thank the people who had changed the

course of his life. He found an old cupboard bottom from the house, stained it and painted a fireman holding Orville in the driveway, a red fire hose snaking back into the house.

"I've been shaking my head ever since — one, at the impossible odds that they just drove by, and two, at how grateful I was that they just saved the day," Willis said.

The painting will go on display at the Labor Temple Diner & Bar, where Willis has an exhibit of cityscapes up through Second Saturday Art Walk in March. The painting will then go on display at the Astoria Fire Department.

Memorial: Planned for March 20 via Zoom

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GoFundMe page set up to support Chase's wife, Angeline, and their four sons.

"I have just an immense amount of gratitude towards the community in how they've come together in the deep, darkness of sorrow that we're dealing with," Angeline Chase said.

"They came together to help our family, and even though we have a lot of sadness and a lot of tears, them showing their love and their kindness and their generosity gives us moments of happiness.

"Todd affected so many people and we get to have that little bit of residual love from that. And we want to

just say that we love them by extension of Todd. If we didn't know them, we love them by extension of him."

When fishing was not in season, Chase ran a construction and pressure-washing business.

Angeline Chase described her husband as bubbly and full of life. She said he showed kindness to every-

one no matter what, and that he had the unique ability to become friends with anyone.

"I feel really honored to be able to have spent the time I had with him," she said.

A public memorial is planned for 2 p.m. on March 20 via Zoom, where people can join and share stories and memories of Chase.

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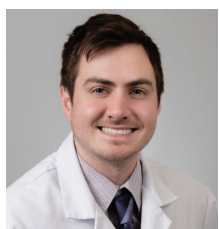
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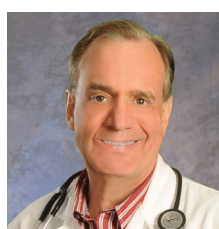
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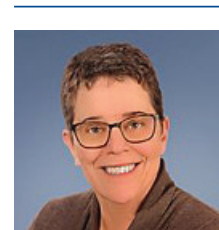


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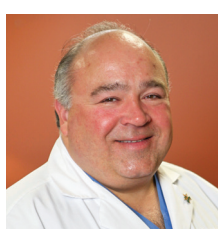
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