

mckinney knittery

September 28, 2020

Mark Doty
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Re: TIRZ Grant for McKinney Knittery and 117 W Louisiana Request for Extension

Mr. Doty,

Earlier this year, McKinney Knittery was awarded a TIRZ grant to restore and improve the front façade and store front on our new location at 117 W. Louisiana Street. The interior portions of the project had begun prior to this time and we had hoped to complete this part of the project in March or April of this year. At about this time the impacts of Covid-19 were beginning to be felt and along with most other retail businesses we were ordered to be closed. Not only did this impact our business but our contractor was unable to continue work on the renovations during these shutdowns.

When we were able to continue the remodel/construction, the Louisiana Street construction project was underway. The outside construction would have presented logistical challenges to our façade project. This combination of factors led to our decision to wait on the façade, and complete the interior construction so we could finish the move to our new space and safely reopen the business. We were able to open for business in the new location on July 6!

As a result of these factors, we will not be completing the project and submitting for reimbursement prior to the September 30, 2020 deadline as outlined in Section 1 of the TIRZ agreement.

Now that our move is complete (and successful !) and the street construction on the south side of Louisiana is nearly completed we are once again planning the façade work. Our goal would be to start this shortly after the holiday season with completion in approximately 30 days from when we confirm with our contractor. Of this 30 days, less than 2 weeks would involve actual construction at the site.

We would like to formally ask for an extension on the original grant request that would move the original deadline to April 30, 2021. This will give ample time for completing the project in the first quarter of 2021 and submitting all documentation for reimbursement.

Thank you for your consideration. If you need any additional documentation please let me know.

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