



# City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street  
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## Meeting Minutes

### GRANVILLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**Terri Brookshire, Cyndee Chatham, Robert H. Dodds, Jr.,  
Neva Hill, and George Hinton**

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#### 1. Roll call.

*Meeting convened: 9:05 A.M.*

*Members present: Dr. Terri Brookshire, Cyndee Chatham, Neva Hill, Natasha Dotson, Johonna Duckworth and George Hinton (9:10 A.M.) and Robert Dodds (9:33 A.M.)*

#### 2. Review and approval of the minutes of the February 7th meeting.

*Ms. Duckworth moved, seconded by Mr. Hill, for approval. There were no objections.*

#### 3. Discussion and possible vote on as of yet unnamed Semi-Truck Parking Business at 8225 N. 87th St.

*Matthew Kress is presenting on behalf of himself and his dad, Richard. This is more-or-less an expansion of his dad's current business with Matthew's mom, which is Night Stop Parking, which is overnight parking. This will be a different business, but the same principal. This is not a truck stop, but for long-term leases for parking of truck trailers. They can leave their personal vehicles when they are driving their equipment. His parents' current lot is full and the lot has been secured. They will have a fence, lights, security cameras, paved lot and safety is a top concern. There will not be on-site security with no other facilities available, although a small building may be added to function as a classroom for 6-8 people, bathroom facilities and a couple small offices. The renters will come and go, not be hanging around the parking lot. The majority of people will be around 6 a.m. to 10 p.m, but it is available 24 hours a day. They will be able to park about 70 tractor trailers in the lot. Ald. Taylor supports this business. There are no plans to have anyone on-site with regular hours and they will have to discuss how to provide contact information to community members. Customers will have his contact information if they have an emergency -*

*most leases run longer than a month, typically six months to a year. Ms. Duckworth recommended making contact information visible on a sign at the lot so community members could contact them if need be. He will do that. They may not open until next year.*

*Ald. Taylor met with the applicant and thinks he addressed all the common neighborhood concerns and she thought they would be a good fit.*

*Ms. Duckworth moved to recommend approval, seconded by Ms. Chatham. There were no objections.*

**4. Discussion and possible vote on 9425 Fuel, LLC at 9425 W. Brown Deer Rd.**

*Mr. Iqbal Singh is present as he wishes to extend his hours to 24-hours as he isn't it making it financially not operating 24 hours. When he took over the business, it was a 24-hour business. Ald. Taylor said that this business had been operating 24 hours, but there were safety concerns. She met with Mr. Singh and his wife and she said she would let him plead his case to GAC (he had appeared before them earlier). Ald. Taylor said there are no additional items on the police report since they've been closing at midnight. Ms. Chatham asked if he did any financial analysis on what adding the hours would do financially. The business was financially viable when it was open 24 hours. Ms. Dotson is concerned that there are 4 bars that let out at the same time and those crowds go to an open gas station. Mr. Singh is only asking to be open until 2 a.m. (currently he closes at midnight). He is amenable to being closed from 2 a.m. to 5 a.m. The pumps are shut off when the station is closed.*

*Ms. Duckworth moved for approval to extend the hours until 2 a.m. Ms. Hill and Mr. Dodds opposed.*

*Ms. Dotson asked what the buy-back is into the community? He will assist the community as requested.*

**5. Discussion and possible vote on Speedway at 9091 N. 76th St.**

*There are a number of items on the police report and they need to meet with her.*

*No one present on this matter who is able to speak.*

*This matter was tabled.*

*David Griffin was present, but had technical issues, which have now been resolved.*

*Mr. Griffin is the area leader, newly assigned to this district. He just took over a matter of weeks ago. He is a 37-year veteran of Speedway and he will be working on general clean-up and getting staff into this location. He is meeting with the security team to put in a new system. He will meet with Ald. Taylor. They reduced their hours from a 24-hour location to an 18-hour location.*

*Ald. Taylor said this particular Speedway had 26 police reports, 4 of which involved subjects with a gun as well as battery and vehicle theft. She is not likely to support a provisional license. She does appreciate that they are changing over their management staff. If a provisional license is not approved, the business will need to close until licenses are obtained.*

*Ms. Duckworth lives in the area, but avoids this gas station; she never goes there. Never. She doesn't feel safe and it isn't clean, in her opinion. She thinks there are a number of things that need to be addressed under the new management and she would like to know how they are going to be addressed. She needs to see a clear plan. GAC does not approve an extension just because they need it; there are plenty of other gas/food providers in the neighborhood. Ms. Dotson also never goes to this station; there are rude employees, safety concerns as a woman and thinks maybe this business needs to shut down. The apartments across the street are also problematic. Ms. Dotson also thinks they should shut down to re-group. She wouldn't support them at this point. Mr. Dodds would like him to come back in 6 months to talk about the changes/improvements that have been made, and return every 6 months*

*thereafter. He says the location isn't safe, although it is strategic.  
Mr. Griffin said safety is first and foremost in providing service. He was unaware of  
the police report and thinks that corporate was also not aware of it.*

**6. Discussion and possible vote on Irie Palace at 8762 N. Granville Rd.**

*Deshawn present for Irie Palace. Ald. Taylor said the applicant did not meet with her.  
GAC would prefer that the applicant meet with Ald. Taylor prior to coming to them.  
The Chair asks that this be rescheduled once the applicant meets with Ald. Taylor.  
The Licenses Committee does look to the GAC for a recommendation.  
Ald. Taylor will approve a provisional license, so he doesn't need to worry about  
closing.  
Irie Palace has been in business 17 years and in A.D. 9 for 5 years. There have  
been no major incidents in the past 3 years and they did a book-bag giveaway for  
Halloween and served the mayor last year. Ms. Chatham asked about their hours,  
which are now stabilized following hiring issues. He lives 5 minutes from the  
restaurant and is raising a 3-year-old in the community.  
Based on the alderwoman's feedback, approval will be contingent on following  
through with the process.*

**7. Comments from the public.**

*Linda McFerrin asked if there is an update on the demo of Northridge Mall. Ald.  
Taylor said they are in the middle of doing plans for that now and RFPs will be  
issued. She was also concerned about all the trash down 76th St. Ms. Hill said SDC  
and Safe and Sound have a scheduled clean-up day for March 27th. There will also  
be a city clean-up that will be picking up the bigger items.*

**8. Establishments or issues of concern for the next agenda.**

**9. Updates and announcements.**

*Upscale Galleria is hosting a meet and greet on Sunday.  
Meeting adjourned: 10:42 A.M.  
Linda M. Elmer  
Staff Assistant*

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