



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

GRANVILLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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1:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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1. Call to order.

Meeting convened at 1:04 p.m.

2. Roll call.

Present 5 - Hinton, Dotson, Duckworth, Hill and Dodds

Excused 1 - Chatham

Also present:

Ald. Larresa Taylor, 9th Ald. Dist.

3. Review and approval of the previous meeting minutes from June 28, 2023.

Meeting minutes from June 28, 2023 were approved without objection.

4. Discussion, update(s), review and/or motion(s) on Granville Development District RFPs, listings, projects, programs, initiatives, events, grants, plans, activities, or other aspects.

A. 8665 W. Brown Deer Rd. new licenses application for Indian Bistro 86, LLC

Appearing:

Chanana Milan Singh, Indian Bistro 86, LLC

Jay Walia, property owner

Mr. Lee provided context that the location was Bellagio's restaurant that supposedly did not file their licenses renewal applications, that the committee had concerns with Bellagio's previously, and that Indian Bistro was a new business coming into the location and applying for alcohol (Class B Tavern), food dealer, and public entertainment premises (instrumental musicians, bands, disc jockey, patrons dancing, amusement machines, and jukebox) licenses.

Mr. Singh said that his new restaurant would offer Indian menu for inside dining and to go, operate a bar with amusement machine games and entertainment, operate 9 am to 2 am daily, would cater to everyone, and have a mix of Indian and American live music and disc jockey music. It was his first time operating such a business.

Members said they were concerned with the disrepair of various units and overall strip mall building.

Mr. Walia said that he was the property owner of the whole strip mall; the business was 5,000 square feet; he was working with tenants (including Mr. B's and gas station) and the Granville BID to address the disrepair of respective units, he was working to address recent vandalization at 8603 W. Brown Deer; and that tenants (via agreement) were responsible to manage and maintain their spaces.

Members discussed that the business proposal was too vague, they needed more information, that a concern was the lack of details on the business operations in light of the licenses that were being pursued, for there to be a written executive summary of business operations submitted, that there was inconsistent support given to the strip mall tenants, for their to be separate discussion with Mr. Walia regarding the overall strip mall building conditions.

Member Dodds moved to hold, seconded by member Duckworth, review of the business and license applications at 8665 W. Brown Deer Rd. for Indian Bistro 86, LLC. There was no objection.

Ald. Taylor requested to receive comments regarding members' concerns, and it was stated that the meeting minutes would provide that information.

B. 8617 W. Brown Deer Rd. licenses renewal application for Mr. B's Restaurant

Appearing:

Craig Berry, Mr. B's Restaurant

Jennifer Garcia, Mr. B's Restaurant

Mr. Lee provided context that members had concerns at previous meetings regarding activities at the business and also those activities impacting the operations of other adjacent businesses on the strip mall both current and new. Mr. B's renewal licenses applications for alcohol

Members stated concerns with charging fees for parking spaces, instances of fights, traffic flow issues with there being one entranceway and one exit, and inquired about capacity.

Mr. Berry replied. Some parking spaces were being charged, and those monies would help pay for security to secure the parking lot. There have been on car break-ins for a year. One car was repossessed. There have been no thefts in the parking lot. They have 10 guards on a weekend. The parking lot was designed originally without the gas

station, which was added later and disrupted the flow of traffic. There have not been numerous fights at the location. There have been incidents typical with the amount of business activities at the location, and he recalled three fights. His business has been largely successful. The last fight involved six people (30-40 years of age), and security broke up the fight. They have safeguards in place, especially with an ID scanner that would flag and identify problematic patrons from the past. Those patrons would be prohibited to enter. The location had a capacity limit of 500.

Member Dotson said that she has experienced only positive business operations (food, drinks, and karaoke) during her frequent visits to the restaurant during happy hour between 6 pm to 10 pm, that security was present and would address any issues with patrons quickly, and that crowds at the location was 40 years of age and over.

Ald. Taylor said that Mr. B's and their security do a good job to minimize incidents, that there were 3 incidents between October-November in 2022 and 3 incidents in 2023, incidents were no reoccurring, and they had legal right to charge for parking.

Member Dotson moved to support, seconded by vice-chair Hill, of the renewal licenses applications at 8617 W. Brown Deer Rd. for Mr. B's Restaurant. There was no objection.

C. Discussion on neighborhood conditions and concerns.

Members inquired about dumping and cleanup at the previous Walgreens location (8488 W. Brown Deer Rd.) and mounting of security cameras there.

Ald. Taylor said that there was recent cleanup there by the Dept. of Public Works, there were talks on how to prevent further dumping there, and she would inquire with Walgreens to put up fencing there and can ask them about putting up cameras. Walgreens was still the building owner, but planned to sell the building to Phoenix.

Member Duckworth said to add as an agenda item for the future for Walgreens to appear and discuss this location.

D. Other

There was no other discussion.

5. Public comments.

There were no public comments.

6. Election of a chair and/or vice-chair.

Chair Hinton and vice-chair Hill said they were both open to relinquish their positions to give other members the opportunity to serve.

Member Dotson expressed interest to serve as vice-chair, and member Duckworth expressed interest to serve a chair.

Vice-chair Hill nominated member Dotson as vice-chair. Member Duckworth seconded. There was no objection.

Member Dotson elected as the new vice-chair.

Vice-chair Dotson nominated member Duckworth as chair. Member Hill seconded. There was no objection.

Member Duckworth elected as the new chair.

Ald. Taylor said that the committee would be gaining another new member, Terri Brookshire, in the near future

7. Next steps.

A. Next meeting date and time (Wed., August 2, 2023 at 9 a.m.).

B. Agenda items for the next meeting.

To be determined.

8. Announcements.

Member Dotson announced a powerful Real Men, Real Talk conversation taking place at Gee's Clippers on Monday, July 17, 2023.

Ald. Taylor announced Mobile Madness in front of Mr. B's Restaurant, the Granville BID's annual Blues Fest, and a town hall meeting regarding the Cudahy Farms YMCA proposed housing redevelopment project (developer was Terrell Walter of Royal Capital) for Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Ald. Taylor said that she has asked Royal Capital to make two alterations to their development in keeping it closed to the public and moving the entrance away from Swan Rd. where hotspot activity was present. The project was a 3-phase project with affordable rental units and market value homes.

Members said that Royal Capital had come before the committee in the past, the committee supported the development, and they should come back to the committee to provide an update.

Members thanked previous chair Hinton for his past leadership and stewardship of the committee.

9. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

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