



City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street
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Meeting Minutes

GRANVILLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

GEORGE HINTON - CHAIR

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**Robert H. Dodds, Jr., Natasha Dotson, Johonna Duckworth,
Ald. Chantia Lewis, and Jennifer Rath**

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1. Call to order.

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

2. Roll call.

Present 4 - Hinton, Duckworth, Hill and Dodds

Excused 1 - Lewis

Absent 2 - Rath, Dotson

3. Review and approval of the previous meeting minutes from June 1, 2022.

Mr. Dodd, Jr. moved approval, seconded by Ms. Hill. There were no objections.

4. Discussion, updates, or review on Granville Development District RFPs, listings, projects, programs, initiatives, events, grants, plans, activities, or other aspects.

a. Sports bar and grill at 6901 W Brown Deer Rd (former Retox Martini Lounge)

Appearing:

George McNeice

Mr. McNeice said that his plan was to take on the smaller bar side half (3300 sq. ft.) of the facility, have a Wisconsin sports theme bar, not have any performances or music, have good food, be open to midnight during the weekdays and have extended hours on Friday and Saturday, have an age limit of 30 years and older, that he has a partner (Marian Goodson) with 25 plus years of bar experience with no major issues in

operation, and that the landlord will contribute funds toward renovation.

Members questioned use of the other space, plans for security, affiliation with the former Retox operation, hours of operation, hookah, and having something in writing for the business plan.

Mr. McHeice replied that he has the option to lease the other space if interested, his intention at the moment was to operate the smaller side, armed security would be present after 6 pm everyday, they have no affiliation with Retox, opening hours would be at 11 a.m., closing hours would be 12 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and there would not be any hookah.

Members discussed having the minutes as a matter of record regarding the stated business plan and said that they would revisit the business should any issues or deviation from the business plan come to light.

Member Dodd, Jr. moved approval, seconded by vice-chair Hill, of the sports bar and grill business at 6901 W. Brown Deer Rd. There were no objections.

b. Liquor/alcohol store at 7155 N. 76th St.

Appearing:
Geneva Byrd
Andy Khullar

Mr. Khullar said that he was the property owner, the property was built in 2005, the site also has a service station, the previous bank there left 2.5 years ago, and the proposal was to have a bakery and liquor store there where the bank used to be.

Ms. Byrd said that the bakery was called LBA Sweet Shack, she ran a non-profit for the community, the bakery would offer baking classes for adults and children, the property had a liquor license, and they planned to host community events and parties such as Bake and Sip nights,

Members questioned the hours of operation, parking and traffic, and Pops Barbeque operations there.

Ms. Byrd replied that the hours would be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. for both the bakery, liquor store, and any events, there was a main parking lot and parking along the west, and Pops Barbeque operated on the lot on Fridays and Saturdays.

Members said that there were a few other liquor establishments in the area, the bakery and liquor store were two different operations, only the liquor store was to be reviewed, and that they had concerns with a liquor store next to a bakery where children would be present.

Vice-chair Hill moved denial, seconded by member Duckworth, of a liquor store at 7155 N. 76th St.

Members said that they would welcome to review the bakery in the future, the community was not void of liquor stores, and that they sought enterprises that would add value to the community.

c. Event hall at 8700 W Brown Deer Rd.

Appearing:

Sen-Soray Erving, Rays Resources

Charlene Smith

Ms. Erving said that she was the owner of Rays Resources, her firm does soft skills training and workforce development/placement for youths and adults, Charlene Smith was the owner of the property, and the event hall would be for her firm to hold community events related to their operations.

Ms. Smith said that the assembly (7000 sq. ft.) hall was located in the middle between a church and kitchen; there was 40 parking spaces; the assembly hall capacity was 90 persons; community events would include AA meetings, weddings and receptions, baby showers; there would be no alcohol; and they would not surpass capacity.

Members questioned the location of the business and other tenants of the property.

Ms. Smith replied that the location was east of the car wash there, the location was previously a liquor store and Jamaican store, and other users of the property would be Rays Resource.

Memeber Dodd, Jr. moved approval, seconded by member Duckworth, of an event hall at 8700 W. Brown Deer Rd. seconded by Ms. Duckworth. There were no objections.

d. Neighborhood conditions and concerns

Ms. Smith said there was grass maintenance issues with the property next to her business.

Vice-chair Hill said that the lot next to hers should be taken care of by the City and that she would try to find out more information to assist Ms. Smith.

e. Other

There was no other discussion.

5. Public comments.

There were no public comments.

6. Next steps.

a. Next meeting (Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 9 a.m.)

b. Agenda items for the next meeting

Members discussed that there should be process to give further insight into agenda items for when Ald. Lewis was absent at meetings so that members can be better informed about those items coming from her.

Agenda items to be determined.

7. Announcements.

There were no announcements.

8. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

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