



Department of City Development
City Plan Commission
Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee
Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation

Lafayette L. Crump
Commissioner

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Deputy Commissioner

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To the Honorable Members of the
Community and Economic Development Committee
City of Milwaukee
City Hall, Room 205

Dear Committee Members:

File No. 200377 relates to a substitute resolution approving annexation of territory to Business Improvement District No. 8 (Historic King Drive), in the 6th Aldermanic District.

On August 17, 2020, the City Plan Commission held a virtual public hearing regarding a petition to the City of Milwaukee to expand the boundary for the existing Business Improvement District (BID) No. 8 (Historic King Drive). The annexation territory is to the North and West of the BID's existing boundary line and is generally bounded by 7th Street on the West, McKinley Avenue on the South, Capitol Drive on the North, and 2nd Street on the East.

Section 66.1109 of the State statutes allows businesses within such a district to develop, manage and promote the district, and to establish an assessment method to fund these activities.

Prior to the meeting, staff received 12 letters in support and one letter in opposition to the proposed annexation. During the virtual public hearing, representatives from the BID spoke in favor of the annexation, explaining their history, mission, function, and public outreach. Twelve people spoke during the public hearing session regarding the file. Four individuals spoke in opposition to the file citing concerns with a lack of communication from the BID about the expansion, financial constraints due the COVID-19 related economic downturn, and gentrification and displacement as a result of the expansion. Seven individuals spoke in favor of the BID annexation referring to the past work of the BID to support businesses and improve the neighborhood as well as the benefits of expanded resources for local business owners and commercial property owners. Written comments in opposition from three individuals, submitted during the public hearing session, were read into the record. Written comments in support from five individuals, submitted during the public hearing session, were read into the record. Twelve letters in support and one letter in opposition, submitted in advance of the meeting, were noted as well. 6th District Ald. Milele Coggs spoke during the hearing and expressed her support for the file. After closing of the public meeting, the City Plan Commission voted to approve the annexation of territory to BID No. 19 as reflected on the updated map submitted to the Commission dated August 14, 2020.

Sincerely,

for

Lafayette L. Crump
Executive Secretary
City Plan Commission of Milwaukee

cc: Ald. Coggs

