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Meeting Minutes

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1. Roll call.

Meeting convened: 9:05 AM

Members present: John Erdmann, Rupinder Sandhawalía, Cyndee Chatham, Dr. Terri Brookshire, Ramandeep Kaur and Natasha Upshaw

Member excused: Ivory Britton

2. Review and approval of the June 4th meeting minutes.

Ms. Upshaw moved, seconded by Dr. Brookshire, for approval of the minutes. There were no objections.

3. Introduction by Jeff Kuhn, Project Manager, of Zignego Company at 9158 N. 124th St.

Tony Zignego present on this item. Zignego Company is a 71-year-old paving company that works heavily in the metro Milwaukee area. They bought a site on 121st St. in 2021/22 and they have been applying for a temporary, portable concrete batch plant every year and now they want to make it permanent. Their primary customers are government entities. They have met with Ald. Taylor about this process. They applied in 2022 to do a permanent permit, but BOZA wanted them to do a temporary permit and see how it goes; there have been no complaints in 4+ years. The primary use of this facility is to produce concrete for use within a 20-30 minute radius. It's all industrial-type establishments in that area. From mid-November to mid-April that plant will be running very infrequently, due to the temperatures.

Mr. Erdmann moved for approval of the permanent license, seconded by Ms. Kaur. There were no objections.

4. Discussion and possible vote on expansion of the Greater Holy Temple Christian Academy campus at 9520 W. Allyn St.

Mr. Edward DeShazer said the improvements, which include a gym, are not to increase student enrollment, but to provide better services to existing students. They do have the space to expand at the current site. The gym would be used by people and programs in the area, not solely by students. They are not looking on creating a new program, but partnering with existing successful programs already in the community. Ms Upshaw wants to make sure that those partnerships are already in place to assist the many young people in the Woodlands and, if so, she's all for it. They plan to purchase the land by fall, then fundraise with the goal of having the gym completed by 2027. Once the property is purchased, they will work on the partnerships and are absolutely clear that they want to make a difference in this community. They currently lease the school and will be purchasing all of the land and the building they are currently in. Mr. DeShazer thought this meeting was to get approval for the land purchase and he will come back in the fall with details about who they will partner with. The Alderwoman's office is working with Mr. DeShazer. He can attend again in November once things are finalized with the partnerships. Mr. Erdmann moved, seconded by Dr. Brookshire, for approval of the purchase of the existing building and the property next to it.

5. Update by Ald. Taylor's Office on Cudahy Farms and Job Corps.

Mr. Laasir, aide to Ald. Taylor, said that Cudahy Farms will be on next week's Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development meeting and the developers have amended their plan to build around 212 units or so. The Dept. of Labor announced a phased pause on Job Corps plans and a nationwide preliminary injunction was issued so the majority of centers in the country remain operational. The Dept. of Labor and Dept. of Justice are challenging the injunction; the 2025 funding remains in place, but 2026 funding could change.

6. Update and discussion on the properties at 5501 W. Good Hope Rd. and 4622 W. Mill Rd.

For the W. Good Hope address, the person is running a makeshift junkyard out of their home, which is an eyesore for neighbors, so Mr. Laasiri, aide to Ald. Taylor, has been having DNS go out to the property. The address should be 5001 W. Good Hope, not 5501. This address has no licenses or permits to operate as it does at this site. He will be pursuing this further. This item, with the correct address, will be on the next agenda.

For 4622, that address is a mail facility to accept receipt of packages from various sellers (Amazon, Chewy, etc.) The person has the appropriate permits and no business licenses are required by the city. There was a media story that there were squirrels and raccoons in the building; Mr. Erdmann noted that this facility has been an eyesore on Mill Rd. for a number of years. Mr. Laasiri will ask BOZA how the permit was issued, based on the condition of the building. A use-variance permit was issued for three years. An update will be provided on the next agenda.

*Meeting adjourned: 9:51 AM
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