



City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
53202

Meeting Minutes

GRANVILLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, February 1, 2023

9:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

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1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 A.M.

Present (4) - Hinton, Duckworth, Dotson, Dodds, Jr.

Excused (1) - Hill

2. Review and approval of the previous meeting minutes from December 7, 2022.

The meeting minutes from December 7, 2022 were approved with no objections.

3. Discussion, update, or review on RFPs, listings, projects, program, initiatives, or other aspects within or near the Granville Development District area.

A. 8320 W. Beatrice Ct. (Exotic Blends Cigar Lounge)

-Adding Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses (requesting Instrumental Musicians, Disc Jockey, Bands, Karaoke, Poetry Readings, Patrons Dancing and 1 Pool Table)

Appearing:

Lynette Patterson

Chris Patterson

Ms. Patterson presented. Their license application was heard on January 24th and there was no-one present in objection. She wanted to clear up some confusion. She had checked everything on the license application regarding Public Entertainment so she wouldn't have to amend her application later. Due to all the items checked, the

committee had wanted to speak with the Granville committee. She was not aware that would cause an issue. Page 1 of her operation plan lists what she needs to provide to operate at a profit (food, appetizers). They would like at least 10 live events a year, such as a live band. She doesn't want anything changed with the floor plan and she would like the support of the committee. Anything new that was added was not done to change their original presented plans. She had added: serving of food and public entertainment (entertainment is a broad spectrum, as is food). They are proposing snacks, with a warmer kitchen, not a full kitchen. The entertainment would be soul and jazz bands for certain events.

Member Dodds asked if there were any other entertainment besides jazz or soul bands.

Mr. Patterson said cards would also be offered (on a friendly basis), such as cards and poker. If it isn't kept friendly, folks would be banned.

Ms. Dotson would like the specifics outlined of what services/entertainment will be offered.

Ms. Patterson reiterated she had checked all those items "just in case" and she and her husband want just a cigar lounge with jazz. No gambling.

Mr. Patterson said they will be catering to an older crowd looking to relax after work. A privacy fence will be installed around the property which will help control who enters the business. The hope is to have electric gates to enter/leave and is cost feasible.

Members said they wanted to ensure that the applicants do what they say they will do.

The hours of operation is from 4-10 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday and 4-midnight, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Ms. Dotson moved to approval with the contingency that this operation is exactly what they say it is, seconded by Mr. Dodds. There were no objections.

B. Neighborhood conditions and concerns

1. Granville Connection and Shopping Center
 - a. 8665 W. Brown Deer Rd. (Bellagio Soul Food)
 - b. 8653 W. Brown Deer Rd. (Nerd Games)
2. Other

No one appeared. These matters were not discussed.

C. Other

There was no other discussion.

4. Public comments.

Linda McFerrin thanked the committee for helping the garbage be removed from the

former Walgreens site at 87th and Brown Deer. She noted there was still garbage at a number of locations.

Tom Bertrand was present for Milwaukee County Transit System in case anyone had any questions about changes to Route 80.

5. Announcements.

Member Dotson said the Milwaukee Fatherhood Initiative was eliminated by the city, the program was picked up by WCS, and she would be reaching out to Mr. Hinton to collaborate with him. She hopes to expand and grow.

Chair Hinton announced SDC's 60th anniversary this year with various events and programs coinciding with the anniversary.

Member Dodds and Chair Hinton said they both anticipated to move out of the city soon and that their eligibility to the committee may be in question.

6. Next steps.

*A. Next meeting date and time
-Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 9 a.m. (virtual)*

B. Agenda items for the next meeting

To be determined.

7. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:39 A.M.

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