



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

GRANVILLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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9:00 AM

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1. **Call to order.**

9:04 A.M.

2. **Roll call.**

Mr. Dodds not present; other 4 members present.

3. **Review and approval of the previous meeting minutes from September 7, 2022.**

Ms. Hill moved, seconded by Ms. Duckworth, for approval of the minutes. 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. *7300 W. Dean Rd. (6th Detailed Planned Development Amendment for Friendship Village)*

Michael D'Amato, Michelle Winter and Michael Bynum present on this item. There is a very large building that was built about 50 years ago as a continuum of care building. Over the years the building has fallen into disrepair. The assisted living operator at the building will stop operating the end of this month. One-third of the building will now be empty. Some of the residents suggested physically separating the senior living units from the market-rate units by a physical wall, which will take care of many of the concerns voiced by the residents. There is a comprehensive security plan that includes armed patrolling guards in the evening hours, cameras in the common areas and a new entrance solely for seniors will be created. The owner created a model unit, which has been modernized, and all residents will get the modernized units.

Marvin Bynum, attorney for the ownership group, said there has been a concerted effort to take the committee's recommendations and get feedback from the residents. They are revising their application with the city based upon comments from the Dept. of City Development.

Yvette Wolfel - speaking on behalf of her mother who has been in the building since 2008. She is very pleased with the company and they do listen. Her mother is also excited about sharing this with younger persons; most of the units are one-bedroom units so families won't be moving in. She doesn't see there as being other options.

Beverly Wilson - she agrees that the renovations are great, but the residents are concerned that promises might be made that won't be kept. She also commends the company for listening, but there are still major problems that need to be addressed, such as who will be allowed in the dining room. The biggest concern seems to be kids potentially running through the hall or teens smoking. If everyone collaborates, she thinks this can work.

No other residents present who wished to speak.

Michelle Winter - property manager. She appreciates all of the residents and their suggestions. The dining room is currently in flux, but she will know in a few weeks or so.

Ms. Wolfel would like a history of the owners, as checks have been being written out to various entities and there is confusion as to who even owns the building. Ms. Wilson also agrees with this.

Cherie Ray - aide to the aldermanic district 9. She asked about the tenants who were given 30 days' notice, but those tenants are managed by Bria, not the team present at this meeting that took ownership in April.

Vidalina Griffin - she thinks it would be a good idea to have young professionals in the building and this is the first team she's seen that has made changes.

Ms. Wilson also requested that a town hall meeting be held to provide a little more input.

Ms. Duckworth noted that if they continue to move forward in making the updates and keeping the tenants abreast of news that affect the residents' quality of life and she hopes that they would come back before this body mid-stream for an update.

Ms. Hill moved, seconded by Ms. Dotson, for this project to move forward. There were no objections.

The chair commended the team on how they are communicating with the residents and encouraged continuing communication with them, as well as requested an update as the project moves forward.

b. Neighborhood conditions and concerns

Ms. Griffin noted that Bradley Road is in very bad condition, which will be put on the agenda.

Ms. Duckworth is concerned about the new BP gas station on Brown Deer and 81st - they appear to be price-gouging (they are charging \$6 per gallon). She would love to hear from them about that.

Mary Rita Hoehne, from the BID, said the gas station isn't open so he put up a ridiculous price and the pumps are not working. He is not able to find workers and the remote was stolen so he can't change his sign (he is getting a new remote)

For the next agenda, have someone from DPW present to speak on renovating the roads in the 9th district - status on the various roads. Ms. Ray would ask for specific streets. Both Bradley and Donna Roads are in bad shape. The chair would like plans for the entire district.

Linda McFerrin - is concerned about the Walgreens on 87th and Brown Deer - the windows are still out so it's just a blight. The dumping there is also a concern, per Mary from the BID. The aldermanic office will send an inspector out to this location.

c. Other

No other discussion.

5. Public comments.

No public comments.

6. Next steps.

a. Next meeting date and time (Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 9 a.m.)

b. Agenda items for the next meeting

Status of streets within the district, including Bradley Rd. and Donna Dr. from the Dept. of Public Works.

7. Announcements.

No announcements.

8. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned; 9:54 A.M.

Linda M. Elmer

Staff Assistant