



City of Milwaukee

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Boardroom
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Meeting Minutes

CITY PLAN COMMISSION

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**Brianna Sas-Perez, Ranell Washington, Catrina Crane, Willie
Smith, and Tarik Moody**

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Monday, December 12, 2022

1:30 PM

Room 301-B, Third Floor, City Hall
200 E. Wells St.
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Special

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Meeting convened at 1:32 p.m.

Present: 6 - Nemec, Sas-Perez, Crane, Washington, Moody, Smith

Excused: 1 - Bloomingdale

Also present:

*Sam Leichtling, DCD Planning
Kristin Connelly, DCD Planning
Sydney Swift, DCD Planning
Tayler Jones, DCD Planning*

1. Review and approval of the previous meeting minutes from December 5, 2022.

The meeting minutes from December 5, 2022 were approved without objection.

Zoning - Public Hearing 1:30 PM

- 2. [220878](#)** A substitute ordinance relating to the change in zoning from Industrial Light, IL1, to a Detailed Planned Development known as Wisconsin DOC Juvenile Correctional Facility to allow the development of a juvenile correctional facility located at 7930 West Clinton Avenue, on the north

side of West Good Hope Road, west of North 76th Street, in the 9th Aldermanic District.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Secretary Kevin Carr, Wisconsin Dept. of Corrections

Lance Horozewski, Assistant Administration for Juvenile Corrections

Courtney Cooper, BWBR Architects

Sen. Lena Taylor, Wisconsin Senate District 4

Michelle Bryant, Sen. Chief of Staff

Carlen Michaels, Wisconsin Dept. of Administration

A presentation was made.

Public testimony in support:

Wendy Volz-Daniels, Chair of Felmers Chaney Advocacy Board, testified that the Felmers Chaney Center helped to locate alternative sites, that the new facility on Clinton Ave. was a better site would add value, that a smaller sized facility was better, that their facility should remain and should not be replaced as the site for the new facility.

Robert Dodds, Granville Advisory Committee member asked that the DOC provide the Granville Advisory Committee quarterly updates at their meetings and questioned the retention of staff, plan to assist potential businesses lost, and establishment of an economic trust fund.

Sylvester Jackson, Co-chair of Believers for Change, testified that he suffered trauma as a youth, was incarcerated, that the new facility was appropriate, that youth need their trauma to be addressed, that the DOC was trying to address youth trauma better, and that juveniles can be redeemed.

Rev. Joseph Ellwanger, resident, testified of not experiencing public safety and property value decrease issues living near other similar facilities in his area, that he had a pastoral background working with youth, not experiencing safety issues from other nearby centers, for the Chaney center to remain, and being support of restorative justice.

Public testimony in opposition:

Liz Hammer testified that the facility would negatively impact local business development and City's image.

Carolyn Allen, resident, testified of being a home owner nearby, being an educator, that the new facility would negative impact public safety to her residential neighborhood and the City's image, for there to be consideration of alternative sites, and that a type 1 facility was not appropriate.

Margaret Thorn, resident, testified of living and being a block watch captain nearby, having experienced crime in the area (break-ins), that residents wanted the neighborhood to be safe, that community meetings were not fair in providing opportunity to those in opposition to provide input, that local church members and businesses were in opposition, that some neighbors unable to attend meeting, and the lack of aldermanic representation.

Cherie Ray testified of staffing the vacant 9th aldermanic district office previously, that there were 95% in opposition at the time of her employment in office from community input, that there was a push to take advantage and rush approving the new facility during the aldermanic vacancy, that there was no aldermanic representation presently, that she had limited information to give to constituents at the time, that the previous alder was in opposition to the Clinton Ave. site being used for the new facility, and that money should be invested elsewhere rather than in a new juvenile detention center. She questioned the level of culturally responsive services and development and economic benefit that would be produced from the new facility.

Julio Ramos, south side resident, testified of being a community organizer, that there was neglect of addressing community needs overall citywide, that providing youths with services only after incarceration first was a wrong message, that investment should be to provide better services into communities rather than in detention centers/prisons, that prisons were a form of slavery without compensation for those incarcerated, and that there should be financial investment to youths and the community directly which was lacking.

Tresha Lovell testified that business development was declining in area, the new facility would worsen the decline and negative impact the business corridor, local businesses were against the new facility, a new facility would provide the wrong message, and that other alternative sites be considered. She inquired about next steps.

Bobbie Wendt, resident, testified that the new facility would oversaturate the area with training centers and was concerned about adequate staffing for the new facility.

Debbie Banks testified that there was lack of aldermanic representation to support the facility and hold DOC accountable, there was an unfair rush to push the facility through, that there be consideration of better sites, and that the local community did not want the new facility there.

Member Smith moved conditional approval, seconded by member Crane. (Prevailed 5-1)

Conditions:

1.) State DOC commit to periodic meetings with representatives of Granville Advisory Committee to discuss the facility.

2.) Updating the zoning exhibits to limit occupancy within the facility to 32 juvenile residents.

A motion was made by Willie Smith, seconded by Catrina Crane, that this Ordinance be APPROVED CONDITIONALLY. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Nemec, Sas-Perez, Crane, Moody, and Smith

No: 1 - Washington

Excused: 1 - Bloomingdale

A motion was made by Willie Smith, seconded by Catrina Crane, that this Ordinance be REFERRED TO to the ZONING, NEIGHBORHOODS &

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE . This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Nemec, Sas-Perez, Crane, Moody, and Smith

No: 1 - Washington

Excused: 1 - Bloomingdale

Meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

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