



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

GRANVILLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

GEORGE HINTON - CHAIR

NEVA HILL - VICE-CHAIR

**Natasha Dotson, Johonna Duckworth, Dr. Kenneth Fisher, Ald.
Chantia Lewis, and Jennifer Rath**

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Friday, June 28, 2019

10:30 AM

Room 301-B, Third Floor, City Hall

1. Call to order.

Meeting called to order at 10:50 a.m.

Present 5 - Lewis, Hinton, Rath, Hill, Duckworth

Excused 1 - Dotson

2. Introduction of members.

Members gave brief introductions of themselves being residents or having served in the Granville district, experiencing deterioration of the area, wanting to provide community input on redevelopment, and helping to rebuild the area.

3. Discussion on meeting parliamentary procedures, open meetings law, and chairmanship.

Individuals appearing:

James Owczarski, City Clerk

Peter Block, City Attorney's Office

Clerk Owczarski commented. Clerk staff can meet the logistical, records custodian, agenda, and meeting minutes needs of the committee. Agendas and meeting minutes will be posted publicly online at the City's Legistar website. Public records of the committee will be captured.

Atty. Block commented. The committee is subject to the State's open meetings law due to being a governmental body and must be noticed, made reasonably accessible, and be open to the public. A meeting is required whenever there is discussion, fact finding, and deliberation by members under the purview and business of a body. Also, a meeting is required whenever there is a quorum (simple majority), negative quorum (enough members to block a vote), or walking quorum (small group of members predetermining action towards a quorum vote) of members. State law requires 24 hours in advance of a meeting notice, and the City Clerk's Office requires 48 hours in advance. E-mails, texts, and mass emailing should be avoided. Conference calls with a quorum constitute a meeting and will have to be in an open setting. Recordings are allowed. No obligation is required to permit public attendees to participate in meeting

proceedings. Violation of the open meetings law includes financial and personal liability. Meetings must start in open session. Closed sessions are allowed under 11 reasons set forth by the State. Closed sessions must be noticed, and the topic under a closed session must be identified. Contract negotiation strategy and litigation are closed session reasons that may be applicable to the advisory committee.

4. Election of a chair and vice-chair.

Member Lewis nominated member Hinton as chair due to his leadership with the Social Development Commission and influence towards the Granville BID and Havenwoods BID. Member Hill seconded. Member Hinton was in acceptance of the nomination. There was no objection.

Member Hinton was elected as chair.

Member Lewis nominated member Hill as vice-chair also due to her knowledge of and influence towards the BIDs. Member Duckworth seconded. Member Hill was in acceptance. There was no objection.

Member Hill was elected as vice-chair.

5. Discussion on committee purpose, goals, and expected outcomes.

Individual appearing:

Terence Acquah, Dept. of City Development Commercial Corridor

Mr. Lee commented. The committee was given information about parliamentary procedures, Robert's Rules of Order, and the open meetings law. Respect for the chair, common courtesy, and etiquette by members would satisfy Robert's Rules of Order. The original legislation creating the committee lists the objectives of the committee and the boundaries of a Granville Development District under the committee's purview. The objectives of the committee are to review plans and proposals for redevelopment projects in the Granville Development District for consistency with the goals, needs, and desires of the Granville community and its residents, businesses, property owners and other stakeholders; and to advise the Common Council, the Board of Zoning Appeals, the City Planning Commission, and other appropriate City officials on development proposals within the Granville Development District. The Granville Development District boundaries are bounded roughly by W. Countyline Road, W. Brown Deer Road, N. 60th Street and N. 108th Street.

Mr. Acquah commented. He works with the BIDs and NIDs to facilitate revitalization via grants for the districts. Grants through his office affecting the Granville district will be shared to the committee on an ongoing basis for input. DCD staff can be invited before the committee to educate members on area plans and charrettes. Potential businesses will be brought before the committee to advise the businesses on their operations on the frontend. Special projects, such as the Granville Connection, will be brought to the committee for review. General redevelopment or offers for city real estate within the district will be brought to the committee for review. The committee needs to establish a scoring rubric for making recommendations. The criteria can perhaps mimic the rubric from the Bronzeville Advisory Committee, which is under development.

6. Discussion on meeting frequency, dates, times, and location.

Members discussed initially holding more frequent and regular meetings, as needed, within the Granville district and then to revisit the frequency of meetings. Meetings are to be flexible in day and time based on the availability of members. The Social Development Commission facility on 17th and North Ave. is also a venue possibility.

7. Announcements.

Member Lewis announced a 4th of July celebration and parade (Dean St. to Good Hope Rd. on 76th St.) to feature an opening ceremony, disc jockey, horses, bands, snacks, games, business partners, and fireworks (10 p.m. at Noyes Park).

Member Lewis introduced Trasus Wright, Lindsey Heights Neighborhood member, who is doing engagement outreach and looking at hotspots within the district.

Mr. Wright said that he is canvassing the Granville area to promote civic engagement with residents both young and old, utilize and connect them to opportunities, invest in young children, and coordinate activities within the district to tie in with existing programs.

8. Set next meeting date and time.

Next meetings are Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. and Friday, August 9, 2019 at 9 a.m. Location is to be determined in the Granville district, preferably at the Granville Connection site.

9. Agenda items for the next meeting.

Items for the July 31, 2019 meeting to include review of the Granville area plan, charrette, market study, DCD commercial corridor grants, an introduction to Granville business improvement district, and creation of a scoring rubric for the committee.

Items for the August 9, 2019 meeting to include review of Granville Connection and Johnson's Park project proposals.

10. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

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