



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

GRANVILLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

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9:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

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1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

2. Roll call.

Present 5 - Lewis, Rath, Hinton, Dotson and Duckworth

Absent 1 - Hill

3. Review and approval of the previous meeting minutes from March 3, 2020.

Meeting minutes from March 3, 2020 were approved without objection.

4. Introduction of members.

All members present, staff, and attendees made brief introductions.

Attendees appearing:

Deborah Moore, 9th Ald. Dist.

Mary Wilkinson-Church, Dept. of Neighborhood Services Permit Center

Anthony Kazee, KG Development Group

Jamie Gray, KG Development Group

Karen Oates, Milwaukee Community Service Corps

Nicole Hagen, Ross Innovative Solutions

Tom Daykin, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

5. Discussion, update, or review on Granville Development District RFPs, listings, projects, programs, initiatives, events, grants, plans, activities, or other aspects.

A. Milwaukee County Parks and Trails

- 1) Kohl Park trail*
- 2) Northwest Side Trail Connectivity Plan*

Appearing:

Jessica Wineberg, Milwaukee County Parks

Ms. Wineberg gave updates as follows:

Milwaukee County Parks was awarded Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ) grants from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to extend the Oak Leaf Trail through Kohl Park. The Kohl project would have the construction of 2.36 miles of paved off-road asphalt trail through Kohl Park. It would extend from the existing Oak Leaf Trail at the west end of A.C. Hanson Park (approximately 6800 West) to the west end of the park near Swan Road (91st Street). The project would utilize recently acquired lands to complete another significant segment of the Oak Leaf Trail System. The total project estimate was \$2,466,000.

The Northwest Side Trail Connectivity Plan Study would occur next year, focus on corridor development, connect trails, include community meetings, have surveys, hold a kickoff event in August, and take a year to complete.

Member Lewis said that the area needed parks for the families, perhaps MKE Plays could be a resource, the naturally preserved spaces behind the trails should somehow be utilized for recreation, and no funds were available from the Dept. of Natural Resources.

Ms. Wineberg said that they were open to recreational opportunities while preserving the area much as possible, the plan was ongoing, and input was welcomed.

Member Rath questioned upkeep, litter, and supply of garbage cans for the park and trails.

Ms. Wineberg said that activation of spaces would hopefully reduce dumping and littering, dumping had increased due to the increase in fees at the dump sites, and policy changes should be considered.

Member Lewis added that the supply of garbage cans was a citywide program, more allocation is needed to increase the program, there was a pre-pandemic partnership to increase garbage cans, and requests could be sent to her office.

Member Lewis moved to hold and revisit this item in a future meeting. There was no objection.

B. Granville Commons

Appearing:

Anthony Kazee, KG Development Group

Jamie Gray, KG Development Group

Michael Carlson, Impact 7

Mr. Kazee and Ms. Gray gave an overview. Their minority partnership team included KG Development Group, Impact 7, and the ACRE program. Residents were engaged door-to-door, and support was obtained from residents. The project was for supportive housing with supportive services for residents. There would be onsite service and transportation coordinators, Roundy's food mobile service, Lyft stalls, community gardens, and benches. The project location was 7940 N. 66th St. Impact 7 was an affordable housing developer. The development sought low income tax credits. Housing would be for those facing housing insecurity, homelessness, developmental disabilities, chronic illnesses, and for veteran households. They sought approval from the committee to move forward.

Member Dotson said that she was with the Milwaukee Fatherhood Initiative, advocated for transitional or supportive housing for men and fathers, was unable to acquire partnership with a housing developer for their clients, and would like to collaborate on this project to provide housing for men and fathers.

Chair Hinton said that there should be construction job opportunities for the community, the Social Development Commission (SDC) had trainees and apprentices available, community standards should be maintained, new developments should enhance the community, and new businesses should be invested in the community.

Member Lewis said that the development should focus on men and fathers as a model and that there were other developments already focused on veterans, such as the Good Hope Library.

Member Duckworth said that there should be good ongoing and onsite property management, maintenance, and upkeep to serve the residents as opposed to there being absentee owners and investors.

Mr. Kazee and Ms. Gray replied that there would be large family units available, community resources for families and all residents, they would like to work on collaborating with the Milwaukee Fatherhood Initiative, there would be construction job opportunities for those wanting to learn the trade, JCP Construction would be the contractor, their firm is local, they would work with local contractors for maintenance, an app would be available for residents to make real-time requests, there would other non-app solutions, there would be an onsite lease and maintenance manager, they have had long term relationships with property management firms, and they were committed to the community.

Member Lewis added comments. If approved by the advisory committee, the development project would advance through the Common Council approval process. The development team was committed and passionate based on her experience with them. The development should be amended to focus housing for men and fathers with families.

The development team left the meeting at the committee's request.

The committee inquired about making deliberations in closed session.

Mr. Lee said that the presence of applicants during committee deliberations would depend on the committee's comfort level, applicants could leave as a courtesy or be removed under a closed session during deliberations, closed sessions would be permitted for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public

properties or whenever competitive or bargaining reasons required a closed session, and agendas must be noticed for a closed session for a closed session to take place.

Member Duckworth moved approval, seconded by member Rath, for the Granville Commons project at 7940 N. 66th St. to move forward with the amendment to explore and focus supportive housing for men and fathers with families. There was no objection.

C. Other

Chair Hinton commented. SDC had a new site at 76th St. and Brown Deer Rd. offering various programs for youth, community employment, workforce training, and local food pantry. SDC needs assistance to connect with the Granville BID to be a part of the BID's selection process.

Member Lewis commented. The SDC food pantry and job training services were much needed for the area. The Granville BID had issues with its job training with their workers leaving employment early. The Granville Connection would open in the Fall, should provide an update at the next meeting, and was not at full capacity yet. Several projects have been added and were forthcoming in the future. Examples included Doggy Day Care (across the Grand Connection), New Testament Church green infrastructure project (40 acres of conservation and camp land), and two senior living facilities (one near New Testament Church and the other on Mill Rd.).

Member Dotson commented. The Milwaukee Fatherhood Initiative had various upcoming events: Real Men Talk at Gee's Clippers on July 19th, October 1st summit, and conference in August for reentry populations.

Member Rath said that the Good Hope Library was open and thriving.

6. Review of the role of the committee, goals, and future schedule.

Members indicated being comfortable with the scope of the committee.

7. Public comments.

There were no public comments.

8. Next steps.

A. Meeting venue and frequency

Members discussed meeting monthly and virtually for the summer and would revisit the frequency and venue format after summer.

B. Agenda items

To be determined.

C. Set next meeting

Next monthly meeting to be determined for end of July or early August.

9. Announcements.

Ald. Lewis announced a potential new member to join the committee and filling a vacancy, a Rhythm & Blooms Havenwoods Concert Series event every Thursday evening at Green Tree Community Garden (6767 N. 60th St.), an anticipated closing and signing ceremony for the New Tiny Home Village for Veterans, the return of the Granville Blues & Jazz Festival for July 15th,

Members inquired about Harvest Fest, family events, July 4th parade, and listing event information on Ald. Lewis' aldermanic webpage.

Ald. Lewis replied. Event information was not on her webpage. She would look to add that information. A mailing of her State of the District address would be sent to residents soon with much information. She was hopeful that Harvest Fest would return. The July 4th parade would not occur this year. Other events occurring would include a pop-up theater next month, Christmas toy drive, and high school scholarship fund.

10. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

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