



HOUSING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 21, 2010
Edgumbe Recreation Center

Committee Members: Gregg Curtis, Leo Viktora, Joel Clemmer, John Errigo, Steve Matysik, Jane Amberg

Also in Attendance: Afton Martens (staff), Farshad Esnasshari, Jane McClure, Sharon Falvey, Samantha Henningson, John O'Halloran, Deborah O'Halloran, Ed Walsh, Marc Manderscheid, Donna Potter, Jim & Gail Savoie, Gregg Cerrito, Kate Schultz, Diane Thorne, Steve Gorg, Deb Blair, Sam Silverman, Ralph Davies, Greg Sofio, Manny Costello, Mary Jule Erickson, Chris Thyer, Rebecca Church

Meeting called to order. Attendance roster distributed. Committee introductions.

Patio License Application to Amend Current Beer/Wine License at Geordies 454 Bistro and Request to Waive 45 Day Notification Period

Deb Blair of Geordies 454 presented an application to amend current beer/wine license at Geordies 454 Bistro and requested to waive the 45 Day notification period. Deb stated that she wants to provide dining al fresco, closing at 8:00pm on weekdays and 10:00pm on weekends.

Residents in attendance expressed concern regarding the closing time of the patio and noise levels of patrons and/or music played on the patio or inside the restaurant. Motion: *The Macalester-Groveland Community Council's Housing and Land Use Committee recommends approval of the request on the condition that the restaurant stop serving on the patio at 9:00pm and patrons are vacated from the patio by 10:00pm.* Moved/Seconded/Passed.

Application for a Conditional Use Permit to Place a Cell Tower at 50 Cretin Ave. S.

Steve Kenney, of Clearwire LLC, presented an application for a conditional use permit for a cellular antennae at 50 Cretin Avenue, to be placed on an existing structure, next to other antennae on an apartment building.

Residents in attendance asked questions about the height of the antenna in relation to the height of the existing antennae on the building and potential health risks. Committee questions included height requirements, existing heights of other antennae, and stated it appeared to be the least obtrusive of similar applications before the council. Motion: *The Macalester-Groveland Community Council's Housing & Land Use Committee recommends approval for Clearwire's application for a cellular antenna at 50 Cretin Avenue.* Moved/Seconded/Passed.

Request to Waive 45 Day Notification Period for Patio Application at Green Mill

Mary Jule Erickson, from Green Mill, presented a request to waive the 45 day notification period for a patio application at Green Mill. Green Mill began the process with the district council in February, filed with the City in March, but because the City did not send out the notice, the Green Mill needed to wait another 45 days.

Residents in attendance expressed concern regarding traffic and pedestrian flow around the building and patrons loitering in or near the alley. Residents were also concerned that the patio not be open to patrons past 8:30pm; Green Mill agreed to stop seating at 8:30pm. Green Mill, neighbors in attendance, and committee members worked collaboratively together in the drafting of the resolution. Motion: *The Macalester-Groveland Community Council recommends approval for Green Mill's application for an outdoor patio, with a restriction of 8:30pm patio closing and Green Mill's remediation of alley mirrors and the removal of alley benches.* Moved/Seconded/Passed.

Proposed Development at Cleveland and Grand Avenues

David Graham, of ESG Architects, presented a new plan for a proposed development at Cleveland and Grand Avenues. He stated that he was unable to obtain the number of required signatures with the old plan. Residents in attendance shared concerns regarding the aesthetics of the proposal, parking, density, increased trash, and quality of life. David stated that the first plan that was proposed is a better plan that the neighbors should consider.

No committee action taken.

Subdivision Review Application for a Lot Split at 362 Lexington Parkway South

John Kratz presented a lot split application for 362 Lexington Parkway South. John stated that he wants to create a new lot facing Jefferson Avenue. One neighbor in attendance voiced concerns regarding visibility and tree removal on the property. No residents submitted comments beforehand. Committee members asked questions regarding maintenance of the property, which John stated he would take responsibility for the maintenance. Motion: *The Macalester-Groveland Community Council recommends approval of the application for a lot split at 362 Lexington Parkway South.* Moved/Seconded/Passed.

Staff Updates and Announcements

Afton made some announcements and gave some updates.

Meeting adjourned.