



HOUSING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Edgumbe Recreation Center

Committee Members: Mary Davis, Jane Amberg, Michael DeCourcy, Gregg Curtis, Steve Matysik, John Errigo, John Haggenmiller, Carrie Au-Yeung

Also in Attendance: Afton Martens (staff), Mike Larson, Gary Taruscio, Susan Casebeer, Dan Casebeer, John Porter, Chris Bangs, Kathleen Nietz, John Kraus, Paul D., George Socha, Michael Glenna, Tina Glenna, Kevin McGill, Jaimee Lucky Hendrickson, Susie Odegard,

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

Edgumbe Recreation Center Cell Tower

Pat Conlin, from T-Mobile, gave a presentation on an application for a cell tower at Edgumbe Recreation Center. Questions from residents included landscaping, whether the City would profit, duration of the contract, and whether it would affect other cell phone providers. Susie Odegard, from the City of St. Paul Parks & Recreation, explained that the City would not go into an agreement of more than 5 years. Pat Conlin stated that they will need right-of-way access, as defined in the lease, and that T-Mobile does not prohibit other cell towers from other providers. Residents also expressed concern regarding easements needed for access and equipment and the aesthetics of the installation. Pat addressed these concerns and asked for feedback on potential landscaping.

Motion: *The Macalester-Groveland Community Council recommends approval for T-Mobile's application for a cell tower at Edgumbe Recreation Center.* Moved/Seconded/Passed.

Green Mill Outdoor Patio Application

Mary Jule Erickson, from Green Mill, gave a presentation on an outdoor patio application. 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 this 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.

Residents in attendance expressed concern regarding prizes and possible litter outside of the building as a result of pull tabs and Finnegan's Community Fund was able to address these concerns. Motion: *The Macalester-Groveland Community Council recommends approval for Green Mill's application for a Gambling Location license.* Moved/Seconded/Passed.

Staff Updates and Announcements

Afton made some announcements and gave some updates.

Meeting adjourned.