



## HOUSING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 25, 2011  
Edgumbe Recreation Center

**Committee Members:** Mary Davis, Joel Clemmer, Steve Matysik, Mike DeCourcy, Dawn Lunmark, Rochelle Allison, Angela Giedd, Kelly Connor

**Also in Attendance:** Afton Martens (staff), David Burley, Dan McQuillan, Peggy Plumbo, Joseph Stepka, Daniel Esrig, Russell Scanlon.

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

### **Scusi (1806 St. Clair) STAR Grant Application**

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Summary of project by David Burley applying for Star Grant for vacant lot on corner of St. Clair and Fairmont:

- 23 stalls
- Scrape perimeter and landscape with rain garden
- Plant 8-9 trees
- Signage "Public Parking for Area Businesses"
- \$40,000-50,000 project looking for matching grant from STAR
- Project designed to alleviate parking needs and neighborhood congestion
- Lot purchased from BP last fall. Lot is contaminated and cannot be developed for use beyond a parking lot.

### **Comments/Discussion**

Kelly Connor

Lives at the corner of Berkley and Howell and is supportive of measures to relieve congestion on her block

Joel Clemmer

Loves that this would add broader value to the community at large. We keep hearing from neighbors about parking being a problem.

Rochelle Allison

What will happen if Scusi doesn't get the grant?

David Burley

Without the grant it would slow the project development timeline down. We are hoping to get approval by July our grant was submitted 5 weeks ago and would like MGCC's approval for the STAR.

Joel Clemmer

Likes the decorative fence and edging in the design.

Dawn Lunmark

Request elevations be added to the architect drawings

David Burley

Is considering whether they will need to add lighting as well

Angela Giedd

Is the Capitol Region Watershed District Involved with the project

David Burley

Yes, we are working with Elizabeth Storey from CRWD.

Steve Matysik Reads comments emailed in:

Diane Troft-Ortel is supportive of the STAR Grant

Scott Brownlee

### **Motion**

Joel Clemmer moves to endorse the MacGrove Properties approval of the STAR Grant for the Parking lot improvements at the corner of St. Clair and Fairmont. We are strongly in favor of decorative edging and minimal lighting.

Motion passes.

### **Plum's (480 South Snelling Avenue) STAR Grant Application**

Applying for the STAR Grant for \$30,000-\$50,000 depending on city requirements. Summary by *Dan McQuillan*

He has owned the property for 20 years and acquired the 90% approval of neighbors to do the original patio build and has been compliant (noise) for 10 years.

- Upgrades include the interior of the patio and the backwall with no changes to exterior façade.
- Would like to upgrade the back of the patio to keep smokers in the back of the property and solve drainage issues

### ***Comments/Discussion***

Steve Matysik

What are the Patio hours?

Dan McQuillan

Server until 10pm/People smoke outside after 10pm. Heaters added for smokers

Joel Clemmer

Is there a distinction of STAR funds for individual business and businesses who want funds to improve for the community. What would the public purpose be?

Dan McQuillan

To create a barrier in the alley to the south.

Joel Clemmer

So it is a looks factor does affect the noise? And will people be able to enter from the back?

Neighbor

You don't need more people back there. I am tired of people parking on Brimhall. Don't like the Thursday night drink special. People urinate, litter, if it's going to bring more people to Plums I am not in favor.

Kelly Sofio

Live across the street from Plums and the STAR Grant will benefit Plums alone, not the neighbors.

Dan McQuillan

Concerns raised don't have an impact on this part of the neighborhood. Can't serve after 11.

Steve Matysik

Some of the noise could be coming from Goby's

Kelly Sofio

Goby's has choppers (motorcycles)

Steve Matysik Reads emails from neighbors and Leo

Dawn Lunmark

It is tacky when people stand out there smoking. When the business thrives the neighborhood thrives

Dan McQuillan

The STAR grant was to stimulate sales tax for the River Center. MacGrove businesses are vastly underrepresented by STAR grants. Most went to the east side.

David Burley

There is precedence for STAR approving grants for business improvements alone

Kelly Sofio

The community council should be careful who they support liquor licenses to because it is unbearable sometimes to live with.

Joel Clemmer

I am torn whether there is a public need for this grant. Not seeing it.  
Neighbor Reads STAR Grant criteria from blackberry.

**Motion**

Dawn Lunmark move to approve the endorsement for STAR Grant Application for Plums Patio Improvement  
3-for  
4-against  
Motion Denied.

**Palumbo's Pizzeria (454 Snelling Ave S) Beer & Wine License, Waiver of 45 Day Waiting Period**

*Peggy Palumbo read summary sheet provided and personal history as a resident and notes that there is that was a beer and wine license already at this location (Geordies)*

**Comments Discussion**

Mary Davis

There will still be no bar in the restaurant.

Steve Matisyk

Reads Leo's comments emailed in (supportive) and Geordie's restrictions.

Kelly Sofio

Supportive of the license/waiver

Russell Scanlon

Supportive

Joel Clemmer,

What is the rational for the regulation? Why shorten the waiting period.

Afton Martens

Neighbors cans still give feedback to the city even if we waive the 45 day waiting period.

Jane McClure,

Explains waiver condition that if the district council receives neighbor complains or if there is a problem the 45 days kicks in and a legislative hearing happens.

**Motion**

Mary Davis Motion to approve waiver of 45 day waiting period for beer and wine license for Plums with caveat that they maintain the same restrictions and services hours as Geordies.  
Motion passes

**Updates/Announcements**

Joel Clemmer new president and requests for volunteers for the Alley Garden Awards

**Other Business**

Grand Sandwich Exploratory seeking beer and wine license and exemption for creating additional parking

No Committee Action was taken

**Meeting Adjourned**