



HOUSING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Edgumbe Recreation Center

Committee Members: Jane Amberg, Leo Viktora, Steve Matysik, John Errigo, Mary Davis, Carrie Au-Yeung, Joel Clemmer,

Also in Attendance: Afton Martens (staff), Deb Blair, J. Beide, Maria Beide, Matt Kelly, Laure Schwartz, Emily Walen, Daniel Rice, Wendell Johnson, Mary Johnson, Marcia Hotovy, John Knowles

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

454 Snelling Avenue South License Request

Deb Blair presented the license request for Wine On Sale, Malt On Sale at 454 Snelling Avenue South (currently Blondie's Café). The restaurant would like to add dinner service with wine. The restaurant currently closes at 5:00pm and Deb hopes to stay open no later than 10:00pm to cater to the dinner crowd.

Residents in attendance expressed concern regarding parking, the presence of other businesses that serve alcohol in close proximity, and potentially intoxicated patrons in the surrounding neighborhood late in the evening.

The committee passed the following motion:

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council recommends approving the license application for Geordies LLC contingent upon a 10:00pm closing time.

303 Cleveland Avenue South Proposed Rezoning

Laurie Schwartz presented a rezoning proposal at 303 Cleveland Avenue South, from an R-4 to a TN1 to open a holistic practice on the first floor and reside on the top floor. The property is currently for sale. Residents expressed concern regarding parking, other possibilities for the property if the business failed and the owners had to sell, and how it would impact the primarily residential area. Committee members expressed concern regarding allowing a commercial use in a residential area outside of the main commercial nodes. It was suggested that a conditional use permit may be appropriate, so that it does not carry over to future owners and uses. This presentation was for informational purposes only.

Presentation on Proposed Development at Cleveland & Grand

David Graham is an architect from ESG, presented the proposal for a mixed-use development on the corner of Cleveland and Grand. The development would have commercial uses on the first floor and residential on the four floors above, with a total of five floors. Committee member expressed concern regarding the massing, as the community plan support development at two to three stories. This presentation was for informational purposes only.

Billboard Ordinance

Council member Kathy Lantry requested that the district councils identify 2 – 3 billboards that they would most like to see removed with the updated billboard ordinance. Committee discussed potential criteria, decided to consult the Board of Directors and to discuss again at the October committee meeting.

Staff Updates and Announcements

Afton made some announcements and gave some updates.

Meeting adjourned.