

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICES COMMITTEE

February 18, 2020

A regular meeting of the committee was convened at 1:45 p.m. on this date.

Members Present: Council Members Lisa Goodman (Chair), Cam Gordon, Steve Fletcher, and Alondra Cano (Quorum - 4)

Members Absent: Council Members Jeremiah Ellison (Vice-Chair) and Phillippe Cunningham

Matters listed below are hereby submitted with the following recommendations; to-wit:

1. Liquor license approvals for Feb 18, 2020 ([2020-00207](#))

1. Famous Dave's, 800 LAKE ST W Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 10) submitted by Lake & Hennepin BBQ and Blues Inc, BLAmend, LIC386590
2. JIMMIE'S OLD SOUTHERN BBQ SMOKEHOUSE, 4501 FRANCE AVE S Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 13) submitted by JIMMIE'S OLD SOUTHERN BBQ SMOKEHOUSE LLC, BLAmend, LIC386692
3. Radisson Blu Minneapolis Downtown, 35 7TH ST S Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 7) submitted by RB Minneapolis Management LLC, BLAmend, LIC386329
4. RADISSON RED MINNEAPOLIS DOWNTOWN, 609 3RD ST S Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by RR MPLS MGMT LLC, BLAmend, LIC386323
5. It's Greek to Me - Taverna & Parea, 626 LAKE ST W Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 10) submitted by Alpha Epsilon Inc, BLLiquor, LIC386616

Goodman moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.
[Ellison, Cunningham absent]

2. Liquor license renewals for Feb 18, 2020 ([2020-00206](#))

1. Ichiddo Ramen, 2710 NICOLLET AVE Minneapolis, MN, submitted by Kung Fu Noodle Inc, BLWine, LIC66157
2. HASKELL'S, 81 9TH ST S Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 7) submitted by HASKELLS INC, BLLiqOff, LIC54024

Goodman moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.
[Ellison, Cunningham absent]

3. Gambling license renewals for Feb 18, 2020 ([2020-00208](#))

THE ALIVENESS PROJECT, 913 LAKE ST W Minneapolis, MN, submitted by THE ALIVENESS PROJECT, BLGeneral, LIC351102

Goodman moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.
[Ellison, Cunningham absent]

4. Rental Dwelling License conditions: 3700 Grand Ave S, 3215 21st Ave S, 3115 Cedar Ave S, 306 Oak Grove St, 316 Oak Grove St, 3554 Emerson Ave S, 2530 1st Ave S, 2532 1st Ave S, 905 Franklin Ave W, 3100 Bloomington Ave, 3140 Minnehaha Ave, 3146 Minnehaha Ave, 25 25th St E, 2443 Nicollet Ave, 3211 Minnehaha Ave, 3013 Grand Ave, and 3720 Minnehaha, owners LO1, LLC, L02, LLC, L03, LLC, H Scott Properties, LLC, and K&P Investments, LLC ([2020-00209](#))

Adopting the Rental License Conditions and Stipulated Agreement negotiated between the City of Minneapolis and the licensees for the Rental Dwelling Licenses held by LO1, LLC, LO2, LLC, LO3, LLC, H Scott Properties, LLC, and K&P Investments LLC for the properties located at 3700 Grand Ave S, 3215 21st Ave S, 3115 Cedar Ave S, 306 Oak Grove St, 316 Oak Grove St, 3554 Emerson Ave S, 2530 1st Ave S, 2532 1st Ave S, 905 Franklin Ave W, 3100 Bloomington Ave, 3140 Minnehaha Ave, 3146 Minnehaha Ave, 25 25th St E, 2443 Nicollet Ave, 3211 Minnehaha Ave, 3013 Grand Ave, and 3720 Minnehaha, and allowing the licensees to retain the Rental Dwelling Licenses for said properties, subject to adherence with the conditions contained therein.

Goodman moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.
[Ellison, Cunningham absent]

5. Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), Metropolitan Council's Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA), and Hennepin County's Environmental Response Fund (ERF) fall 2019 brownfield grants ([2020-00215](#))
 1. Accepting grants from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), in the total amount of \$984,221, for the following projects: 14th and Central, 854 14th Ave NE, 902 14th Ave NE, and 904 14th Ave NE (\$556,403); and Portland and Washington Mixed-Use Development, 500 3rd St S, 530 3rd St S, and 240 Portland Ave (427,818).
 2. Accepting grants from the Metropolitan Council's Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA), in the total amount of \$1,668,900, for the following projects: 14th and Central, 854 14th Ave NE, 902 14th Ave NE, and 904 14th Ave NE (370,500); 901/907 Winter Street NE, 901 Winter St NE (\$185,000); Amber Apartments, 4525 Hiawatha Ave (180,700); Creekside at Van White, 212 Girard Ave N, 210 Girard Ave N (west of Van White only), 1311 Currie Ave N, 1300 Chestnut Ave W; and 1129 2nd Ave N (west of Van White only) (\$367,000); RBC Gateway, 30 3rd St S (\$425,000); and Stonehouse Square Apartments, 215 Broadway St NE (\$140,700).
 3. Accepting grants from Hennepin County's Environmental Response Fund [ERF], in the total amount of \$383,981, for the following projects: 14th and Central, 854 14th Ave NE, 902 14th Ave NE, and 904 14th Ave NE (\$100,000); Amber Apartments, 4525 Hiawatha Ave (\$149,550); and Stonehouse Square Apartments, 215 Broadway St NE (\$134,431).
 4. Authorizing contracts or agreements with DEED, the Metropolitan Council, and Hennepin County for the aforesaid grants.
 5. Authorizing execution of one or more funding agreements with each of the sub-recipient identified below (or an affiliated entity) and/or disbursement and related agreements for these grants.
 6. Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Department of Community Planning & Economic Development.

Goodman moved to approve and refer to the Ways & Means Committee meeting of February 25, 2020. On voice vote, the motion passed.
[Ellison, Cunningham absent]

6. Values and goals of the Community Planning & Economic Development Department ([2020-00193](#))

Passage of Resolution committing to continuing the work of economic inclusion, affordable housing, and racial equity by working together as elected officials and departmental staff.

The Chair afforded the courtesy of the floor to Council Member Schroeder, who spoke to and distributed an amended resolution.

Gordon moved to approve an amended resolution, authored by Council Member Schroeder and Ellison, which reads as follows:

“Committing to continuing the work of economic inclusion, affordable housing, and racial equity by working together as elected officials and departmental staff.

~~Whereas, City staff, informed by community voices, partner organizations, research and data has proposed policy that the City Council has adopted creating goals prioritizing “equitable access to safe, stable, accessible, and affordable housing to eliminate racial disparities in housing,” “economic inclusion so that all workers and families are supported and People of Color, Indigenous and Immigrant (PoCII) owned businesses in all sectors can thrive,” “reliable and equitable access to high-quality public services,” “sustainable practices and renewable resources to equitably address climate change while restoring and protecting our soil, water and air,” “arts and culture as an important part of inclusive economic development and placemaking in our communities,” and has further specifically focused on “reduc[ing] involuntary displacement in rental housing for Black, Indigenous, People of Color and Immigrant communities,” and “increas[ing] the number of Minneapolis based businesses owned by Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, and increase businesses with BIPOC ownership that are still in business after five years”; and~~

~~Whereas, the city of Minneapolis is seeing sustained and dramatic growth, with over a billion dollars in development each year for the past eight years; and~~

Whereas, in the past three years the City has significantly increased its interventions to support historically disenfranchised residents and small businesses and is considering further action, much of it led or supported by the Community Planning and Economic Development department; and

~~Whereas, the benefits of economic that growth are not currently have not been shared by all people in our city, including those leaving out many people with limited incomes, communities of color, small businesses, and other historically disenfranchised groups; and~~

~~Whereas, some of the negative effects of the market include widening disparities in wealth, income, and other measures of success between whites and people of color; rent increases that have outpaced wage growth for low-income renters; displacement of low-income people; homelessness; displacement of small businesses; limited access to credit, especially for low income small business owners and small business owners of color; and an ever-worsening climate crisis; among many others; and~~

~~Whereas, in the past three years the City has significantly increased its interventions on behalf of historically disenfranchised residents and small businesses, and is considering further action, much of it being led or supported by the Community Planning and Economic Development department; and~~

~~Whereas, even with the progress that has recently been made and is currently under consideration, staff and the City Council agree that the magnitude of the problems in our community require even bolder and more urgent action; and~~

~~Whereas, this work is challenging and complex, and more resources and support are always needed;~~

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City Council and the ~~Department of~~ Community Planning and Economic Development department commit to ~~the shared work of the City,~~ creating a shared and viable agenda, supporting staff, and providing more resources and funding to ~~this priority work~~ in order to:

Continue to prioritize serving those whose needs are greatest, especially people of color.

This includes ~~very low income~~ residents who earn less than 30% of Area Median Income, communities of color, and small, locally-owned businesses. This will necessarily require lower prioritization of those who have disproportionately benefited from our systems to date, and additional investment. ~~been most successful, and may result in lower numbers of outcomes without additional investment.~~

Increase innovation. ~~The scale of the problems we face as a community require new solutions that have not been tried in our city before. Staff will continue bringing innovative ideas forward and actively work with policymakers and community to seek significant change.~~

Build the capacity to make change quickly. Our enterprise must be nimble enough to respond quickly to the deepening challenges our city faces, and tackle multiple issues at once. This requires pursuing and fostering even more outside partnerships to accomplish this work. ~~The City will need to create and foster even more outside partnerships to accomplish this work.~~

Recognize the need to boldly intervene in the market, to interrupt market dynamics that do not serve those most in need. To do this, the City must accept ~~Accept~~ that some of the market actors who have benefited from the status quo may find this challenging.

Embrace and increase ~~the equity and~~ diversity inside the department to reflect the growing diversity of the community we serve, especially in leadership positions, as described in the adopted Strategic Racial Equity Action Plan, which includes a goal of increasing SREAP goal to increase the hiring and retention of People of Color and Indigenous People in the City's workforce.

Foster a culture of openness and transparency and mutual respect among staff within the department, between staff and policymakers, and with small businesses and residents.

Continue to emphasize environmental sustainability in our work, because the scale and urgency of our climate crisis ~~the problem~~ requires an immediate, ongoing, urgent and enterprise-wide response.

Evaluate the success of our interventions, using data and regular reporting to ensure the City is fulfilling commitments to promote equity, economic inclusion, sustainability, and resilience throughout our community, in alignment with the ~~to make sure we are getting where we want to go and getting better at it along the way through regular reporting of our results with a focus on the equitable~~ outcomes we seek.”

On voice vote, the motion passed.

[Ellison, Cunningham absent]

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Reported by Irene Kasper, Council Committee Coordinator