

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY SERVICES
COMMITTEE
STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL
April 7, 2015

A regular meeting of the committee was convened at 1:30 p.m. on this date.

Members Present: Council Members Lisa Goodman (chair), Jacob Frey, Kevin Reich, Abdi Warsame, Alondra Cano and John Quincy

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

1. 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan ([15-00360](#)):

- a) Approving the Consolidated Plan (the City's application to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the entitlement programs of Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnerships, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS) Schedule 4 budget as amended to reflect the 2015 HUD appropriation which was announced by HUD on February 10, 2015;
- b) Receiving and filing all public comments received through the 30-day public comment period and direct staff to summarize comments in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan;
- c) Authorizing submittal of Plan to HUD on April 17, 2015 (**Refer to W&M**).

Staff presentation by Matt Bower, Department of Intergovernmental Relations/Office of Grants & Special Projects.

The public hearing was opened. The following persons spoke:

Flo Castner, Art Love Manor, 800 5th Ave N, Minneapolis, on behalf of the Advisory Committee on Aging, MPHA and MHRC. Referred to infrastructure needs (page 86), as well as urging the council to address poor conditions of proper curb cuts for persons with disabilities.

Michelle Nast, 1000 E 80th St, Bloomington, MN, Community Resources Coordinator with Cornerstone. Addressed domestic violence and sexual assault as being leading causes of homelessness (page 15).

Sue Watlov Phillips, Executive Director of Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing (MICAH) and President and CEO of Integrated Communities Solutions and resident of 1355 Hillcrest Dr NE, Fridley. Concerned that people impacted by poverty, homelessness and affordable housing need to be at the decision-making table, and with the Analysis of Impairments to Fair Housing, and asked that the plan be amended prior to submittal.

Will Stancil, representing the Institute on Metropolitan Opportunity at the University of Minnesota. Concerned with a flaw in the Consolidated Plan as to the adoption of the Fair Housing Implementation Council's 2014 Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing.

James Wilkinson, with Legal Aid Minneapolis. Concerned that the Analysis of Impediments is inadequate and urged changes to the Plan prior to submittal, along with offering assistance.

The public hearing was closed.

On motion by Goodman, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved.

2. License Fees for Tiered Rental Licenses and Condos Ordinance ([15-00180](#)):

Considering an ordinance amending Title 12, Chapter 244 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Housing: Maintenance Code, amending provisions related to license fees for tiered rental licenses and condominiums (by B. Johnson) (**Refer to W&M**).

Staff presentation by JoAnn Velde, Department of Regulatory Services/Deputy Director of Housing Inspections and Nuria Rivera-Vandermyde, Director of Regulatory Services.

The public hearing was opened.

Council President Barbara Johnson spoke in support.

James Wilkinson, with Legal Aid Minneapolis. Spoke in support but with concern that victims of domestic violence, people with disabilities and the like not be penalized by the City or their landlords for calling for emergency services and urged addressing that in this ordinance change.

Marty McDonough, Director of Municipal Affairs for the Minnesota Multi Housing Association. Spoke in support but with concern of what the criteria are to be used when assessing where a property will end up in the tier system.

Steve Frenz, business address 12 E 25th St, Minneapolis. Spoke in support but had issues with a) no objective criteria delineated in the ordinance but rather a list of possibilities at the discretion of the director; b) number of 911 and police calls; and c) no process for appeal.

Cecil Smith, business address 1818 14th Ave S, and resident of Minneapolis, owner of Cornerstone Property Professionals, a licensed real estate broker, and on the board of the Minnesota Multi Housing Association. Spoke in support but had concern with Section 244.1890 regarding discretion of the director of regulatory services.

Sue Watlov Phillips, with MICAH. Spoke of accessibility and agreed with previous comments regarding a list of criteria for the different tiers.

The public hearing was closed.

Goodman moved approval, and asked to be added as a co-author to the ordinance and indicated her willingness to work with Mr. Wilkinson on an amendment.

On motion by Goodman, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved and referred to the Ways & Means Committee.

3. Hola Arepa (3501 Nicollet Ave) ([15-00405](#)):

Considering application for an On-Sale Liquor license (Expansion of Premises).

Staff presentation by Grant Wilson, Department of Community Planning & Economic Development (CPED)/Licenses & Consumer Services.

The public hearing was opened. There being no persons wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

On motion by Goodman, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved.

4. Insight Brewing (2821 Hennepin Ave E) ([15-00405](#)):

Considering application for an On-Sale Liquor, Taproom and Off-Sale Liquor, Growler license (Expansion of Premises).

Staff presentation by Grant Wilson, CPED/Licenses & Consumer Services.

The public hearing was opened. There being no persons wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

On motion by Goodman, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved.

5. Nighthawks/Birdie@Nighthawks (3753 Nicollet Ave) ([15-00405](#)):

Considering application for an On Sale Wine with Strong Beer license (New Business).

Staff presentation by Grant Wilson, CPED/Licenses & Consumer Services.

The public hearing was opened. There being no persons wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

On motion by Goodman, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved.

6. Pracna & Theatre (115-125 Main St SE) ([15-00405](#)):

Considering application for an On-Sale Liquor license (New Business).

Staff presentation by Grant Wilson, CPED/Licenses & Consumer Services.

The public hearing was opened.

The following persons spoke:

John Rimarcik, applicant, 110 Bank St SE, Minneapolis, spoke in support.

Pete Youser, 100 2nd St SE, Minneapolis, voiced concerns of a) distributed public notice; b) a Class A license, which he would oppose due to a nightclub atmosphere; and c) amplified music.

The public hearing was closed.

On motion by Frey, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved.

7. Nuisance Condition Process Review Panel (NCPRP) Recommendation (3118 Park Ave garage) ([15-00406](#)):

Recommending adoption of findings of NCPRP to uphold the Director's Order to Raze & demolish garage.

On motion by Goodman, carried on voice vote, the quasi-judicial hearing was postponed.

8. License Applications ([15-00405](#)):

Granting licenses recommended for approval (see Licenses & Consumer Services Agenda link).

New liquor, wine & beer establishment owners, licenses, permanent expansions, upgrades and added conditions to existing licenses detailed as follows: 56 Brewing, 3134 California St NE (New Business); Aqua City Motel, 5739 Lyndale Ave S (License Settlement Conference); Azul Nightclub, 400 3rd Ave N (New Proprietor with Operating Conditions); Café Racer Kitchen, 2929 E 25th St (New License); Giordano's, 2700 Hennepin Ave S (New Business); Harriet's Inn, 4000 Lyndale Ave S (New Business with Operating Conditions); Metro Inn Motel, 5637 Lyndale Ave S (License Settlement Conference); The Seville Club, 15 Glenwood Ave N (New Proprietor).

On motion by Goodman, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved.

9. Rental Dwelling License Re-instatement (2643 Lyndale Ave N – owner Asli Egal) ([15-00407](#)):

Approving reinstatement of license.

On motion by Goodman, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved.

10. Employment and Training Services 2016-2020 ([15-00408](#)):

Authorizing issuance of a Request for Proposals to establish a list of “eligible providers” with whom CPED will contract for employment and training services for a five-year period, from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2020 (**Refer to W&M**).

On motion by Goodman, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved and referred to the Ways & Means Committee.

11. Outdoor Areas for Liquor & Beer Establishments Ordinance ([15-00313](#)):

Referring to staff the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 14, Chapter 360 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Liquor and Beer: In General, amending regulations related to outdoor areas on licensed establishments (by Gordon).

On motion by Goodman, carried on voice vote, the matter was referred to staff.

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Reported by Irene Kasper, Committee Coordinator