

MINUTES OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE
Thursday, July 15, 2021 - 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Baker, Grill, Hood, Reilly, Syed, and Taghioff
EXCUSED: DeJoy and Rangel Morales
STAFF: Menaka Mohan, Grace Bubel, Allan Torstenson, and Peter Warner

The meeting was chaired by Commissioner Baker. He stated that the chair of the Planning Commission had determined that due to the COVID-19 pandemic it is neither practical nor prudent for the Zoning Committee to meet in person, and therefore the meeting was being conducted remotely, with all members of the Zoning Committee attending the meeting remotely. The public is also able to join the meeting remotely and can speak during the public hearing portion or submit comments by noon on the day before the meeting.

402 Front Supportive Housing CUP - 21-275-968 - Conditional use permit for supportive housing facility for up to 17 residents with, modification of the required distance from other congregate living facilities (1320 ft. required, 950 ft. proposed), 402 Front Avenue, between Western Avenue N and Arundel Street

Menaka Mohan presented the staff report with a recommendation of approval with a condition for the conditional use permit. She said District 6 recommended approval, and there were 0 letters in support, and 1 letter in opposition.

Allan Kingdom, 2085 63rd Street E, Inver Grove Heights, MN, said that this supportive housing will help tackle a lot of issues in Saint Paul including homelessness, substance abuse, and mental illness. He can present statistics and other information if the Committee is interested.

In response to Commissioner Baker, Mr. Kingdom said this is not an expansion of an existing treatment organization. It is a brand new development of this type that he has worked on, and he will be collaborating with organizations that already exist in the community.

Anna Marie Englebretson, works with Minnesota Recovery Connection, spoke in support. She has been a participant in the recovery community and has struggled with addiction and finding housing was one of the biggest issues while trying to get her life back together. She supports this project and knows it will be good for the community. We need more people to represent the recovery community and open places like this. It was very beneficial to her when she was coming into recovery. This will be an amazing project.

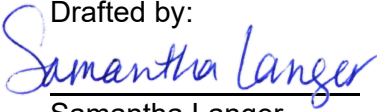
Kya Walker, 5052 Ewing Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN spoke in strong favor. She said that being a child of an addict she saw the struggle of transitioning back into society from rehab. Sober living is essential for the community. It provides support and longevity for addicts to transition back into the community.

No one spoke in opposition. The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Reilly moved approval with a condition of the conditional use permit.
Commissioner Hood seconded the motion.

The motion passed by a vote of 6-0-0.

Adopted Yeas - 6 Nays - 0 Abstained - 0

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Submitted by:


Menaka Mohan
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Approved by:


Anne DeJoy (Aug 3, 2021 10:43 CDT)
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Chair


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