

City of Saint Paul

City Hall and Court House 15 West Kellogg Boulevard Phone: 651-266-8560

Legislation Details (With Text)

File #: RES 24-294 Version: 2

Type: Resolution Status: Passed

In control: City Council

Final action: 2/21/2024

Title: Recognizing the Minnesota Music Café as Minnesota's Best Concert Venue in 2023.

Sponsors: Rebecca Noecker

Indexes:

Code sections:

Attachments:

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
2/22/2024	2	Mayor's Office	Signed	
2/21/2024	1	City Council	Adopted As Amended	Pass

Recognizing the Minnesota Music Café as Minnesota's Best Concert Venue in 2023.

Whereas the Minnesota Music Café is owned by Karen Palm, who has shown a deep commitment to the local music scene and the musicians themselves; and

Whereas the Minnesota Music Cafe is a beloved live music venue located just outside of Downtown Saint Paul on the Eastside of Saint Paul on Payne Avenue; and

Whereas the Minnesota Music Café hosts blues, R&B, reggae, jazz, heavy metal and all genres of music & rock shows and has just celebrated its 26th year in business in Saint Paul; and

Whereas the Minnesota Music Café is one of the only bars that, over its 26-year history, has consistently given those from all walks of life African American bands a place to perform in the city of Saint Paul; some of the artists that have performed at the Minnesota Music Cafe include The Good, The Bad and The Funky, Sounds of Blackness, The GAP Band, JayBee & The Routine featuring the legendary Jellybean Johnson, Wee Willie Walker, Cornbred Harris, Jamecia Bennett, Maurice Jacox, Gwen Matthews, Ronnie Baker Brooks, Yolande Bruce, Johnny Lang, Debbie Duncan, GB Leighton, Ray Covington, The Jets, The Steeles, Kathleen & Rhonda Johnson, High & Mighty, The MAXX Band, Westside Band, Johnnie Brown, International Reggae All-Stars, R-Factor, Corey Medina & Brothers, Ipso Facto, Function Junction, Roxxy Hall Band and many other amazing musicians who are part of the Minnesota Music Café family with artists from Prince, Wee Willie Walker, The Steeles, and the International Reggae All-Stars; and

Whereas the Minnesota Music Café is owned by Karen Palm, who has shown a deep commitment to local music scene and the musicians themselves; and

Whereas during COVID during the closure of live music venues during the pandemic, Karen raised money for out of work musicians by assembling a DVD of many of the artists who performed at the venue the Minnesota Music Cafe, dedicating all the proceeds to the musicians; and

Whereas the Minnesota's Best voted the Minnesota Music Café the best concert venue in Minnesota in 2023, besting the big concert venues and proving that the little guy can win; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Saint Paul City Council congratulates the Minnesota Music Café on being named the Best

File #: RES 24-294, Version: 2

Concert Venue in Minnesota and extends its appreciation and deep thanks to Karen Palm for her decades of commitment to <u>live</u> music in Saint Paul.