

MINUTES OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 8, 2011 - 3:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor
City Hall and Court House
15 West Kellogg Boulevard

PRESENT: Commers, Fernandez, Kramer, Merrigan, Wencil, and Wickiser
ABSENT: Nelson (excused), Spaulding (excused)
STAFF: Kate Reilly, Samantha Langer, and Patricia James

The meeting was chaired by Commissioner Kramer.

Mississippi Market (Selby Ave) - 11-265-812 - Rezoning from RM2 Medium Density Multiple-Family Residential to B2 Community Business, 633 Hague Ave, between Dale and St. Albans

Kate Reilly presented the staff report with a recommendation of approval for the rezoning. Kate Reilly also stated District 8 made no recommendation, and there were 2 letters in support, and 1 letter in opposition.

Upon inquiry from the Commissioners, Ms. Reilly explained that the letter submitted by the neighboring resident dated August 12, 2011, proposing a specific redesign of the site plan was considered. She explained that the new site plan shows a similar proposal to the alternative proposed in that letter. There is a large amount of green space between the residential property and the Mississippi Market property.

The applicant Gail Graham, General Manager of Mississippi Market, 622 Selby Avenue, Saint Paul, MN explained that immediately across the street, from the proposed expansion, is an overflow parking lot. Ms. Graham stated that the Mississippi Market has had a good history in developing attractively landscaped parking lots that are sensitive to the neighbors. There original site plan had twelve parking spaces and they decided to sacrifice some of the parking to allow more green space.

Maureen DeCamp, 568 Dayton Avenue, Saint Paul, MN spoke in support. She explained that her family has been in the area for more than 30 years. There has been a big improvement at that intersection, and she is very much in support of the rezoning. Mississippi Market has worked with the neighbors and made a commitment to stay in the neighborhood.

No one spoke in opposition.

The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Barbara Wencil moved approval of the rezoning. Commissioner Paula Merrigan seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0-0.

Adopted	Yeas - 6	Nays - 0	Abstained - 0
Drafted by:	Submitted by:		Approved by:

Samantha Langer
Recording Secretary

Kate Reilly
Zoning Section

Richard Kramer
Chair