

- **NOVEMBER 20th:** It is communicated to us by Marcia Moermond (Legislative Hearing Officer) that we would need to:
    - Provide a \$5000 performance fee
    - Pay the annual Vacant Building Fee
    - Provide plans, code analysis, variances
    - Estimate of costs / sworn construction statement
    - Demonstrate the ability to secure at least \$150,000 in funding
    - Work must be undertaken no later than April 1, 2015.
    - Work must be completed, as evidenced by issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, no later than January 1, 2017.
    - The property must be maintained.
  - **NOVEMBER 24th:** Legislative Hearing with Marcia Moermond to consider a stay of enforcement in the ordered demolition of 929 West 7th.
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- **JANUARY 11th:** Met with Joe Spencer and Marcq Sung, Martin Schiekkel, Ross Currier (PED)
  - **JANUARY 12th:** Legislative Hearing w/Marcia Moremend.
  - **JANUARY 14th:** Met with Yaya Diatta, Larry Zangs, Kristina Schwinler (DSI)
  - **JANUARY 19th:** *Communicated the importance of our liquor license to our business model (via e-mail) to Marcq Sung (PED) and Joe Spencer (Arts and Culture Director)*
  - **JANUARY 26th:** Met with and hired Locus Architecture
  - **JANUARY 26th:** Was e-mailed the list of property owners within 100' to get signatures for our Development District
  - **JANUARY 26th:** I ask Kristina Schwinler via e-mail "Should we be thinking about bundling our parking variance request efforts into our development district / liquor license efforts?" She says Larry Zangs should answer my question. No one helps us understand that our process will require TWO rounds of getting signatures.
  - **JANUARY 27th:** Kristina Schwinler admits (via e-mail) to not knowing very much about this process
  - **JANUARY 31st:** E-mail from Mai Vang asking that we provide a flow chart of plans for the rehabilitation and financial documentation dedicating the funds for the project by February 2nd. \*Letter was dated January 13th.
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- **FEBRUARY 2nd:** As of this date (per an e-mail to Marcia Moermond and other City Officials) we thought our timeline would culminate in a mid-April to mid-July construction period. We were WAY off.
  - **FEBRUARY 8th:** Meeting with Councilwoman Rebecca Noecker
  - **FEBRUARY 9th:** Legislative Hearing with Marcia Moermond. It was determined that we are to provide a viable work plan by February 29 for review.
  - **FEBRUARY 22nd:** Parking Variance application turned in
  - **FEBRUARY 29th:** Shared (via e-mail) details regarding our development including a sworn construction statement with Marcia Moermond.
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- **MAY 16th:** Meeting with St. Francis Church and Upper Mississippi Academy to discuss parking options.
  - **MAY 17th:** SAC committee is understaffed. SAC determination will be delayed.
  - **MAY 18th:** We were told that we could apply for the *THEATER LIQUOR LICENSE* and change our application before it is turned in.
  - **MAY 19th:** Turned in (Theater) Liquor Licence application
  - **MAY 23rd/24th:** Still trying to determine if we are eligible for a *THEATER LIQUOR LICENSE*. Joe Spencer thinks that we *should* be able to apply for a Theater Liquor License.
  - **MAY 24th:** West 7th Neighborhood Council - neighborhood meeting to discuss neighbor's worries about our liquor license.
  - **MAY 27th:** St. Francis Church agrees to a shared parking lot deal.
  - **End of MAY:** It is determined that we should not apply for a theater liquor license despite clear language in the statute. We are not satisfied with this answer and seek other department's feedback.
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- **JUNE 1st:** The North Garden Theatre is recommended to receive a St. Paul Neighborhood STAR Grant.
  - **JUNE 3rd:** We have still not received a satisfactory answer regarding applying for a theater liquor license. DSI requests meeting.
  - **JUNE 6th:** Meeting with DSI officials. It is finally ultimately determined that we should not apply for the theater liquor license. I ask DSI about when our 45 day period will start.
  - **JUNE 7th:** I ask for specific timing regarding where we are at with our Development District and our Liquor License. I get vague responses. Kristina Schwinler says that the application was entered on this day and that notices should be sent out to neighbors in two weeks after the background check occurs.
  - **JUNE 13th:** West 7th Fort Road Neighborhood Council Monthly Meeting. We asked for them to waive the 45 day waiting period for our liquor license. They would not waive it.
  - **JUNE 14th:** We still don't know about when our 45 day waiting period will begin. We are told for the first time that we will need a signed waiver from St. Francis Church for our liquor license. As of this day, we are guessing that construction might occur between August and October.
  - **JUNE 15th:** Once it is clear we have no chance of making our early October deadline placed on us by Marcia Moermond, I send off an e-mail to her explaining our situation and asking for more time to complete our project. Our \$5000 performance fee is at stake. I will get no response until I follow up on July 12th
  - **JUNE 20th:** We still have not been given any specific updates regarding our Development District or our Liquor License. No update on the Liquor License background check - Kristina Schwinler is not sure if it's been completed. The neighborhood notice has not gone out.
  - **JUNE 23rd:** St. Francis Church waives distance requirement.
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- **JULY 7th:** We are told that “the notice for your license will be sent out next week when Jeff (Fishbach) returns.”
  - **JULY 12th:** We are told that the neighborhood notice letter for our liquor license is being worked on. When we asked if we could have an estimate regarding when it might get sent out, we are told, “No - he will get it out as soon as he can.”
  - **JULY 12th:** After not hearing back from Marcia Moermond and unsure if she returned to her position with the City after her absence, I send her an inquiry e-mail. She replies letting me know that she did not get my e-mail from the 15th of June.
  - **JULY 18th:** We are finally told by Jeff Fishbach that neighborhood notification letter for our Liquor License application was sent out.
  - **JULY 20th:** Development District public hearing with the City Council.
  - **JULY 21st:** We are told that after reviewing the signatures for our Entertainment License Petition, we have only obtained 16 out of a potential 34 and would need to get at least 5 more to ensure that we have 60% of the signatures we need. This is the first time that someone explains any details about gathering signatures. There was no clarity at the beginning of this signature gathering process.
  - **JULY 22nd:** We acquire and provide the necessary signatures for the Entertainment License.
  - **JULY 27th:** Development District City Council resolution adoption.
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- **AUGUST 22nd:** Review of plans and progress with DSI (Kristina Schwinler, Dan Niziolek, Eric Hudak, James Williamette, Ricardo Cervantes)
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- **SEPTEMBER 2nd:** 45 day waiting period ends for neighborhood notification of liquor license application
- **SEPTEMBER 16th:** Only one neighborhood respondent with vague concerns to our liquor license contacted DSI. The respondent was given until this day to give more specifics regarding her concerns.
- **SEPTEMBER 22nd:** Public hearing (for liquor / entertainment license) with Legislative Officer. Scheduling this meeting took three weeks from the end of our neighborhood notification period.