

MINUTES OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE
Thursday, January 30, 2020 - 3:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor
City Hall and Court House
15 West Kellogg Boulevard

PRESENT: DeJoy, Edgerton, and Grill
EXCUSED: Baker, Lindeke, Ochs, and Rangel Morales
STAFF: Tony Johnson, Samantha Langer, Allan Torstenson, and Peter Warner

The meeting was chaired by Commissioner Edgerton.

315 Fisk St N and 820 Concordia Ave Rezone - 20-004-207 - Rezone from RT1 two-family residential to T1 traditional neighborhood, 315 Fisk Street and 820 Concordia Avenue, western side of Fisk St. between Concordia Ave. and Carroll Ave.

Tony Johnson presented the staff report with a recommendation of approval for the rezoning. He said District 8 submitted a letter recommending approval, and there were no other letters in support or opposition.

Marvin Anderson, Chair and CEO of the Rondo Center for Diverse Expression, 315 Fisk St N., St Paul, MN, said that this proposal to connect the Commemorative Plaza and the Rondo Center of Diverse Expression is the end of a long held dream to continue their efforts to sustain and perpetuate those values from the Rondo community that held their neighborhood together. He has been involved with Rondo for the last 35 years and is a founder of the Rondo Days Festival. The Rondo Commemorative Plaza is a highlight, but an outdoor plaza has its limits. The indoor facility will help with bad weather and be a place for storage. If these two parcels can be combined they will be able to celebrate their history, culture, and creativity by exposing our community to the arts. They can help to inspire people to find common ground in the Rondo corridor. They will be able to use the two parcels to bring people together in a trusting way. Their vision is to be an anchor for the renaissance in the Rondo community. They want to be a place where people can come for information on the Rondo Land Bridge. The Rondo Center for Diverse Expression along with Rondo Commemorative Plaza will be a focal point for developing and sustaining their culture and history and make the City of Saint Paul proud of its relationship to the Rondo Community.

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

Commissioner Kristine Grill moved approval of the rezoning. Commissioner Anne DeJoy seconded the motion.

The motion passed by a vote of 3-0-0.

Adopted Yeas - 3 Nays - 0 Abstained - 0

Drafted by:

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Samantha Langer
Recording Secretary

Tony Johnson
City Planner

Dan Edgerton
Chair