

Sarah Zorn - FW: Rezoning request for the coffee shop at Saratoga & Randolph

From: "Meyer, Lee" <lmeyer@DLRGROUP.com>
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Date: 11/28/2011 12:16 PM
Subject: FW: Rezoning request for the coffee shop at Saratoga & Randolph

Sarah,

My name is Lee Meyer and I live at 514 Saratoga Street or about 5 houses down from J & S Bean Coffee.

Fort Road Coffee Company has always been a very good and considerate neighbor and would support this change in zoning to expand their menu and servings.

The owner has made it a habit to walk the neighborhood at least once a year to check and see if any one has any issues or concerns about the shop. A very good neighbor to have!

Sincerely,

Lee Meyer
 514 Saratoga Street
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Sent: Monday, November 28, 2011 11:10 AM
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Hello everyone,

Recently I received a public hearing notice (mailed 11.23.11) from the St. Paul City Council regarding rezoning the coffee shop from B1 Local business to T2 traditional neighborhood. The "names" of the zones are confusing given the response I received from a City Council staff person (see below), but Sarah clearly explains what is happening and why.

I personally have no problem with the rezoning change as I like the having the coffee shop in our neighborhood (except when people park in the no parking spots at the corner).

Take care,
Barbara

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From: Sarah Zorn [mailto:Sarah.Zorn@ci.stpaul.mn.us]
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To: Beltrand, Barbara
Subject: Re: File # 11-282-365

Ms. Beltrand,
The applicant, Fort Road Coffee Company, applied for the rezoning in order to change the items offered on their menu. They are interested in serving food at the shop that requires some minimal preparation, such as soup, which requires a type of restaurant license that is not available in the B1 district because restaurants are not a permitted use in the B1 district. By rezoning to T2, they will be able to apply for the license.

The 'T' districts are mixed use districts that permit both residential and commercial uses, whereas the 'B' districts don't permit purely residential uses. In addition, the 'T' districts have design standards that will ensure that any new development at this location will be complementary to the existing residential neighborhood. The Highland District Council has adopted a plan with one of the goals being to rezone the Snelling/Randolph commercial area to T2 because it would be a better fit for the surrounding area. I can't say when or if that might happen in the future, but this particular rezoning is consistent with that goal.

If you are interested in submitting any written testimony regarding the rezoning application, you may send it to my attention and I'll be sure the Councilmembers receive it prior to the hearing on the 7th.

I hope that answers your questions, please let me know if you have any others.
Sarah



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>>> "Barbara Beltrand" <barbarabeltrand@minn.net> 11/23/2011 7:10 PM >>>
Hello Sara,

Could you please tell me the effect of our local coffee shop being rezoned from B1 Local Business to T2 Traditional Neighborhood?

What effect might that have on the homeowners/residents of our neighborhood?

What is the reason that this rezoning is contemplated?

Thank you for letting me know the reasons for this potential change.

Take care,
Barbara

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Notice the period at the end of the sentence!

Let's rid ourselves of a tax code of deductions and credits (aka tax expenditures) and the concomitant corporate and governmental transaction costs and inevitable pork barrel politics. And then let us all pay taxes from the very poor to the very wealthy; it's easy to adjust the rates to create fairness and equity for all.

Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul
And sings the tune without the words
And never stops at all.
-Emily Dickinson

In the spirit of the
Dickinsonian rhyme:
When in doubt,
Right mouse.