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Subject: RE: Wells Fargo Building Email

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Tom, Therese, did you get everything you need from the committee? There were three motions:

1. Motion to recommend rejection of the hours exception requested for 333 on the Park. The vote was 4-1. When the motion was discussed, a comment was made that the City paid for the skyway connection, and the committee wants to maintain the integrity of the system as much as possible. People who spoke in favor of the hours exception mainly talked about incidents where they found homeless people sleeping in the area that they are seeking to close. A committee member said those incidents occur throughout the skyway system, and so the committee is committed to continue working with building owners and managers, Saint Paul and Metro Transit police departments, and other organizations to work toward safety and security improvements that address the issues throughout the skyway system.
2. Motion to recommend approval of the request by Madison Equities to close bridge 43 through March 2020, but not bridges 33 and 46. The motion passed unanimously. The discussion was that the closure is needed due to construction / renovation work that is scheduled to be complete within the next three months.
3. Motion to recommend rejection of the hours exception request for the sliding glass doors between Treasure Island Center and Wells Fargo Place, which was previously discussed by the committee at the June 28, 2019 meeting. The vote was unanimous. The committee had recommended approval of the request in June, because it was explained by a representative of Unilev Management Corporation (Wells Fargo Place), that the doors would only be closed when Stacked Deck was brewing beer. Apparently it created such a strong smell in Wells Fargo Place that all tenants were affected. No one representing Unilev or Wells Fargo Place attended the December skyway committee meeting, but representatives of Stacked Deck and Treasure Island Center said they installed a new exhaust system in early November. It is unknown if the exhaust system has fixed the problem, or if there are other improvements that need to be made in either building, which is beyond the scope of the skyway committee to address. However, Wells Fargo Place management has been frequently closing the sliding glass doors, which is making it more difficult for people to get to Stacked Deck. The committee felt that if the hours exception request is rejected, the managers of the two buildings will need to work together to address the issues in ways that are mutually beneficial.

Please feel free to include this in your staff report.

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