

LICENSES AND CONSUMER SERVICES

LICENSE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

FILE: L161-50459
WARD: 2
NEIGHBORHOOD:
CEDAR-RIVERSIDE

APPLICANT: Afro Deli & Coffee, LLC

ADDRESS: 1939 5th St. S

DBA: Afro Deli & Coffee

TYPE OF LICENSE: Sidewalk Cafe

DATE OF APPLICATION: August 22, 2012

INSPECTOR: Leanne Selander

PURPOSE OF APPLICATION: The applicant seeks approval for a new sidewalk café.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS: 121 notices were mailed September 12th to residents and property owners within 300 feet of the premises, plus the neighborhood and business association, and one multi-unit building was posted. The public hearing is scheduled at the Regulatory, Energy and Environment Committee on Sept. 24, 2012.

SIDEWALK CAFÉ AREA:

Afro Deli & Coffee's restaurant and sidewalk cafe has operated since 2010. The business is located inside the African Development Center (ADC), a non-profit organization that assists African immigrants start and sustain successful businesses. Afro Deli's current sidewalk café is located alongside the building's 5th St. and 20th Ave. sides. These streets, along with Riverside Ave., are in the end phase of reconstruction. When complete, 5th St. will be redirected, resulting in a triangle shaped, green space patio located on the City's right-of-way in front of Afro Deli. The restaurant saw this newly created space as an opportunity to enlarge and enhance their sidewalk café by relocating to the patio. They applied for, and received, an Encroachment permit from Public Works to allow this to happen.

The new sidewalk café will increase seating from 18 to 54. There will be fifteen 2-person tables and six 4-person tables. The patio will be surrounded by grass, shrubs, trees, and boulders. The width of the sidewalk between the restaurant and the patio is approximately 8 ft. at the narrowest and 12 ft. at its widest. Service of food and beverages will be self-service. Afro Deli does not serve alcohol. Its hours of operation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday – Saturday. Licensing and Traffic Engineering have reviewed and approved the new sidewalk café, per its design plan.