



**Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Community Planning  
& Economic Development – Planning Division**

Date: April 9, 2009  
To: Council Member Gary Schiff, Chair of Zoning and Planning Committee  
Referral to: Zoning and Planning Committee  
**Subject:** Referral from the March 23, 2009 City Planning Commission Meeting  
**Recommendation:** See report from the City Planning Commission

**Prepared by:** Lisa Baldwin, Planning Commission Committee Clerk (612-673-3710)

**Approved by:** Jason Wittenberg, Supervisor, CPED Planning-Development Services

**Presenter in Committee:**

1. Church of St. Helena, Vac-1557, Kimberly Holien, City Planner, x2402
7. Sparrow Cafe, 2500 5th St NE (including 415 Lowry Ave NE), Hilary Dvorak, Sr Planner, x2639

**Community Impact (use any categories that apply)**

Other: See staff report(s) from the City Planning Commission

**Background/Supporting Information Attached**

The attached report summarizes the actions taken at the City Planning Commission meeting held on April 6, 2009. The findings and recommendations are respectfully submitted for the consideration of your Committee.

**REPORT  
of the  
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
of the City of Minneapolis**

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The Minneapolis City Planning Commission, at its meeting on April 6, 2009 took action to **submit the attached comment** on the following items:

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**Excerpt from the  
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**MEMORANDUM**

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DATE: April 10, 2009

TO: Steve Poor, Planning Supervisor – Zoning Administrator, Community Planning & Economic Development - Planning Division

FROM: Jason Wittenberg, Supervisor, Community Planning & Economic Development - Planning Division, Development Services

CC: Barbara Sporlein, Director, Community Planning & Economic Development Planning Division

SUBJECT: Planning Commission decisions of April 6, 2009

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The following actions were taken by the Planning Commission on April 6, 2009. As you know, the Planning Commission's decisions on items other than rezonings, text amendments, vacations, 40 Acre studies and comprehensive plan amendments are final subject to a ten calendar day appeal period before permits can be issued:

Commissioners present: President Motzenbecker, Bates, Cohen, Gorecki, Huynh, Luepke-Pier, Norkus-Crampton, Schiff and Tucker – 9

Not present: Nordyke

Committee Clerk: Lisa Baldwin (612) 673-3710

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