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NOTICE OF DECISION

The City of Minneapolis has completed the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the Wave Project (Project) by Omni Investment. The Project includes 38 residential units, a 9,400 sq. ft. spa, a 9,600 sq. ft. restaurant, and structured parking for 195 vehicles on a site owned by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board that was formerly the former Fuji Ya Restaurant. The Project is within the locally and nationally designated St. Anthony Falls Historic District.

On February 23, 2007, the Minneapolis City Council approved the EAW and concluded that no Environmental Impact Statement was warranted for the Project (refer to attached final action by the City).

Copies of the EAW and all associated documents are available for review at the Minneapolis Central Library located at 300 Nicollet Mall in Downtown Minneapolis and in the office of the City Planning Division at 210 City Hall. It is also available for review on the City of Minneapolis web site: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/planning> (look in the lower center column for "Plan/Projects Currently Under Public Review" and click on "Environmental Review Projects"). Paper copies of these documents and a compact disk of the reports can also be provided upon request to the **EAW Contact Person:**

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Attachment: Final action by the City of Minneapolis

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FEBRUARY 23, 2007

The following is the complete text of the unpublished summarized ordinance.

ORDINANCE 2007-Or-019
By Schiff
1st & 2nd Readings: 2/23/2007

Amending Title 20, Chapter 521 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Zoning Code: Zoning Districts and Maps Generally.

The City Council of The City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Section 521.30 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended by changing the zoning district for the following parcel of land, pursuant to MS 462.357:

That part of Lots 5 and 6, Sunset Park (5140 Hiawatha Ave - Plate 40) to the R4 District.

Adopted 2/23/2007.

Absent - Colvin Roy.

Z&P - Your Committee, having under consideration the Midtown Greenway Land Use and Development Plan, a plan to provide policy direction for land use and development along the Midtown Greenway from Hiawatha Ave to the west city limits, now recommends concurrence in the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the findings prepared by the Department of Community Planning & Economic Development (CPED) staff be adopted, and that the Midtown Greenway Land Use and Development Plan be adopted with the amendments set forth in the CPED report on file in Petn No 271839 as a small area plan and as an articulation of and amendment to the comprehensive plan's policies, subject to review and approval by the Metropolitan Council.

Adopted 2/23/2007.

Absent - Colvin Roy.

Z&P - Your Committee, having under consideration the environmental review process for the Wave Project at 304-320 1st St S for construction of a mixed-use project including 38 residential units, a 9,400 square foot spa, a 9,600 square foot restaurant and structured parking for 195 vehicles on the site of the former Fuji Ya Restaurant and vacant land to the west currently owned by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, now recommends that development of an Environmental Impact Statement not be ordered, therefore making a negative declaration, and that the Findings of Fact and Record of Decision set forth in the Department of Community Planning and Economic Development staff report be adopted.

Your Committee further directs staff to address the concerns and recommendations stated as follows by the National Park Service: a) "... the Findings Document does not discuss the nature of the Wave's cumulative impact"; and b) "... impacts affect the setting, feeling and association, which are three of the seven elements of site integrity as defined by the National Register in Bulletin 15, How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation."

Adopted 2/23/2007.

Absent - Colvin Roy.

MOTIONS

Samuels introduced the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 13, Chapter 341 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Licenses and Business Regulations: Taxicabs, which was given its first reading and referred to the Public Safety & Regulatory Services Committee (establishing fuel efficiency standards; deleting taxicab driver citizenship requirements; deleting section relating to provisional taxicab drivers licenses; deleting section relating to Limited Liability Partnerships; and amending financial incentives to taxicab service companies who exceed fuel efficiency and wheel chair vehicle standards).