

ABC Ad Hoc Committee Zoom Meeting – August 1, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

Roll call:

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Present:

Ms. Mason
Dr. Ed Williams
Ms. Sepulveda-Bassa
Officer Baker

Others:

Daniel Blackburn, City Attorney
John Stein, ACA
Howard McCoach, Esq.

Public: Jack Ayoub

Approval of previous minutes:

1st – Dr. Williams
2nd- Ms. Mason

Vote - yes:

Ms. Mason
Dr. Williams
Ms. Sepulveda-Bassa
Officer Baker

Minutes approved.

Discussion:

Suggestions on the specific location of the pilot corridors

Federal Street: between 19th Street and 27th Street
Ms. Bassa suggested to expand to 33rd Street

Haddon Ave: From Liberty St. to Wildwood St.

Waterfront: Water line to 3rd St. & Pearl St. (BFB Bridge) to Federal St.

Restaurants in the intersection of the suggested corridors would be grandfathered in

Vote on establishing three commercial corridors with boundaries identified:

1st - Dr. Williams
2nd - Ms. Mason

Vote - yes
Ms. Mason
Dr. Williams
Ms. Sepulveda-Bassa
Officer Baker

Time frame for the pilot recommended as 1 year
Return to Council with recommendations

Measure of Success:
-Public Safety
-Survey of business
-Sales
-Patronage increase?

Business that relied on the pilot will remain if the pilot is discontinued

Vote on the timeframe and procedure:

1st - Dr. Williams
2nd - Ms. Mason

Vote - yes
Ms. Mason
Dr. Williams
Ms. Sepulveda-Bassa
Officer Baker

Should there be incentives for business to move into the corridors
Reduction of City fee on license renewal
Grants
Requirement of city residents as employees for businesses?
Suggest Education and workshop development
Encourage involvement

Vote on City License fees remaining the same:

1st - Dr. Williams
2nd - Ms. Mason

Vote - yes
Ms. Mason
Dr. Williams
Ms. Sepulveda-Bassa
Officer Baker

Who is responsible for enforcement?
-ABC
-Law Enforcement
-Code Officers

Public Comment:

Mr. Ayoub

Why limit elimination of the 500 feet requirement to the proposed corridors?
-Should be city wide

The City should reduce the license fee

Setting of next Community meeting:

August 5, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. via zoom [now changed to August 8th at 4:30 via zoom]

Motion to adjourn - Granted