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April 7, 2009

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE**  
**ON LICENSES AND PERMITS**

The Committee on Licenses and Permits convened on April 7, 2009, with Chairman Bruce Desmond presiding and Committee Member Aldermen Robert Trane also present and voting. Also present were Alderman Rebekah Gewirtz, Attorney Richard DiGirolamo, Houman Baiany from Powderhouse Foods and Jo Chan from the Red House Restaurant.

Alderman Gewirtz discussed her dealings with Mr. Baiany and stated that he has been very responsive to her suggestions and she stated that this store should be viewed more as a convenience store and not a typical Dunkin Donuts. Attorney DiGirolamo, representing Mr. Baiany, discussed the proposed signage and the corporate requirements of Dunkin Donuts. He also spoke about his client's negotiations with the Dunkin Donuts corporation regarding signage requirements and went on to explain that the proposed signage is very limited and distinguishable compared to the standard Dunkin Donuts signage and awning. Chairman Desmond discussed the historical significance of Powder House Square. Alderman Trane stated that he is opposed to the proposed awning and signage. Alderman Gewirtz made some suggested changes to the proposed signage and Mr. Baiany explained that he cannot change the existing signage since it is under the landlord's control. Attorney DiGirolamo and Alderman Trane agreed to meet to further discuss the proposed signage.

The committee discussed matters before it and took action on the following 2 item:

**186864:** New extended hours license, Red House Restaurant, 24 Union Square..

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved as amended (30 days license to extend hours as follows: Sun-Thurs 11am to 1:30 am; Fri-Sat 11am to 2am

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

**185972:** New garage license, Samay Inc. dba Somerville Gas, 73 Summer Street

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved as amended (10 cars and 2 Zip Cars)

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

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Alderman Bruce M. Desmond, Chairman  
Committee on Licenses and Permits