

Bake Oven Policy and Draft License with TNO

- The bake oven policy is at parks committee next Tuesday and my belief is that a majority of the members on the committee want to pass a policy and won't have an appetite for a further deferral.
- My recommendation to Sabina is that she not respond to the city's draft license until after Parks Committee discusses the bake oven policy. You may want to email the City back and say that you are considering the document but want to wait to discuss it until after the Committee discusses the bake oven policy.
- My take on the concerns that I've heard is that 1/3 is what's in the Bake Oven Policy, 1/3 is about high permit fees and insurance costs and 1/3 is how the city will implement the rules. Our focus in the next week should be on the Bake Oven policy. Try to do our best to fix that part if we can.

Bake Oven Policy

- The key work in the next couple of days is to present Mary Margaret McMahon with a set of proposed amendments to the policy. If we can get her support for some of the amendments, she can talk to her colleagues on the committee and seek enough votes to pass them next Tuesday.
- My thought is that Mary Margaret will only be able to deal with a select number of amendments – maybe 3, or 5 tops.
- My recommendation would be to focus on the "Parties interested in building a new outdoor oven" part of the Roles and Responsibilities Section. As we're seeing with TNO's draft license, any group trying to build a new oven faces huge costs with no say on how to reduce those costs. And then once the oven is done, its park property and the group has no more rights. Basically, no group will ever build an oven (as we're seeing with the proposed license with TNO).
- Perhaps we can get amendments allowing for:
 - Community groups to build the oven themselves, with in-kind donations, subject to City approval.
 - Permit fees should be waived or be an absolute bare minimum for community groups that have built an oven or paid the City to build an oven.
 - Clarifying that builders of an oven or long-term users of an oven are not responsible for repair costs (in the draft license, TNO is supposed to pay for repairs).
- I don't think we're going to win any amendment motions put forward to waive other fees or insurance costs. Those are fights for another day.
- My other concern that we need to clarify whether the ban on using the oven

for “for-profit” uses in the Policy Statement includes a ban on community groups selling goods from the oven (e.g. bread, pizza) to help cover the costs of operating the oven.

At Committee Next Week

- Assuming that we can get Mary Margaret to put forward some key amendments, we should still make sure that all the concerns we have are expressed in the depositions, including insurance and the permit costs.
- We should see if we can get some reporters to attend. A key message can be that this policy is shaping up just like the A La Carte Food Carts – a good idea that is being squashed by city bureaucracy and will end up with the just the same result. No one is going to build a new oven with this existing policy.