



Milwaukee County

Legislation Text

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From the Director, Department of Transportation and Public Works, and the Airport Director, forwarding a request from Interfaith Chapel of Milwaukee for a license to construct, operate, and maintain a meditation room at General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA).

POLICY

County Board approval is required to enter into certain licenses at GMIA.

BACKGROUND

Interfaith Chapel of Milwaukee is requesting to construct, operate, and maintain a room to be used for private meditation for passengers, employees, and visitors to GMIA. The room may also be used for occasional services led by a religious leader. Interfaith Chapel of Milwaukee, Inc. is a 501 3 C organization. The firm of Plunkett Raysich Architects, LLP has been selected for the project by Interfaith Chapel. The proposed design is contemporary with no decor that represents any particular faith. The room will contain chairs and/or benches and an open area for those desiring to use prayer rugs.

Airport staff has identified approximately 900 square feet of space on the third level of the parking garage near the moving walkway as a possible site for this room.

RECOMMENDATION

Upon approval by the Milwaukee County Board and the County Executive, Milwaukee County Airport Division would issue a license to Interfaith Chapel of Milwaukee under standard terms and conditions for similar type of terminal building space development and space rental inclusive of the following:

1. The agreement shall be for a term of one (1) year, commencing April 1, 2011 and ending March 31, 2012 with subsequent renewals at the discretion of the Airport Director.
2. The charge associated with the approximate 900 square feet of space under license will be \$1.00 per year.
3. Interfaith Chapel of Milwaukee shall be responsible for the payment of all utilities associated with the meditation room.
4. All plans for constructing the space and space finishes will be subject to Airport Director approval.
5. Interfaith Chapel of Milwaukee shall be responsible for the maintenance of the meditation room, and shall provide insurance that may be required by the Milwaukee

County Risk Manager.

6. The license is subject to review and approval by the Office of the Milwaukee County Corporation Counsel.

FISCAL NOTE

Airport building rental revenue will increase by \$1.00 per year.

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