



North Loop Neighborhood Association Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting

September 18, 2013
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Heritage Landing

Minutes

- I. INTRODUCTIONS
 - a. Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.
 - b. Minutes from August were held over for approval.

- II. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - a. SWLRT Update by Sophia Ginis, *Met Council Community Outreach Coordinator*
 - i. Establishes a regional system of transportation
 - ii. Major hub in the North Loop
 - iii. Quiet high capacity trains
 - iv. Station is a benefit that offers a destination
 - v. Currently in scope and budget phase
 - vi. Municipal consent phase is coming very soon (mid-Oct. possible)
 - vii. Consistent signage, common station design, labeling, ticket/accessibility throughout
 - viii. Similar line time trip of 40 minutes to end (either St. Paul, MOA, or Eden Prairie)
 - ix. High job growth radiates out from center
 - x. 1 year for design feedback expected
 - xi. Royalston specifically
 1. Eastside of ROW for platform
 2. Bridge running over 7th
 3. Looked at Glenwood alternate, but was too costly without any additional benefits
 4. Looked at Border which hindered market access and narrow ROW challenges
 5. No permanent street closures planned with this location
 6. Center trains with 2 side platforms for arrangement
 - xii. Oct. 2nd corridor management committee meeting to go forward with freight

- xiii. Oct. 9th full county council meeting

- b. 129 Plymouth Retail by Steve Minn, *LUPE Development*
 - i. Lupe now owns land from MNDOT transaction.
 - ii. They have been unable to secure the miscellaneous parcel adjoining from Star Tribune due to cost negotiations.
 - iii. The site is a Superfund cleanup area, old battery company – remediation of lead and petroleum is required.
 - iv. Currently in the land use approvals state now – and since with his update on process.
 - 1. Site approvals for Nov-Dec
 - v. Site is located across from Standard Heating.
 - 1. No specific tenants identified – a sandwich shop, dry cleaner, and laundromat likely.
 - 2. Drive-through restaurant will anchor the development.
 - 3. Materials are pre-cast rock face block, and brick
 - 4. 7-8 month construction expected.
 - 5. 21 parking spaces included based on destination retail uses
 - vi. Coming back for authorization in October

- c. Committee Business
 - 1. Education Committee
 - a. Survey is out and available at downtownmplschool@gmail.com
 - b. Survey will close in October
 - c. The committee is looking for a new co-chair
 - 2. SW LRT
 - a. Approval timeline for Met Council
 - b. Must vote to authorize municipal consent
 - 3. Park Board Group
 - a. Meeting is Monday

III. ADJOURNMENT

Attendees:

DJ Heinle, Co-chair
Dave Decker, Co-chair
Karen L. Rosar
Sarah Fesler
Kelly Nelson
Jo Vos