



North Loop Neighborhood Association Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting

January 22, 2014
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Heritage Landing

Minutes

- I. INTRODUCTIONS
 - a. Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm.
 - b. Minutes from November were approved.

- II. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - a. Minneapolis Transportation Projects – *Chris Trembath, City of Minneapolis*
 - i. Key discussion items include:
 1. Presentation of the proposed resurfacing projects in the neighborhood
 - a. 5th Street N (from 5th Ave N to 10th Ave N) – Mill and Overlay. Construction will start mid-April and include road closure of about 1 week
 - b. These are assessment projects, which is based on square footage, not lineal footage of frontage.
 - c. There will be a pre-public hearing.
 - d. \$280,000 rough construction cost.
 - e. The projects may include limited curb and gutter improvements.
 - f. Restriping will be like for like.

 - b. Minneapolis Streetscapes, sidewalks, signals – *Shane Morton, Steve Mosing, City of Minneapolis*
 - i. Key discussion items include:
 1. 7,000 Intersections managed throughout the City.
 2. 3,000 traffic requests
 3. Only Tier 3 cost bracket, other funding required beyond this threshold.
 4. Neighborhood feedback sought on problem areas:
 - a. 800 Washington Ave superblock pedestrian crossing an issue.

- b. 394 access and turning lane stripping recommended.
 - c. Ribnick/Crave intersection
 - 5. Data Collection from our suggestions will be completed in spring.
 - 6. Site planning and future traffic challenges are on-going.
 - 7. Speed bump speed mitigation is also available.
 - 8. Shane will follow-up with our committee after data collection.
- c. Nicollet Mall Redevelopment, *Peter Brown*, Architectural representative
 - i. Key discussion items include:
 - 1. 10 member committee of public and private representatives.
 - 2. The existing configuration is 24 years old.
 - 3. Design team selected includes James Corner Field Operations. NYC firm that did the High Line Project.
 - 4. Plans included evaluating three separate conceptual areas: Walk, Urban Forest, Skyway
 - 5. Keeping the curve vs. realignment is in play.
 - 6. 50 million budget expected, conceptual cost estimate due in May. Funding mostly from Bonding and Assessments.
 - 7. Project is on Governor's Bonding Bill request for 20 million.
 - 8. Note that there is a survey available at www.nicolletmallproject.com
 - 9. Open House Feb 19th.
 - 10. Bus and streetcar traffic will remain on the avenue.
 - 11. Project targeting Minnesota's Front Door and Live|Work|Play components.
- d. CRAVE Muse Event Center – Randy Shaver Foundation Event, *Sara Paciotti and Roseann Shaver*
 - i. Sunday June 1st 3rd Ave N shutdown planned. Event time 5pm-9:30pm.
 - ii. Tented action event outdoors, moving inside for dinner.
 - iii. **The P+Z Committee made a motion to write a letter of support.**
 - 1. Motion passed
- e. Socialista – Restaurant Concept, *Fernando Santa*
 - i. Key discussion items include:
 - 1. Elsewherehouse location at 730 Washington
 - 2. Previous Babalau owner
 - 3. 25-year restaurateur
 - 4. Fine Dining and alcohol license presentation
 - 5. Components:
 - a. 150 seats upstairs
 - b. 75 seats downstairs
 - c. 3-piece band space, Latin jazz expected
 - d. Lunch/dinner times
 - e. 60-75 employees
 - f. Valet parking

6. Safety plan on file with MPD
7. No outdoor seating space planned
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f. Committee Business

- i. Education Committee
 - a. New school district 1G created including downtown residents
 - b. Large development with Minneapolis Public Schools supporting Webster school renovations on 5th St NE
 - c. 30 million budget proposed
 - d. School opening targeted for Fall 2015
 - e. Starting with pre-k through 2nd grade, adding one grade a year to expand to pre-k through 5th grade.
 - f. May be a “STEAM” school, science, technology, engineering, arts, and math focused
- ii. SW LRT – 2 on-going committee meetings, freight rail study draft released on February 3rd.
- iii. Park CAC – Bassett Creek next area of focus, next meeting in March.
- iv. Other Notes:
 - a. May 17th Target Field Station Opens
 - b. June 14th Green Line Opens, Minneapolis to St. Paul LRT central project
- v. Committee Membership approved for 2014, see members below
- vi. **Note time for next meeting pushed to 6:30 due to Nicollet Open House schedule**

III. ADJOURNMENT

Attendees:

DJ Heinle, Co-chair
Karen L. Rosar
Wendy Holmes
Alice Eichholz
Jo Vos
Brent Webb
Darwin Lookingbill
Kelly Nelson

Non-Attendee Members:

Dave Decker, Co-chair
Sarah Fesler
John Slack