



Meeting Minutes

NORTH LOOP NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING & ZONING MEETING

HERITAGE LANDING COMMUNITY ROOM, 415 NORTH 1ST STREET

FEBRUARY 18, 2015

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS—DAVE DECKER

- THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.
 - EIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: SYDNEY ANDERSON, DAVE DECKER, ALICE EICHHOLZ, DJ HEINLE, NEAL REARDON, KAREN ROSAR, JO VOS, AND BRENT WEBB.
 - THE COMMITTEE APPROVED MINUTES FROM ITS JANUARY 21 MEETING.
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HENNEPIN AVENUE TRUST—TOM HOCH, PRESIDENT

- TOM HOCH UPDATED THE COMMITTEE ON HENNEPIN AVENUE TRUST'S STRATEGIC PLANNING EFFORTS, WHICH BEGAN THREE YEARS AGO.
 - THE TRUST IS NOW FOCUSING ON IMPLEMENTING ITS CULTURAL DISTRICT PLAN, WHICH ENCOMPASSES THE AREA FROM THE WALKER TO THE RIVER. INCLUDING NICOLLET, HARMON, AND HENNEPIN AVENUES AND 1ST AVENUE.
 - THE TRUST HAS ADOPTED WEDO AS ITS SLOGAN AND LOGO, WHICH STANDS FOR WEST DOWNTOWN.
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MINNEAPOLIS BICYCLE COALITION—ETHAN FAWLEY

- THE COALITION SPONSORS OPEN STREETS MINNEAPOLIS, WHICH IS IN ITS FIFTH YEAR. THE COALITION IS LOOKING FOR A DOWNTOWN LOCATION FOR 2015. IT IS CONSIDERING TWO OPTIONS: (1) HENNEPIN AVENUE TO WASHINGTON AVENUE INTO THE NORTH LOOP AREA, AND (2) 1ST AVENUE TO WASHINGTON AVENUE INTO THE NORTH LOOP AREA.
 - AT SOME POINT, THE COALITION WILL BE LOOKING FOR A LETTER OF SUPPORT, FUNDING, AND VOLUNTEERS.
 - FAWLEY ALSO COMMENTED ON THE PROPOSED BICYCLE LANE ON WASHINGTON AVENUE. HE WOULD PREFER TO SEE BUFFERED BICYCLE LANES ALONG WASHINGTON AVENUE TO HENNEPIN AVENUE (AS OPPOSED TO A COMBINATION OF BUFFERED AND PROTECTED LANES). HOWEVER, THIS WOULD INVOLVE TAKING SOME PARKING SPACES FROM THE STREET.
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NAIOP University Challenge—Eric Lundbort

- ERIC LUNDBORT IS A STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY LOOKING FOR IDEAS FOR DEVELOPING A PARKING LOT NEAR BASSETT CREEK IN THE NORTH LOOP. THE PROJECT, WHICH IS DUE IN EARLY APRIL, WILL PRESENT PLANS FOR TWO BUILDINGS IN THE AREA. LUNDBORT INDICATED THAT SOMEONE WILL COME TO OUR NEXT P&Z MEETING TO DISCUSS THE PROJECT IN MORE DETAIL.
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STREETCAR PROJECT—CHARLEEN ZIMMER

- CHARLEEN ZIMMER UPDATED THE COMMITTEE ON PLANS FOR STREETCAR SERVICE IN THE CITY.
 - DURING 2015, THE GROUP HOPES TO GET A METROPOLITAN CITY TAX PASSED AT THE LEGISLATURE.
 - MUCH WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE—IF ALL GOES WELL, STREETCARS WOULD BE OPERATIONAL IN 2021.
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NEIGHBORHOOD COMMENTS

- ALICE EICHHOLZ ASKED FOR AN UPDATE ON PAINTING ELECTRICAL BOXES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. DAVE DECKER WILL CONTACT DAVID FRANK ABOUT CITY REQUIREMENTS.
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COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- THE COMMITTEE VOTED TO WRITE A LETTER TO BOB BYERS, HENNEPIN COUNTY, SUPPORTING THE IDEA OF BUFFERED BIKE LANES ALONG WASHINGTON AVENUE.
 - THE COMMITTEE VOTED TO WRITE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THREE STREETCAR STOPS IN THE NORTH LOOP NEIGHBORHOOD.
 - THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 19, AT 6 PM, IN PAXON. THE COMMITTEE ADJOURNED AT 7:50 PM.
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