



**NORTH
LOOP**
NEIGHBORHOOD

**North Loop Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Notes
August 27, 2014
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Junction Flats 643 5th St N**

Attendees: Philip Ailiff, Mike Faulk, David Frank, DJ Heinle, Fritz Kroll,
Karen Lee Rosar, Adam Schiff, Scott Woller

Absent: JR Maddox, Diane Merrifield, Brent Nelson

- I. August Board Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM
- II. August Board Meeting Agenda Approved
- III. July 30, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes Approved
- IV. Finance Report –Mike Faulk
 - June Accounts Summary balance:
 - Checking balance: \$16,453.62
 - Savings balance: \$8,006.51
 - Total balance: \$24,460.13
 - July Accounts Summary balance:
 - Checking balance: \$12,178.62
 - Savings balance: \$7,991.64
 - Total balance: \$20,170.26
 - August activity reviewed (as of 8/27):
 - Debits: \$200 to Lillan Burg accounting, \$500 to National Night Out
 - Credits: \$500 for website advertising
 - CPP Funds
 - 2012-2013 Contract Balance \$ 35,212.72
 - 2014-2016 Contract Balance \$115,079.00
 - The North Loop received a \$9,600 advance for the 2014-16 CPP contract.
 - Mike to work on Neighborhood Priority Plans with Robert Thompson for previous and current contract. Please let Mike know if you have ideas and/or would like to participate in the meeting.
 - Mike will change the type of savings account so the North Loop Neighborhood Association will no longer be charged \$15/month for not having a minimum balance of \$10,000. Sunrise Bank has refunded the \$15 fee that was charged the last 4 months. The new account has a minimum balance of \$1000 and the same interest rate (.02%)
 - **Motion was made and approved to accept the August Finance Report**

V. Neighbor Comments

- Ginger Kranz, Principal of Webster Community School: Kranz reports that Webster Community School will open in August of 2015 (prekindergarten through second grade, building to fifth grade in the third year); the team is working very hard to get everything set up; will be meeting with neighborhood associations to determine the best way to collect data for enrollment estimates; enrollment and hiring will more than likely begin in January; the building is being completely gutted- other than the gymnasium which will still be updated; Kranz states she is happy to have a year to do all the planning, gathers contact information from meeting attendees, and asks if anyone knows of any other neighborhood or cultural organizations she could meet with, please let her know; contact Ginger Kranz at Ginger.Kranz@mpls.k12.mn.us; see advertisement included
- Jane Pattinson, Neighbor:
 - 1) Pattinson attended the River Station Board Meeting to hear about the proposed new park location; she is concerned for the “kinds of people that will be hanging out there” stating there are plenty of other good parks in the neighborhood; Pattinson believes the park effort is well-meaning, but that the funds are being “ill-spent” and should go towards police/safety
 - 2) Pattinson is upset about City Office’s lack of reaction to Center Point trenching streets creating unsafe situations for drivers; called police to address the issue last time
 - 3) Pattinson has public safety concerns at intersections, and comments the bicyclists are dangerous to pedestrians
- Tim Dixon, Developer of proposed hotel at 3rd St N and Washington: Dixon plans to redevelop the historic building on the aforementioned corner into an independent, boutique hotel to serve those visiting the North Loop and provide a local experience without having to leave the building; the hotel will include 120+ rooms and 18,000 SF of lobby/food/beverage space geared towards locals on the first floor (locals are considered the #1 customer and viewed as investors); parking will be challenging, parking to be controlled by valet, shared parking opportunities available, details in progress Dixon is currently learning about the building, the neighborhood, and the community to be able to create the true North Loop experience for future guests; Dixon is interested in meeting with different neighborhood organizations/associations to really understand the NL experience
- NLNA Board Member Scott Woller announces Corner Church will host The Gift of Guardianship Workshop on Thursday, September 11 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM; see advertisement included
- Raymond Dehn, State Representative: Dehn announces a special session to discuss funding for flooding may be held; Dehn also reminds Board that elections are coming up in about 10 weeks and candidates are legally allowed to knock on doors to be able to meet and talk with neighbors

VI. Committee Reports

A. Marketing and Promotions – Scott Woller

- Explore the North Loop is scheduled for Saturday, October 11; north sector stops will be open for half the day and south sector stops will open the other half of the day so participants can visit shops and businesses as well; the

goal is to have 20 stops – Woller states that they are very close to reaching goal and asks the Board to please help with recruiting the rest; volunteers are still needed

B. North Loop Business Association – Brent Nelson

- Nelson reports that proofs of the shared promotional piece for the Warehouse District Business Association and the North Loop Neighborhood Association will be available next month

C. Website Update – Diane Merrifield

- No update this month

D. Planning & Zoning – DJ Heinle

- Curt Gunsbury, Solhem Companies: Heinle reports that Gunsbury presented a housing development of 27 condo units with a minimum of 3 bedroom-configuration; the development would be an 8-story glass, concrete, and steel building with underground parking; the project falls within 2 historical districts and the current zoning is to 6- stories; **a motion is made and approved to send a letter of support for the plans as presented and in support of variances addressing height, story increase, floor-to-area increase, and parking ratio increase.**
- Brian Funk, Director/Light Rail Operations: Heinle reports that Funk presented the current status of the Green Line, its recent successes in achieving 2015 ridership levels, and some possible strategies for increasing service speeds from downtown Minneapolis to downtown St. Paul; increasing speed is considered “tricky” from an operations standpoint, but different options are currently being explored; **a motion is made and approved to send a letter that a) supports the intent to obtain jurisdictional authorizations that could enhance ridership and decrease travel time in the North Loop Neighborhood, and b) requests a review of the current signal mechanics at the Nicollet Avenue intersection, as many have observed all red signal problems, delays in walk signals, and stopping of trains.**
- CPED, Heritage Street Planning Project: the first project of the Heritage Street Planning efforts was presented – the 6th Avenue North plan is to be implemented including brick pavers and enhanced cross walks; the Heritage Street Planning project will continue as it was developed; a 2 year process is anticipated; the first community outreach event will take place in September or October; 30% design is expected in November; no approval request at this time; assessments will occur in the same manner that other roads are assessed
- Downtown East Neighborhood Presentation: a presentation was made related to the traffic study and potential enhancements at the 394/94 ramps; Heinle followed up with the Traffic Department to learn that the intersection is currently under review and is considered hazardous; the Downtown East Neighborhood Board is currently reviewing as well; **a motion is made and supported to encourage the City to continue to make efforts that would give pedestrians priority at this intersection**

G. Livability – Greening & Lighting Update – Fritz Kroll

- No update this month

H. Livability - North Loop Park Initiative – Karen Lee Rosar

- Related to the neighborhood discussion of a park, Rosar asked how park development fees work. Frank responded that a developer can propose to dedicate land instead of paying the fee, but that it is up to the park board to decide whether to accept the land dedication or collect the fee.

I. Safety and Livability – Phil Ailiff

- Ailiff reports “lots of activity in July,” stats will be developed for the next Block Club Meeting; could the new location for the Megabus drop off or the Green Line coming on line contribute to the uptick in crimes?
- 3rd Avenue is a “hot spot” for vehicle theft- no arrests made yet; 28 thefts from motor vehicles in the last week; **DON’T LEAVE VALUABLES (VISIBLE) IN CAR**
- Also, several assaults reported near 10th and Curry
- A speed wagon was requested for Washington between 9th and 10th; the result of the request will be learned soon
- As of two weeks ago, Sinners is officially closed; lots of issues at this establishment- owner saw it as a liability; to his credit, the owner did a “wonderful job working with the City” to try to improve the situation before closing
- Sound Bar is also currently closed due to recent shooting
- Next Block Club Meeting is Thursday, September 18 at 6:00 PM at Dunn Bros on Washington
- Next Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting planned for Wednesday, September 3 from 4-6 PM in Room 333 of City Hall
- Next Court Watch is scheduled for Friday, September 12 at 10 AM at the Main Library

J. Neighborhood School Update – Adam Schiff

- Minneapolis Downtown Families Event that took place on August 9 at 9 AM at the Farmers Market went over very well
- A Facebook page and webpage have been created to promote future events
- The organization is currently working on the by-laws which will be needed to file as a non-profit
- A launch event is scheduled for September 27 from 8:30 – 10:30 AM at the 4th Avenue Park; **a motion is made and approved for the North Loop Neighborhood Association to contribute funds for food and coffee for the event**; Faulk states that there are funds available for this type of use and will look into which source
- The organization will be presenting to 2020 Partners on September 30
- The group is still working on their name

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Revolving Loan Fund Update – David Frank for J.R. Maddox
 - CEE acknowledged receiving the letter that stated the North Loop declines the new proposed fee structure for the revolving loan
- B. Farmers Market Advisory Group Update – Karen Lee Rosar
 - No meeting in August; no update this month
- C. 2020 Partners Update – Karen Lee Rosar
 - No meeting in August; next meeting scheduled for September 30
- D. DNG Update – DJ Heinle
 - No update this month
- E. Pedestrian and Bicycle Update – Karen Lee Rosar
 - Next Open Streets Events are:
 - Nicollet Avenue on Sunday, September 14 from 12 – 5 PM; Lake Street to 46th Street
 - Lowry Avenue North on Saturday, September 20 from 11 AM – 6 PM; Vincent Avenue to Emerson Avenue
 - See openstreetsmpls.com for more information
- F. Target Center Implementation Committee Update – Karen Lee Rosar
 - No update this month

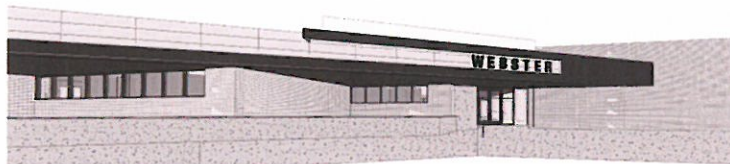
VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- “Problem Intersections” was one of the goals the Board decided to focus on at the Board Retreat; meetings were held with Public Works five months ago to discuss, Public Works has been collecting data since then; preliminary data was shared with DJ Heinle; David Frank has asked Shane Morton with CPED to put together a budget for the recommendations created based on the preliminary data; the City is in support of the recommended improvements, but does not have the budget to make the improvements; **a motion is made and approved for the Board to write a letter that 1) thanks the City for their efforts to date, 2) asks for cost estimates for the recommended improvements, and 3) states that the NLNA would like to work with the City to figure out how to begin to implement the improvements at the specified problem intersections.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.



Webster Community School Opening 2015-16!



Webster Community School (425 – 5th Street NE, 55413) is opening August in 2015, as a prekindergarten through second grade. Webster will provide an opportunity for families in the newly created attendance boundary 1G* to build a strong community school. For more information contact: Associate Superintendent Stephen Flisk - Stephen.Flisk@mpls.k12.mn.us; 612.668.0140.

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* 1G Boundaries: 94 and 394 on the west – 12th street on the southwest – 35W on the south – city limits on the east – and generally Hennepin Ave., Broadway and 17th Ave. NE on the north



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**FOR MORE INFORMATION FEEL
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scott@CornerChurch.tv**

As a parent, it's important to protect your children, but have you thought about who would care for them if the unthinkable happens? In this workshop, we will walk you through the potentially confusing and emotional process of selecting a legal guardian for your children in the event that you are unable to care for them. In addition to the practical legal process, we'll dive into the emotional.



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