



**North Loop Neighborhood Association
Planning & Zoning Meeting Notes
November 20, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

Colonial Warehouse Conference Lounge, 212 3rd Ave N

1. November Planning & Zoning Meeting was called to order at 6:06 P.M.
2. 8 of 14 committee members were in attendance: David Miller, Jo Vos, Alice Eichholz, Frederick Dawe, Aneesha Marwah, Francesco Parisi, Joe McErlane, and Neil Reardon.

Representatives from Renaissance on the River, TractorWorks, Underground Music Cafe, Blue Plate Company, Unleashed Hounds & Hops, River Station Lofts, and United Properties were also present.

3. **Motion is made by Diane, seconded by Jo, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the October meeting minutes with no changes.**
4. **Motion is made by Fred, seconded by David, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the November meeting agenda with no changes.**
5. Freehouse Plaza Extension
 - a. Freehouse aims to activate their plaza and expand their existing patio liquor license. Starting in January, the plaza will be activated with seasonal activities such as curling (synthetic sheets of ice), bocce ball, bean bags, etc. No additional seating will be on the plaza. Drinks will be in plastic cups. Hours will mirror patio hours, which are shorter than restaurant hours.
 - b. Looking for a letter of support for their expanded liquor license.
6. Underground Music Cafe – 408 3rd Ave N
 - a. Robert Rasmussen will be the new owner of the Cafe. A business and security plan has been provided, and it is confirmed that there will be no changes to the

Cafe. With this change in ownership, they need a new liquor license and are looking for a letter of support.

7. Unleashed Hounds & Hops – 200 E Lyndale

- a. Combination indoor/outdoor dog park (total 16,000 sq. ft.) that serves beer and food. There will be 4,000 sq ft of outdoor area for the dog park and a patio. There are 16 restaurants like this across the country, but this will be the first one in Minnesota.
- b. Mission is to “Bring responsible dog owners together in a safe and fun environment... Come for the dogs, stay for the food and drink.”
- c. Dog park will be membership-based. In order to become a member, dog owners must follow requirements set forth by Animal Control & Protection.
- d. The park is completely fenced in with separation between big dogs and small dogs.
- e. Located in the Annex at the south end of the Minneapolis Farmers Market.
- f. Dining area is separated from the dog park to comply with health code – state law says you cannot have off-leash dogs in the same room as beer and wine. However, you can have food and non-alcoholic beverages in the dog park.
- g. There will be “Ruff”erees in the dog park that are employed to watch your dog while you get a drink in the dining area.
- h. Cleaning stations and other dog-owner amenities will also be included in the dog park.
- i. Indiegogo campaign goal was \$10,000, but they raised nearly \$50k. There is a clear demand for a restaurant/dog park of this kind.
- j. Requesting a letter of support for their liquor license.

8. Tower Tunnel & TractorWorks Art Crossing

- a. Ron Ridgeway – artist and curator at TractorWorks, and creator of the Art Crossing canvas currently in Tower Tunnel – is presenting signage (3ft x 8ft canvas) that he created to be placed in Tower Tunnel.
 1. Sign depicts a pedestrian trail from Tower Tunnel to the river.
 1. Suggested improvements:
 - a. Distinguish the sections of the trail that are not on public streets.
 - b. Need to get permission from property owners to have the private sections of the trail presented.
 - c. Change the coloring of the trail to be more obvious.
 - d. Remove the edges of the map that are not relevant to the trail.

9. Committee Business

- a. Co-Chair Turnover – Joe stepped down as Co-Chair of P+Z. Irina stepped down from the Board, but will remain a Co-Chair of P+Z.

1. Irina asked Francesco to serve as Co-Chair – per the bylaws, at least one Co-Chair must be a member of the Board. Francesco, being the sole member of the Board serving on P+Z agreed to serve as Co-Chair for the remainder of the term. A new Co-Chairs may be elected in 2020 by the newly formed P+Z Committee.
2. **Motion is made by Fred, seconded by Jo, and unanimously approved by the Board to appoint Francesco Parisi as P+Z Committee Co-Chair.**
 - b. **Motion is made by David, seconded by Alice, and unanimously approved by the Board to write letters of support for the liquor licenses of Freehouse, Underground Music Cafe, and Unleashed Hops & Hounds.**

10. Neighbor Comments

- a. No other comments from neighbors.

11. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2019.

Adjourned at 6:58 P.M.