



**NORTH
LOOP**
NEIGHBORHOOD

**North Loop Neighborhood Association
Planning & Zoning Meeting Notes
November 17, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83375899847>

1. November Planning & Zoning Meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M. by Mollie Scozzari.
2. 12 of 15 committee members were in attendance: Mollie Scozzari, David Miller, Missy Rotterdam, Matt Sharkey-Smith, Fred Dawe, Carrie Reardan, Zackery Schaaf, Neil Reardon, Joe McErlane, Francesco Parisi, Marshall Hall, and Alice Eichholz.
3. **Motion is made by Alice, seconded by Francesco, and unanimously approved by the Committee to approve the November meeting agenda and October meeting minutes with no changes.**
4. 2021 Accomplishments for NLNA Annual Meeting – Mollie Scozzari
 - a. Heard 11 presentations; sent letters of support to 11 projects, 2 of which had conditions.
 - b. Posted and updated all projects coming before P+Z, including actions taken by the committee.
 - c. At the March meeting, P+Z wrote NLNA a formal letter asking the board to post all letters of support on its website to increase transparency; P+Z began posting them on its website (as part of P+Z project list) in October.
 - d. In May, the committee voted to support the developer interested in providing permanent funding to light the Washington Avenue Bridge – asked the NLNA Board to pursue the opportunity.
 - e. In August, discussed the need to have more info on P+Z's approval process and to encourage developers to engage with the committee. Created a button on the "Resources" page on northloop.org to make information easier to find.
 - f. Continued to participate in Root District activities.

1. Process continuing with three subcommittees to help design remaining parts of North Loop.
 - g. Encouraged locating stop signs at 1st Street N and 8th Ave North (near Star Tribune) and they are now in place.
5. Interest in continuing to serve on the P+Z Committee – Mollie Scozzari
- a. Committee members should send Mollie a private note indicating their interest in continuing to serve on the Committee. This will inform the Board of any vacancies on the Committee prior to the Annual Meeting in January.
6. Committee Business
- a. NuLoop Partners - Alice Eichholz
 1. The next NuLoop Partners meeting is November 30, 2021. NuLoop Partners' new website has information and updates about the work happening in the Root District → <https://www.nulooppartners.org/>.
 - b. Public Art and Beautification
 1. There is a new mural on the side of the Love Your Melon building.
 2. New trash cans courtesy of NLNA are being installed throughout the neighborhood.
 - c. Historic Preservation and Land Use Reports - David Miller
 1. No update.
 - d. Other Committee Business
 1. Neither the NLNA Board nor the P+Z Committee received an invite to the groundbreaking of the North Loop Green Project. The Committee needs to have a bigger presence with developers to ensure neighborhood engagement.
 2. The North Loop has become a hub of bridal shops, but residents want to see more everyday stores, such as a pharmacy. The Committee and other residents can help achieve this by making suggestions to developers of mixed-use and commercial projects when they present to the Committee, and by communicating with brokers.
7. NLNA Board Actions – Mollie Scozzari
- a. The Board approved the creation of the Parks & Placemaking Committee comprised of David Crary, Bri Sharkey-Smith, and volunteers. The Committee will focus on parks and public art.
 - b. Sarah Traczyk joined the Board in the vacancy of Francesco. She will be working on Communications.
 - c. City funding is declining year after year for the NLNA. The Board is looking at other sources of funds including donations from businesses and residents.
8. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022.

The Committee adjourned at 6:27 P.M.