



**NORTH
LOOP**
NEIGHBORHOOD

**North Loop Neighborhood Association
Planning + Zoning Committee June Meeting Notes**

Date: 7/20/2022

Time 6:00 pm

1. 13 of 15 Committee Members in attendance: Mollie Scozzari, Jo Vos, David Miller, Fred Dawe, Melissa Rotterdam, Alice Eichholz, Joe McErlane, Marshall Hall, Neil Reardon, Francesco Parisi, Carrie Reardan, Eric Mahn, Irina Brown
 - a. Guests in Attendance: Robert Rasmussen (Underground Music Cafe), Lily Smith (MG Plant Life LLC)
 - b. Committee Members Absent: Zackery Schaaf, Matt Sharkey Smith
2. Committee Called to Order at 6:00 by Scozzari
3. **Vos makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes from June, Rotterdam seconds the motion and minutes are approved by the committee**
4. Brown proposes an Amendment to the agenda, a new item added to New Business. **Eichholz moves to approve the amended agenda, Hall seconds the motion, and the amended agenda is approved by the committee**
5. Underground Music Café Presentation
 - a. Expansion to a 160-person capacity room in the Crane building 408 3rd Avenue N
 - b. Hosting private events (weddings, graduation parties, music, and comedy shows) Planning on 200-300 person events, no more than that. 1-2 events a week. A full Liquor License has been issued by the city
 - c. Neighbors living above and next to the Underground Music Café are okay with these changes. Want to keep cliental and neighbors happy, want to keep everyone happy and comfortable
 - d. No further expansion plans besides doing more events per week in the future
 - e. Committee addresses challenging situations at this venue in the past. People planning events and concerts must hire security staff. 1 security guard per 75 attendees, usually at least 3 security guards per event

6. Stalk & Spade (Lily Smith)

- a. 100% Plant Based American food, this is their 3rd location. North Loop location will be at 528 Washington Avenue N. in the Duffey Building at the garden level. New restaurant is planning to open in Late October
- b. Looking for a letter of support for a liquor license serving wine and beer. Wayzata location already has a liquor license, Edina location is working on getting one
- c. No patio seating, only indoors about 28 seats. Won't be open past 10pm, 7 days a week

7. Reports

- a. NuLoop Partners (Alice Eichholz)
 - i. Presentation from the Annual Meeting
 - ii. Groups focused on Equity, Climate, and Creativity
- b. Public Art and Beautification (Francesco Parisi)
 - i. Still funding available, looking for proposals to come through, mostly available space and request for funding
- c. Historic Preservation and Land Use Reports (David Miller)
 - i. No updates

8. Old Business

- a. Greco Development- Copham Alley
 - i. City Staff recommended to allow the improvements to the alley but it to remain public with no gates on either end
- b. Crossing Sign at Washington & 8th Avenue North
 - i. Scott Woller from the NLNA Board has all the parts for crossing signs, volunteers needed to help put them together
- c. *Intersect* Project
 - i. The project recently closed and started construction on this site
 - ii. Their website with construction updates is live and can be accessed by committee members and neighbors

9. New Business

- a. Development at the old industrial lighting building at 200 North 2nd St (Irina Brown)
 - i. Converting into apartments and retail space, final permits have been acquired, using Historical Tax Credits for some funding. 13 units planned, expected to be ready for leasing in 1 year to 1.5 years
 - ii. Already a tenant for entirety of the retail space, cannot be shared yet
 - iii. Pricing- lower than the market and larger spaces than other apartments
 - iv. Greenery- 5 huge planters above ground, the basement of the building goes under the sidewalk so no planting possible. Above ground trees possible. Rooftop will be part of the penthouse unit, green roof, 1/3 will have plants and flowers. No dog park and no dogs in building
- b. **Committee Vote for Letter of Support to Stalk & Spade**

- i. Vos Makes a motion to provide a letter of support for the liquor license, Scozzari seconds the motion, the committee unanimously approves the vote**

10. NLNA Board Actions

- a. Wayfinding map efforts are underway
- b. Commutator building update

11. Neighbor Comments

- a. n/a

12. Next Meeting August 24th, 2022 at Heritage Landing

13. The committee adjourns at 7:01 pm