



**North Loop Neighborhood Association
October Board Meeting
Date: 10/26/2022
Time 7:00pm
Corner Coffee**

1. 10 of 11 Board Members in attendance: Diane Merrifield, Sarah Traczyk, Scott Woller, Pat Dawson, Sina Pleggenkuhle, David Crary, David Kisan, Ericka Jones, Mollie Scozzari, Margee Lancaster
 - a. Board Members Absent: Jo Hamburge
 - b. Guests in attendance: Cristy Blake, Neighborhood Volunteer; Pa Nhue Vue, Metro Transit; Dan Soler, Hennepin County Transit & Mobility; Ryan SanCartier, City of Mpls; Robert Andres, Cuckoo Clock Museum
2. Meeting is called to order by Merrifield at 7:03 pm
3. **Merrifield calls for a motion to approve the October agenda and the September meeting minutes**
 - a. **Dawson makes a motion to pass the October agenda and Kisan seconds the motion. The board votes to pass the motion unanimously**
 - b. **Crary makes a motion to pass the September meeting minutes agenda and Kisan seconds the motion. The board votes unanimously to pass the motion**
4. Neighborhood Engagement (North Loop Neighbors and Guests)
 - a. Councilmember Michael Rainville Update (SanCartier)
 - i. There was recently a meeting with Commissioner Cedric Alexander about safety improvements to come on Hennepin Avenue, working with the County and looking at blueprints
 - ii. In the thick of budget season, looking to see what Rainville can incorporate into the budget for positive changes in the community
 1. Want to help reduce death and use for opioids

2. What is Rainville doing about his previous comments about the Somali community?
 - iii. Public Housing and Safety Meeting- Rainville on the board, voted to appoint new Police Chief. Rainville is “owning where MPD has been”
 - b. Pa Nhue Vue & Dan Soler- Metro Blue Line Expansion Project Update
 - i. Next Steps document outlining the process for the future of the Blue Line along with Pa Nhue’s contact information.
 - ii. Fourth leg of the LRT system, plan to extend the original Hiawatha Blue Line towards Robbinsdale and Brooklyn Park
 - iii. How will we route light rail from Target Station to West Broadway? Two Options, Down Lyndale or down the east side of I-94
 1. The Lyndale option is in the North Loop
 2. 94 option is gets in the way of a school
 3. Roots District is cut off by some of the options, the construction of this would be very damaging to the farmer’s market
 4. This could potentially make positive changes to intersections near the highway
 5. The recommendation of which routes should move forward will be concluded in about a year after environmental reports and community feedback
5. Finance Report (Lancaster)
- a. September Financial review
 - b. Equitable Engagement Fund- \$73k remaining to be spent in 2022
 - i. \$40,500 approved to be spent in 2022
 1. Database Administrator
 2. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Board Training
 3. Farmers Market Community Garden
 4. North Loop Night Market
 5. North Loop Wayfinding Landmark
 6. North Loop Wayfinding Map
 7. NLAN Website Update
 - ii. \$32,465 in funds left to be spent
 1. Partnership with Avivo- give Avivo funds to pay their residents to help clean up around the North Loop. Avivo would manage the fund entirely. **Crary makes a motion to approve \$20k of the funds to pilot an employment program with Avivo to clean the neighborhood, Dawson seconds the motion, the motion passes**
 2. Partnership With Metro Transit. \$2,500 to provide care packages to the houseless population that resides on the light rail. These would be distributed by the Metropolitan Councils DEIA Team. **Woller makes am motion to approve the metro transit, Crary seconds the motion, the motion passes**

3. Need approval on future spending plans to extend in 2023. Future Ideas
 - a. Public Art
 - b. BIPOC Events and Heritage Funds
 - c. Satellite Farmers Market in the North Loop
 - c. Need board approval to submit budget for 2023 and 2024, with the amendment of allocated monies from the Equitable Engagement Funds
 - i. **Scozzari makes a motion Woller seconds the motion to approve the budget, the motion passes unanimously**
6. Secretary Report (Hamburge)
 - a. No report
7. Committee Reports
 - a. **Neighborhood Engagement (Woller, Traczyk)**
 - i. Halloween Party - looking for committees to be present at event
 - ii. Annual Meeting at the Fillmore (January 25th)
 1. Immediate calls to action- plan for committees to be present, funding and donation opportunities
 2. Around 400 neighbors will be there, ready to engage
 3. 300 swag bags filled with great neighborhood stuff
 - iii. zAmya Listening Sessions in conjunction with Avivo to hear about reception of the performances, need more participation
 - iv. Service Saturday- need to distribute maps
 - b. **Communications (Traczyk, Woller, Kisan, Dawson)**
 - i. Map/Wayfinding Brochure/Interactive
 1. Updates on distribution
 2. How can this become revenue generating, not just cost?
 - ii. November Newsletter
 1. Add "Save the Date" for upcoming Events
 2. Secured a database contract employee: Sophia Rondeau
 - c. **P+Z Committee (Scozzari)**
 - i. Sweet Green sidewalk cafe plans approved via email
 - ii. Commutator Project owner across from Archive presented updates
 - iii. Three vacancies for 2023 on the committee, three people have expressed interest in joining the committee and the Board
 - d. **Root District (Pleggenkuhle)**
 - i. Pleggenkuhle attended a working meeting. Talked about credible community engagement and expanding the area for community, more agriculture focused and less concrete
 - ii. NLNA will start talking about the best Light Rail Option
 - e. **NuLoop Partners (Traczyk)**
 - i. No Update

- f. **Safety + Livability (Jones, Dawson, Crary)**
 - i. Washington Avenue Safety Petition- good meeting with Rainville, in strong position to get public crosswalks with lights (push and flashing lights) at 7th and 8th and Washington
 - ii. DMNA/DEI Training- look for a venue, scheduled for December 15th
- g. **Parks + Placemaking (Crary)**
 - i. Letter of request for North Loop's Park Funds sent to the Park Board, received one Commissioner's response, she said it was a good letter and the park board should be more responsive
 - ii. Dog Park was given a bench by the Downtown Lions Club
 - iii. Two boxes with supplies put behind the port-a-potty where volunteers can do work on their own schedule
 - iv. Potential North Loop holiday party at Scott's on December 7th at 7pm

8. **The Board adjourns at 9:11 pm**