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North Loop Neighborhood Association
Planning + Zoning Committee February Meeting Notes
Date: 2/22/2023
Time: 6:00 pm

1. **7 of 12 committee members present:** Alice Eichholz, Francesco Parisi, Jo Vos, Marshall Hall, Missy Rotterdam, Frederick Dawe, Neil Reardon
 - a. Committee Members Absent: David Miller, Irina Brown, Joe McErlane, Matt Sharkey-Smith, Zach Schaff
 - b. Guests: John Greene (AWH Architects), Mike Gordon, John Kohler (606 Washington) Jeffrey Sondag*, Mollie Scozzari*, Arya Alizadeh*, Blake Peterson*

* Running for vacant committee member seats

2. Committee Called to Order at 6:03 pm by Vos.
3. **Hall makes a motion to approve the January minutes, Parisi seconds the motion, and the committee approves the January minutes unanimously.**
4. HPC Certificate of Appropriateness- 606 Washington Avenue N (Gordon, Kohler)
 - a. Looking to add windows onto the building located at 606 Washington. This approval needs to go through the Historic Preservation committee. Looking for a letter of support for the changes.
 - b. Scope of work is within the guidelines of historic restoration set by the Secretary of State.
 - c. Construction would begin in the Spring of 2023.
 - d. Not adding arched windows because this goes against guidelines of creating a "false sense of history".

5. Reports

- a. NuLoop Partners (Eichholz)
 - i. Minneapolis Food Vision is going to the City Council for approval to start a business - looking to make food available to people in the city in a variety of ways.
 - ii. A group is looking to develop a large building across Olson Memorial Highway into a manufacturing job zone.
- b. Historic Preservation and Land Use Reports (Vos instead of Miller)
 - i. The city is asking for feedback on its new zoning proposal about the different kinds of uses allowed in each zoning district. It does not discuss what each type of permitted use must look like in terms of materials, construction, height, etc.

6. Old Business

- a. Intersect/Public Art
 - i. Building is going up quickly on 2nd Street. Neighbors are encouraged to vote on a green wall and public art, information was sent to the North Loop Board, and it has been put on the website.
- b. Formation of New Sub-Committees & focus areas brainstorm
 - i. Public Arts- this has been moved to the NLNA Board/P+P Committee, P+Z should coordinate with the subcommittee about art in new developments.
 - ii. Programming in commercial spaces- to help provide guidance when a developer doesn't have a plan for the commercial sections of their residential buildings. What would be good for the neighborhood/what does the neighborhood need and want?

- iii. Environmental/Sustainability- guiding developers in how they can incorporate organic recycling, greening, electric charging stations, or other sustainable neighborhood features into new developments.
 - iv. P + Z Charter/member expectations
- 7. New Business- Appoint new members of the committee.
 - a. There are three vacant spots, but one must be filled by a North Loop Neighborhood Association board member, per the committee bylaws.
 - i. **Arya Alizadeh** - North Loop Resident, Urban Planner, hopes to bring background to the committee.
 - ii. **Jeffrey Sondag** - North Loop Resident, Actuary, interested in city planning.
 - iii. **Mollie Scozzari** - former committee and board member, North Loop Resident, interested in joining the subcommittee, works for local architects.
 - iv. Votes for two open seats will be cast via email to Vos after the meeting adjourns. The two candidates garnering the most votes will become committee members. The third candidate will be the committee's choice if a current member resigns during 2023.
 - b. Blake Peterson - newly elected to the NLNA board, will be appointed to the committee as the board's representative.
 - i. **Hall makes a motion to appoint Blake Peterson as the P + Z co-chair, Vos seconds the motion, and the committee approves unanimously.**
 - ii. **Vos is re-elected as the P + Z co-chair.**
 - c. Letter of Support for the developers of 606 Washington Avenue N.
 - i. The committee discusses the appropriateness of new windows.
 - ii. The P + Z committee wants to respect the historic nature of the building and approves of the new window addition.

iii. **The committee votes unanimously to approve a letter of support for 606 Washington.**

8. Next meeting March 22, 2023

9. **The committee adjourns at 7:00 pm**