



North Loop Neighborhood Association Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting

July 24, 2013
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Soltva

Minutes

- I. INTRODUCTIONS
 - a. Meeting called to order at 6:05pm.
 - b. Minutes from June 2013 were approved.

- II. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - a. National Bone Marrow Donor Program Headquarters – *Brandon Champeau, United Properties*
 - i. Key issues/ concerns include:
 1. **Presentation** of updated renderings of the National Bone Marrow Donor Program “Be The Match” national headquarters which would be located at 524 North 5th Street (currently Shapco):
 - a. +/- 250,000 square feet on eight floors
 - b. 3rd Floor private roof deck for employees
 - c. Site plan as presented was 90% complete
 - d. Small public café/restaurant to be included on the northeast corner of the building
 - e. Would house roughly 800 employees when open, with the potential of 1,100 employees.
 2. **Timing:** Submitting formal application in September 2013, Entitlements in December 2013 and Ground Breaking in February, 2014
 3. **NLNA Comments**
 - a. Generally liked the proposed project
 - b. Addition of building specialty lighting
 - c. Addition of color to the building somewhere
 - d. Emphasis was made on the addition of public art on the site.
 4. **The P+Z Committee made a motion to write a letter of support for project as presented with the additional of the NLNA comments.** The motion passed.

- b. Xcel Energy – Municipalization Proposal – *representative from Xcel energy*
 - i. Key issues/ concerns include:
 - 1. Minneapolis takes over electrical system from Xcel energy, set rates, service, storm response, and energy programs.
 - 2. Currently Xcel energy has a Utility Franchise Agreement with the City of Minneapolis
 - 3. City has the option to municipalize energy at any time with approval from the city council
 - 4. City of Minneapolis is currently doing a feasibility study to evaluate Municipalization of energy utilities which is due in January (?).

- c. Muse Event Center – *Kam Talebi*
 - i. Key issues/ concerns include:
 - 1. Presentation on the Muse Event Center which would be located in the former Trocadores building at 107 North 3rd Avenue.
 - 2. The building is 16,000 square feet on three levels.
 - 3. The building would house the Crave Restaurant Group's catering business, as well as an event center for weddings, corporate gathers and various special events.
 - 4. There will be limited renovation to the existing building which will include sound proofing, and exterior window glazing with an estimated 30 day build out.
 - 5. Sound management is a very big concern for both Mr. Talebi and the neighborhood
 - 6. Mr. Talebi is personally acquiring the building which is set to close 10 days/beginning of August.
 - 7. Mr. Talebi has contacted Lisa Goodman
 - 8. Event Center would seat 300 to 400 people, and 700 people for cocktail events.
 - 9. Parking would be handled by valets, which would utilize the parking lot adjacent and across 3rd Avenue from the Event Center.
 - 10. Currently taking reservations for September 2013.

Committee Business

- 1. SW LRT
 - Current meeting schedule has changed so there is a meeting upcoming in a week

- 2. Kelly Nelson discussed the lack of connection between Downtown Minneapolis and Uptown. He is further going to reach out to the Bicycle Coalition.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Attendees:

DJ Heinle, Co-chair
Dave Decker, Co-chair
Karen L. Rosar
Kelly Nelson
Sarah Fesler
Alice Eichholz
Matt Hilgart