



MEETING MINUTES

NORTH LOOP NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING & ZONING MEETING

HERITAGE LANDING COMMUNITY ROOM, 415 NORTH 1ST STREET

AUGUST 20, 2014

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS—DJ HEINLE

- THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:04 P.M..
- SEVEN COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: DJ HEINLE, DAVE DECKER, ALICE EICHHOLZ, DARWIN LOOKINGBILL, KAREN ROSAR, JO VOS, AND KELLY NELSON.
- THE COMMITTEE APPROVED MINUTES FROM ITS JULY 23 MEETING.

SOLHEM COMPANIES—CURT GUNSBURY ET ALIA

- COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES DISCUSSED SOLHEM'S PLANS TO BUILD AN EIGHT STORY, 27-UNIT CONDOMINIUM BUILDING AT 601 1ST STREET NORTH.
- THE PROJECT HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE. THE COMPANY IS REQUESTING VARIANCES RELATED TO BUILDING HEIGHT, FLOOR AREA RATIOS, AND PARKING SPACES PER UNIT.
- SOLHEM HOPES TO BREAK GROUND IN SPRING 2015 AND OPEN IN SPRING 2016.

METRO TRANSIT COMPANY/GREEN LINE PREEMPTION—BRIAN FUNK

- BRIAN FUNK DISCUSSED THE RECENT OPENING OF THE TARGET CENTER STATION AND THE GREEN LINE.
- FUNK FOCUSED ON METRO TRANSIT'S PROBLEMS OBTAINING SIGNAL LIGHT PREEMPTIONS AGREEMENTS. SUCH AGREEMENTS WOULD PERMIT METRO TRANSIT TO CONTROL SIGNAL LIGHTS AT INTERSECTIONS, THEREBY DECREASING TRIP TIME. IN ADDITION, PEDESTRIAN CROSSING LIGHT PROBLEMS AT THE INTERSECTION OF 5TH STREET AND NICOLLET WERE DISCUSSED.

MINNEAPOLIS CPED/6H AVENUE NORTH—BETH ELLIOTT

- BETH ELLIOTT DISCUSSED THE UPCOMING RECONSTRUCTION OF 6TH STREET NORTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WAREHOUSE DISTRICT HERITAGE STREET PLAN.
 - THE CITY HOPES TO HOLD A COMMUNITY MEETING IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER TO CELEBRATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN.
 - RECONSTRUCTION WORK IS NOT EXPECTED TO BEGIN UNTIL 2016.
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TRAFFIC STUDY PRESENTATION—ZACHARIA SCHAAP

- ZACHARIAH SCHAAP DISCUSSED THE NEED FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY AND POSSIBLE REDESIGN OF THE INTERSECTION OF 2ND AVENUE NORTH AND 3RD STREET NORTH.
- SCHAAP RECOUNTED THE HIGH NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS AND THE DIFFICULTIES PEDESTRIANS HAVE AT THE INTERSECTION.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY PASSED RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE NORTH LOOP NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION SUPPORT (1) SOLHEM'S CONDOMINIUM PROJECT ON 1ST STREET NORTH AND (2) METRO TRANSIT'S PREEMPTION REQUESTS.
 - THE COMMITTEE ALSO DISCUSSED DIFFERENT AVENUES FOR EXAMINING AND RESOLVING TRAFFIC AND SAFETY CONCERNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF 2ND AVENUE NORTH AND 3RD STREET NORTH.
 - THE COMMITTEE RECEIVED AN UPDATE FROM ALICE EICHHOLZ REGARDING THE EDUCATION INITIATIVE. THE EDUCATION GROUP NOW HAS A WEB SITE AND FACEBOOK CONNECTIONS.
 - JO VOS PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON THE CENTRAL RIVERFRONT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC).
 - DJ HEINLE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 6:45 P.M.
 - THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 17TH AT 6 P.M.
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