



**NORTH
LOOP**
NEIGHBORHOOD

North Loop Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Notes

July 26, 2017

7:00 P.M.

Heritage Landing Community Room, 415 1st Street North

Attendees: Tim Bildsoe, Diane Merrifield, Phil Aliff, Scott Woller,
Fred Dawe, Fritz Kroll, Francesco Parisi, Mark Huting

- I. July Board Meeting called to order at 7:04 P.M.; those in attendance introduced themselves by stating their names and building of residence or business or employment in the neighborhood. Agendas are made available on the counter; a sign-up sheet for the e-mailing list is also on the counter.
- II. **Motion is made by Phil, seconded by Fritz, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the Board meeting agenda.**
- III. **Motion is made by Diane, seconded by Fred, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the minutes from the June meeting.**
- IV. Neighborhood Engagement – North Loop Neighbors
 - A. Keely Nyquist, general manager of Borough and Parlor restaurants wants the Board to know about the 5th Annual Borough Block Party and Concert on Sunday, August 13, and to help get the word out! Live bands, including Private Oates, Nooky Jones, and Black Market Brass, will play between noon and 8:00 P.M., and Borough and Parlour Bar will be serve food and drinks all day long.
- V. Council Member Engagement – Jacob Frey, Blong Yang
 - A. CM Frey and CM Yang were not in attendance.
- VI. Finance Report – Tim Bildsoe
 - A. Tim has sent out an e-mail with account balances.
 - B. Forrest Hardy, Project Planner from the City, addresses the potential locations for intersection and pedestrian crossing improvement areas in the neighborhood. There are approximately a dozen sites that will be improved in 2019 and they will

be prioritized according to community feedback, current condition, coordination with other projects, etc. The preliminary planning phase will be happening now through November, so it is important to attend public meetings to have input heard. The next meeting is at the Minneapolis Central Library Doty Room on August 29 from 5:30-7:00 P.M.

VII. Secretary's Report – Jeff Borg

- A. There is no update, as Jeff was not present.

VIII. **Public Hearing on the Reallocation of NRP Phase II Funds:**

- A. The hearing served to reallocate the existing North Loop Phase II NRP funds (\$204,000) from a Home Improvement Loan Program to support the new YouthLink project in the North Loop. Tim recapped that the reallocation has been discussed in detail at other meetings, and that the information regarding the project and the proposed reallocation of funds had been posted on the NLNA website in early July. The NLNA also sent out an email notice regarding the public hearing to all members about 40 days before the public hearing. The Board started the discussion about the reallocation of NRP Phase II funds to YouthLink at the April board meeting.
- B. Youthlink Executive Director, Dr. Heather Huseby spoke about the project, which will be a 5-story apartment building, featuring 46 beds for homeless youth between the ages of 18 and 24. The project is set to open February 1, 2018. The average stay of a resident is one year. There is an affordable housing crisis for young people in the Twin Cities. YouthLink serves over 2,000 young people each year - not only by providing them housing, but opens the doors to better futures. YouthLink sees its service as an “an investment in a life.” Residents will be screened for drug/alcohol use and for serious mental health issues by both YouthLink and the state.
- C. Steve Cramer, president of DiD, was present and spoke in support of the project and the investment.
- D. **A motion is made by Mark, second by Francesco, and is unanimously approved by the NLNA Board, to reallocate the NLNA's NRP Phase II Funds (\$204,000) from a Home Improvement Loan Program (1.1.3.1) to YouthLink's project.**

Mark Huting spoke very positively of YouthLink, and of what he saw at their recent groundbreaking ceremony.

IX. NLNA Priorities – Committee Reports

- A. Planning & Zoning – Fred Dawe:
 - 1. Fred has no update to report, as the Committee didn't meet this month.
- B. Community Engagement – Scott Woller
 - 1. The new signs are up! They are a third larger than the former ones that used to be displayed. They have a dark charcoal background and the NL logo.

2. National Night Out will be August 1 at Target Station. Tim forgot to bring the flyers, but they are at Corner Coffee. It should be a great event.
 3. Bike service station has not yet been installed outside of T3. Scott will keep the group updated on its progress.
- C. North Loop Website – Diane Merrifield
1. Diane notes that the website is averaging about 6,000 visits a month and 207 a day.
 2. She also notes that states other than Minnesota are hitting the site, too - i.e. 459 from Illinois. There is also good traffic from Facebook.
- D. Neighborhood Revitalization Program – Fred Dawe
1. Fred has no update to report.
- E. North Loop Businesses – Andy Risvold
1. Andy e-mailed the Board to let them know that he is almost finished with the directory. NLNA plans to put out its own directory on the website.
 2. 2020 Partners - Dan Collison
Developers Greco and Schafer Richardson created directories of their own properties and the NLNA can use it. The preliminary design is a foldout, with the interior featuring marketing for the properties, and the back flap with a map of the North Loop.
- F. Parks and Beautification – Mark Huting
1. Washington Avenue tree project groundbreaking will be held the first week of August. The City will assist with watering in the first week of September. The project is \$10,000 short, but the groundbreaking will go forward even if the funding shortfall is not made up in time. Mark asked if anyone has contacts at Opus, as they have not responded to any of his inquiries about contributing. Greco told Mark that they would do tree work on their property; Mark is meeting with them this Friday. The City will charge \$8.50 per tree for each watering; it used to cost \$20. Most trees planted this year remain in good condition.
 2. The 2nd Street Connection project is moving forward. The historic walls will be kept. Mark also noted that basically the intersection will be completely reworked and left turning will be allowed.
 3. Conversely, the NL monument project is moving very slowly, but Mark is assured that it is still moving. Mark is going to back off a little and wait for MNDot to get back in touch with him.
 4. Dog Park: David Frank is going to help with the permitting process; he's working on getting a rendering, too. Both the City and Schafer Richardson support the project. MNDot owns the proposed property, but it is controlled by the City.
 5. TractorWorks: Mark has a good relationship with the manager there, Jessica. TractorWorks is going to be redoing their parking; it will have 5 floors, with both contract and short-term parking available.
 6. Tim added that 2020 Partners is looking into working with MNDot to create a Metro Transit circular bus route within the neighborhood.

- G. Neighborhood Safety – Phil Ailiff
 - 1. One of Phil's fellow PAC members has submitted a proposal for a mobile workshop for the National Walk Summit on September 13-15. Phil would like to as well, with his focusing on the North Loop neighborhood, how it expanded so rapidly, was able to bring a school to the residents, its focus on transit, etc. Scott had some NLNA swag for Phil to hand out.
 - 2. The next PAC meeting is Wednesday, August 2 from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. in City Hall, Room 333. All people are welcome.
 - 3. The next First Precinct Court Watch is August 11 at 10:00 A.M. at the County Library Doty conference room.
 - 4. There is no update on the bike thefts occurring.
- H. Infrastructure – Tim Bildsoe
 - 1. The topic was already touched on during the discussion of roads.
- X. Unfinished Business
 - A. New Business
 - 1. There is no new business.
 - B. 2020 Partners - Tim Bildsoe
 - 1. Discussed earlier in the agenda.
 - C. Farmers' Market Advisory Group Update - Mark Huting
 - 1. Much is still contingent on Southwest light rail development, so there isn't much to report.
- XI. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 30, 2017.

Adjourned at 8:32 P.M.