



**NORTH  
LOOP**  
NEIGHBORHOOD

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**North Loop Neighborhood Association  
Board Meeting Notes  
January 23, 2019  
7:00 P.M.**

**Colonial Warehouse Co-Working Lounge, 212 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North**

*Attendees:* Tim Bildsoe, Jackie Peacha, Diane Merrifield, Daniel Mays, Mark Huting, Scott Woller, Andy Risvold, and Irina Brown. *Not in attendance:* Fred Dawe and Francesco Parisi.

1. January Board Meeting called to order at 6:59 P.M.
2. **Motion is made by Tim, seconded by Mark, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the Board meeting agenda.**
3. **Motion is made by Tim, seconded by Diane, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the November Meeting minutes with revision.**
4. Neighborhood Engagement
  - a. Dan Collison gave an update on NūLoop Partners (formerly 2020 Partners).
  - b. Awaiting determination of 2019 priorities. Working on tenant and business engagement.
  - c. Discussion about the Green Line extension. Royalston station adjacent to farmers market. There is City property that is currently being evaluated for best use. North Loop Neighborhood Association should be engaged as this will be a major area of growth.
5. Councilmember Engagement – Councilmembers Fletcher & Ellison
  - a. Councilmembers not present.
6. Finance Report – Irina Brown
  - a. Irina provides finance report. Copy emailed to board members.
  - b. Motion made by Diane to accept finance report, seconded by Jackie, and unanimously approved by Board.
7. Secretary's report – Jackie
  - a. Nothing to report.

8. NLNA Priorities – Committee Reports
  - a. Community Engagement – Scott Woller
    1. Postcard reminders mailed to residents by Tim.
    2. North Loop tote bags will be distributed with agenda, community engagement calendar, ballots, gloves and business trifold inside. Andy will provide volunteers to stuff bags before the event.
    3. Board has identified volunteers to assist with sign-in process. Tim hired professional photographer and videographer. Previewed PowerPoint presentation to be used at event along with general outline of events.
  - b. Planning + Zoning – Jackie Peacha
    1. No meeting in January due to lack of presenters.
    2. Discussion regarding Federal Reserve parking ramp. Board is pleased with the collaboration and plan for the ramp. No formal presentation to the Committee as of yet.
    3. Full agenda for the Committee in February.
  - c. Livability and Safety – Daniel Mays
    1. All crime trending down, with a small uptick in violent crime in December. Year in review crime: violent crime is down 22% in 1<sup>st</sup> precinct. Down 14% over the past two years. Property crime down 14%.
    2. Board discusses inquiry about Holiday Stationstore adding a smoke shop from a community resident. Resident expresses concern about an increase in crime should this be approved. Board is unable to find record of any such development at this time. Tim reached out to Councilmember Fletcher.
  - d. Historic Preservation and Public Art – Mark Huting
    1. Gateway Tower – Welcome monument bid specifications sent to MPLS Art Hall. Have had several other contacts who are interested. There are six artists expected to submit models. A committee is being formed.
    2. Tower Lofts – Francesco working on discussion regarding public art piece. No updates at this time.
    3. Historic Preservation Signs – Mark completed form for Minnesota State Historical Society requesting \$9,200. Asking each person who gets a historic preservation sign on their building to donate \$100. Expect to hear back in about a month.
  - e. Parks and Beautification – Mark Huting
    1. No tree planting this month.
    2. Pedestrian Greenway – TractorWorks has agreed to city terms. Working out the final details of committing the property will be available to public for 20-30 years. \$250,000 received from Minneapolis Park Board to support development. A fundraising package is setup to fundraise the remaining \$750,000 needed.
    3. 212 Lofts – Federal Reserve agreed to create a 2.1-acre park.
    4. Announcement to be made at Annual Meeting regarding City purchase of .77 acres on 700 block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street North.
    5. Mark would like to find someone to lead dog park development. Suggested discussion be tabled until new Board forms in February.
  - f. Website and Social Media – Scott Woller
    1. Website traffic is increasingly coming from Facebook.
    2. North Loop video produced by neighbor Mike Binkley has been very well received. Currently working on more video content highlighting local building development initiatives.

- g. Business Engagement – Andy Risvold
  - 1. This is Andy’s final Board meeting.
  - 2. Discussion about interest in North Loop and Warehouse Business District Association (WBDA) collaborating. This is on hold until a new Board is in place.
- 9. Unfinished business
  - a. No unfinished business.
- 10. New Business
  - a. No new business.
- 11. Annual meeting with Board elections on January 30, 2019. The next board meeting will be held on February 27, 2019.

**Adjourned at 8:11 P.M.**