



**NORTH
LOOP**
NEIGHBORHOOD

**North Loop Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Notes
January 22, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

Colonial Warehouse Co-Working Lounge, 212 3rd Avenue North

Board Members: Tim Bildsoe, Mike Binkley, David Crary, Diane Merrifield, Francesco Parisi, Bri Sharkey-Smith, Dana Swindler, Scott Woller

North Loop Neighbors & Guests: Jeremiah Smith and Joe Brown, BKV Architects

1. January Board Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. **Motion is made by Tim, seconded by Diane, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the Board meeting agenda.**
3. **Motion is made by Diane, seconded by Tim, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the November Meeting minutes.**
4. Neighborhood Engagement
 - a. Jeremiah and Joe from BKV provide an update on Duffey redevelopment
 1. General overview provided to the board - no major changes since presentation in July to P+Z board
 2. Heritage Preservation Commission granted a Certificate of Appropriateness and approved signage
 3. Pending additional approvals, construction expected to begin in spring/summer 2020
5. Finance Report
 - a. Copy emailed to board members – no major changes
6. Secretary's report
 - a. None.
7. NLNA Priorities – Committee Reports
 - a. Website and Social Media – Diane Merrifield & Mike Binkley

1. Almost 20,000 visits in November to the NLNA website – video content is driving significant volume
 2. 50 new email subscribers between November and December. Mike planning to develop a newsletter.
- b. Planning + Zoning – Francesco Parisi
1. Duffey Redevelopment
 1. Had to cancel presentation
 2. 270 Hennepin Ave Tower
 1. Outside of North Loop neighborhood, but wanted to request a letter of support to modify construction plans (outlined in December 2019 P+Z meeting notes)
 2. Letter of support provided by P+Z committee to accommodate a tight deadline by developer with clear statement it was not approved by the NLNA board as a whole
 3. No board vote because City of Minneapolis already approved the modification
 3. Trash can specifications
 1. P+Z would like the specifications to provide to developers – Tim will provide
- c. Community Engagement – Scott Woller
1. North Loop community garden
 1. Forms need to be submitted to the city to move forward – provided to Tim
 2. Annual Meeting
 1. Tim has volunteer registration, meeting registration, meeting agendas, ballots printed
 2. 10 additional volunteers needed – board members have identified individuals who can assist
 3. An overview of events was provided
 4. A process to determine a winner for the board elections in case of tie may be necessary due to the high number of candidates
 3. Volunteer gifts
 1. Previous discussion about obtaining t-shirts for people that volunteer for community events – not cost sustainable at this
 2. Scott proposes a stainless-steel mug or some alternative
- d. Historic Preservation and Public Art – Franceso Parisi
1. No updates
- e. Livability and Safety – Dana Swindler
1. No updates
- f. Parks and Beautification – David Crary
1. North Loop monument
 1. Paperwork is completed and handed off to Tim
 2. Donor party originally scheduled for January 23, decision to reschedule the party after the monument is constructed

- g. Civic Engagement – Bri Sharkey-Smith
 - 1. No updates
- 8. Unfinished business
 - a. No unfinished business.
- 9. New Business
 - a. North Loop Dog Park
 - 1. Contract complete, insurance arranged
 - 2. Signage – Scott has ordered two 7-foot banners, and one 21-foot banner
 - 1. Need to include contact information on the sign for community members
- 10. Annual meeting with Board elections on January 29, 2020 at 7pm. The next board meeting will be held on February 26, 2020.

Adjourned at 8:44 P.M.