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**North Loop Neighborhood Association  
Planning & Zoning Meeting Notes  
April 22, 2020  
6:00 P.M.**

**Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84074912308>  
Recording: <https://vimeo.com/412058774>**

1. April Planning & Zoning Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Francesco Parisi.
2. 12 of 15 committee members were in attendance: Francesco Parisi, Jo Vos, Carrie Reardan, Neil Reardan, Zachery Schaaf, Ron Sliwinski, Eric Mahn, David Miller, Frederick Dawe, Alice Eichholz, Matt Sharkey-Smith, and Bob Hinrichs.

Representatives from Rock Island Lofts are also present.

3. **Motion is made by Jo, seconded by Alice, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the February meeting minutes with no changes.**
4. **April meeting agenda is unanimously approved by the Board with no changes.**
5. TMBR, 100 N 3rd Ave –Todd Simning, Tushie Montgomery Architects
  - a. In light of COVID-19 and the credit markets, they are transitioning from a 10-story, for-sale condo building into a 7-story (approximately 40 feet shorter in total), market-rate apartment rental building. Unit count will change.
  - b. 5,000 square feet of retail on the main floor.
  - c. Exterior aesthetic of the building will largely remain the same, but the interior will not have the timber design as originally planned.
  - d. New plans have not been shared yet, they are still in the development phase. Tushie will share these plans with the neighborhood before engaging with the City for entitlements, etc.

1. P+Z Committee suggests that Tushie discuss their plans with Rock Island Lofts neighbors before presenting to the P+Z Committee and the NLNA Board in May.
  1. Todd from Tushie will coordinate with Todd from Rock Island Lofts to coordinate a HOA meeting with Rock Island Lofts.
6. Stil Heart Distillery – Kirsten Karnitz
  - a. Needs P+Z/neighborhood approval of Off-Sale Liquor License Application. Stil Heart is currently selling non-alcoholic cocktail mixes for takeout, but they're hoping to be able to sell one, 375ml bottle of liquor to each customer with these cocktail mixes, given this time in COVID.
    1. **Motion is made by Alice, seconded by Zach, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve Stil Heart Distillery's Off-Sale Liquor License.**
7. Committee Business
  - a. NuLoop Partners – Alice Eichholz
    1. A group of neighbors and businesses who work together to create connections within and develop the North Loop "Root District". The Root District includes the Harrison neighborhood and the farmers market. NuLoop meets monthly, and is divided into subcommittees that correspond to the NuLoop Core Values: Climate, Equity, and Creativity.
  - b. Pending Projects Follow-Up – Jo Vos and Zachery Schaaf
    1. Jo and Zach are compiling a spreadsheet of pending projects that lists information such as the Developer, Date presented to the P+Z Committee, Action taken at the P+Z Committee meeting, etc. This information will be taken directly from meeting minutes.
  - c. Public Art and Beautification – Francesco Parisi
    1. Gave feedback to Ron Ridgeway on the Tower Tunnel map. New design is more readable, colorful, and visually pleasing. This map is Phase I of the Tower Tunnel Project. Phase II is selecting the art to be included in the Tunnel. Phase III is an interactive art component where the community (including children) can add their own art on a particular wall. The possibility of allowing removeable graffiti in designated areas is also being discussed.
  - d. Historic Preservation and 2014 Plan – Ron Sliwinski and David Miller
    1. Glass canopy project at 6th and Washington is on the agenda for the next HPC hearing, and is recommended for approval.
    2. Duffy Paper Warehouse building is still pending approval by the City.
  - e. Pedestrian Safety – Bob Hinrichs and Frederick Dawe
    1. The public can download and view the Minneapolis Streets 2030 draft plan and view the newly designated pedestrian streets, as well as future transit corridors: <http://go.minneapolismn.gov/download-plan>

2. Trying to put a crosswalk across Washington near the tunnel due to high pedestrian traffic. Waiting until summer to see where striping stands, and then will bring this to the attention of the NLNA Board for action.
3. West River Parkway was closed down for two weeks, all the way to Plymouth and down to the Stone Arch Bridge. Residents wish to close the area north of 4th all the way to Plymouth, even if just on the weekends. Allow for people to enjoy the area with enough space.
  1. This is a Park Board decision and they are currently meeting about it.

8. NLNA Board Actions – Francesco Parisi and Ron Sliwinski

- a. NLNA did not meet in March, but will meet next week (April 29). Informally discussed hanging banners that say “Welcome Back to the North Loop” in various places to bring people back to local businesses once restrictions are lifted.
- b. Someone was selling historic street pavers on Facebook Marketplace. The City was contacted and they responded that there were only few unused bricks after construction. Regardless, NNLL offered to use nonprofit funds to buy the historic pavers with the intent of donating them to TractorWorks to use in the area between TractorWorks and ElseWarehouse. However, TractorWorks turned down the offer. If anyone sees other areas in the NL where the pavers could be used, please bring that to the attention of the NLNA Board. Important to note that the pavers are not cheap to install.

9. 2020 Co-Chairs Committee Vote

- a. Irina and Francesco volunteer to remain as P+Z Committee Co-Chairs.
  1. **Motion is made by Jo, seconded by Ron, and unanimously approved by the Board to nominate Francesco as Co-Chair. Motion is made by David and seconded by Alice to nominate Irina as Co-Chair. Jo opposes. All others approve.**

10. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2020.

Adjourned at 7:26 P.M.