



**NORTH
LOOP**
NEIGHBORHOOD

**North Loop Neighborhood Association
Planning & Zoning Meeting Notes
October 21, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82518908121>

1. October Planning & Zoning Meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M. by Francesco Parisi.
2. 11 of 14 committee members were in attendance: Francesco Parisi, David Miller, Missy Rotterdam, Alice Eichholz, Jo Vos, Irina Brown, Fred Dawe, Eric Mahn, Matt Sharkey-Smith, Neil Reardon, and Carrie Reardon.
3. **Motion is made by Jo, seconded by David, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the September meeting minutes with no changes.**
4. **Motion is made by Jo, seconded by David, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the October meeting agenda with no changes.**
5. 188 ½ Glenwood Ave (New Construction - Affordable Housing) – Parker Zee, Woda Cooper Companies, Inc.
 - a. Presented at P+Z a couple of months ago. They are presenting new plans with extensive design changes, and are seeking P+Z approval.
 - b. Shelby Commons – 46 units of affordable family housing. Financing will include Low Income Housing Tax Credits.
 1. 12 units will be permanent supportive housing for priority homeless or persons with disabilities. These rents will be subsidized.
 - c. Building design is restricted by budget, so the structure remains at four stories.
 - d. 50 parking stalls, 35 of which are located underground. 15 are in a “hidden” surface lot that requires a conditional use permit.
 1. Private bike parking is provided underground. Public bike parking is located by the main entrance.

- e. Community spaces are now re-aligned on the corner of Glenwood and Lyndale to give a welcoming, commercial feel to the building.
 - f. Building has a widened entrance with plaza, set back from the road.
 - 1. Opportunity for community art in this space, such as sculptures or murals. Intent is to hire local artists for this design piece.
 - g. Utilizing stormwater management as an urban design opportunity that connects with pedestrians along Glenwood. Includes a thoughtful greenery plan.
 - h. The development triply exceeds Green Communities standards.
 - i. New exterior aesthetic is more conforming to the industrial character of the neighborhood. Materials include corrugated metal and glass. First floor is transparent with lots of glass.
 - j. Woda Cooper will look into adding a pet relief area, and additional design opportunities for the carport.
6. 701 N Washington Ave (Fuzzy's Taco Shop) – Peter Fitzgerald, Cushman & Wakefield
- a. Looking for approval of their liquor permit. Full bar.
 - b. Located in the 1,100 square foot shop behind Freehouse.
 - c. Restaurant concept is pick-up and delivery of fresh Mexican food.
 - 1. There will be limited indoor seating and 35 outdoor patio seats to be added next spring/summer.
 - 2. Liquor will be served on-site only. Not for pick-up.
 - d. Intend to open in January 2021.
7. Committee Business
- a. Nu Loop Partners – Alice Eichholz
 - 1. Root District general meeting was held, but the breakout committees have not met yet. Steering committees continue to meet and are applying community feedback directly to their work as they receive it.
 - b. Pending Projects Follow-Up – Jo Vos and Zack Schaaf
 - 1. Jo and Zack sent out a spreadsheet summary of approved and pending projects in the North Loop. After approval from the whole Committee, this spreadsheet will be published (read-only) on the NLNA website with links to meeting minutes where the projects are discussed in further detail.
 - c. Public Art and Beautification – Francesco Parisi
 - 1. Funding for Jackson's mural project in the Root District has been secured. Root District is now in the design phase with JXTA.
 - d. Historic Preservation and 2040 Plan – Ron Sliwinski and David Miller
 - 1. TMBR development was approved at the planning commission this week.
 - 2. 2040 Plan – Draft language for updated heights and restrictions is available for public comments, and will go to the planning commission in November.

e. Additional Committee Business

1. The Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area Ordinance was recently approved to protect the riverfront and guide future land use and development. More information can be found on the Friends of the Mississippi River website.
2. **Motion is made by Alice, seconded by Jo, and unanimously approved by the P+Z Committee to have the NLNA President get in touch with the Federal Reserve regarding the fencing they've installed around their property leading to the riverfront.**
 1. Fence was installed during the unrest of George Floyd's murder.
 2. The fence prompts concern over permanence, safety, and aesthetic.
3. **Motion is made by Jo, seconded by Irina, and unanimously approved by the Committee to provide a letter of support for the Shelby Commons affordable housing development.**
4. **Motion is made by Jo, seconded by Missy, and unanimously approved by the Committee to provide a letter of support for Fuzzy's Taco Shop liquor license.**

8. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:21 P.M.