



**NORTH
LOOP**
NEIGHBORHOOD

**North Loop Neighborhood Association
Planning & Zoning Meeting Notes
May 19, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89619686306>

1. May Planning & Zoning Meeting was called to order at 6:01 P.M. by Francesco Parisi.
2. 13 of 15 committee members were in attendance: Francesco Parisi, Jo Vos, Carrie Reardan, Zackery Schaaf, Missy Rotterdam, Fred Dawe, Irina Brown, Mollie Scozzari, David Miller, Neil Reardon, Marshall Hall, Matt Sharkey-Smith, and Alice Eichholz.
3. **Motion is made by Jo, seconded by Mollie, and unanimously approved by the Committee to approve the April meeting minutes with no changes.**
4. **Motion is made by Jo, seconded by Mollie, and unanimously approved by the Committee to approve the May meeting agenda with no changes.**
5. 200 N 2nd St (Iron Store Project) - Eric Brown and Will Davis
 - a. The building has operated as Industrial Lighting since 1966.
 - b. Minneapolis Iron Store was originally built in 1897.
 1. Designed in the Neo-Classical Revival style by William Whitney.
 2. Whitney Square is located at 210 N 2nd St, on the adjacent façade of the building.
 - c. Historic renovation of the building to include:
 1. 12 multifamily apartment rentals in the lower-quartile rent range from \$1,295 to \$2,495; plus, one penthouse unit designated to a project investor.
 2. Four premium street-level commercial spaces with direct street access and private entry
 3. Historic limestone-arch basement space with building amenities and commercial space.

- d. Materials and finishes include natural hardwood, original exposed brick, original limestone elements, stone countertops, and industrial fixtures.
 - e. Planning to keep the interior historic staircases with improvements on railings and other fire code/safety compliance items.
 - f. Amenities include bike storage, gym, and a unique roof deck with green rooftop system.
 - g. Greenery plans include sidewalk planters with dwarf trees and seasonal updates.
 - h. Need support for:
 - 1. Removing the added brickwork (after fire in 1920s) to expose the original brick and add open storefronts.
 - 2. Rooftop, due to the minor visibility of the designed rooftop structure.
 - 3. Overall support of the project.
 - i. Hoping to meet with HPC in July and have permits for construction in August. Anticipated completion in the Fall of 2022.
 - j. **Motion is made by Jo, seconded by Mollie, and unanimously approved by the Committee to provide a letter of support for the Iron Store Project, including the design of the rooftop and their desire to remove the added brickwork.**
6. A developer has offered to fund permanent lighting for the Washington Ave Bridge.
- a. **Motion is made by Alice, seconded by Jo, and unanimously approved by the Committee to support the developer who wants to light the Washington Ave Bridge.**
 - 1. Francesco will recommend that the NLNA Board pursues this opportunity with the developer.
7. Committee Business
- a. Public Art and Beautification - Francesco Parisi
 - 1. Tents that were temporarily erected in front of Red Rabbit and Red Cow during COVID have now become more permanent fixtures that are an eyesore to the neighborhood. P+Z Committee has written a letter to the City in the past asking for these tents to be taken down, whereupon the City reassured the Committee that they provided a temporary waiver for these tents. Francesco will follow up on this in June after COVID restrictions officially relax statewide.
8. NLNA Board Actions - Molly Scozzari
- a. Jo Hamburge was voted in as Secretary of the NLNA Board. She will be reviewing the bylaws.
 - b. 394 & Washington Ave intersection plan is currently in the design phase with the intent for bidding to start in Fall 2022, and construction commencing in 2023.
 - c. NLNA Board is helping TractorWorks fundraise for the river connection park.

- d. Two new organics recycling drop off locations have launched in the neighborhood.
 - e. Avivo Village has 74 people moved in, with 96 expected by June. They have found permanent housing for 18 people.
9. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 23, 2021.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:09 P.M.