



**NORTH  
LOOP**  
NEIGHBORHOOD

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**North Loop Neighborhood Association  
Planning & Zoning Meeting Notes  
Date: 01/19/2022  
Time 6:00 PM**

**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82409274182?pwd=bEU0SWR4YnZnU1FMZlZScmhUWGJCUT09>

1. January Planning & Zoning Meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Mollie Scozzari
2. 12 of 15 committee members were in attendance: Mollie Scozzari, Jo Vos, Missy Rotterdam, Alice Eichholz, Eric Mahn, Carrie Reardan, Irina Brown, David Miller, Zachery Schaaf, Neil Reardon, Francesco Parisi, Matt Sharkey-Smith
3. Guests at the meeting: Michael Rainville, Henry Jarvinen, John Green, Marty Collins
4. Motion made by Neil, seconded by Irina, and unanimously approved by the Committee to approve the January meeting agenda and the November 2021 meeting minutes with no change
5. Q & A with Ward 3 Councilmember Michael Rainville- Assistant Henry
  - a. Blue Line LRT potential route through North Loop
    - i. Two Route Options: Lyndale/West Broadway or Washington/Lowry Ave route- input from NLNA needed by January 26th
    - ii. P + Z members discussed expansion plans for the Blue Line light rail. Committee members strongly endorsed expanding the Blue Line but did not have strong feelings for one route over the other
      1. Alice noted that the Lyndale/Broadway route was along a more highly developed commercial corridor and made services accessible to more people than the Washington/Lowry route
      2. Neil noted that the Washington/Lowry route had a light rail station in our neighborhood; Francesco added that this route could spur needed development

3. Mollie would pass the committee's discussion on to the full NLNA board.
  - b. Irina brought up that Lilac trees as well as full grown trees cut down near the Mississippi river.
    - i. Who makes these decisions, and why there is a disconnect between neighborhood values and City of Minneapolis Parks Department?
    - ii. Michael Rainville feels the City of Minneapolis's Parks Department was probably trying to do maintenance, perhaps a security issue
    - iii. Billie Menz ([bmenz@minneapolisparcs.org](mailto:bmenz@minneapolisparcs.org)) is a good contact with the Minneapolis Parks Department- Park Board Commissioner representing District 1
6. Rooftop Addition on the Maytag building- 515 Washington Avenue (John Greene & Marty Collins, AWH Architects)
- a. Rooftop Bar/Restaurant amenity on Maytag building
    - i. New construction on rooftop, includes similar finish as the outside currently has. New components- restroom facilities, bar and back of house area, seating, extension of staircase on 5<sup>th</sup> avenue to the roof deck
    - ii. Following rules of Historic Preservation and Warehouse District design guidelines
  - b. Biggest consideration is visibility from public right of way
    - i. Structural bay is being placed to not block historic elevator bay
    - ii. The railing structure will not be entirely visible from the street but there is some visibility, around 3 ft.
  - c. Timeline- HCT Certificate of Appropriateness would take around 2 months to receive. In the meantime, architects and engineers will be worked with for construction in early spring 2022. Clients would like to start operating the beginning of Summer 2022
  - d. John Greene is seeking a letter of support from the NLNA P +Z committee, mostly just trying to be a good neighbor by informing NLNA that this was happening
  - e. Committee voted unanimously to support Maytag rooftop addition
7. Committee Business
- a. Nu Loop Partners (Alice Eichholz)
    - i. Progress continues to be made on the Root Project
    - ii. Planned goals for next year- Equity, Creativity, & Environment three areas of focus
  - b. Public Art & Beautification (Francesco Parisi)
    - i. Only 2 of the 7 trash cans that need replacing have been replaced. More funds are necessary to complete this project
  - c. Historic Preservation (David)
    - i. Duffey Lofts- vote to be had at end of meeting

8. Old Business

- a. All current Committee members are staying on the committee for another term except for Joe McErlane, who Mollie is waiting to hear back from
- b. David moves to endorse the letter of support for the Duffey Lofts new signage, Jo Seconds the movement, the vote passes
- c. Sable Lofts sidewalk
  - i. Complaints from neighborhood residents about slippery, unmaintained sidewalk
  - ii. Jo alerted property manager, Pierre Pekuehettah (pekuehettah@gassen.com), to the neighborhood's concerns
  - iii. Property Manager immediately called the snow maintenance folks to put more salt and sand down in this area
- d. Sending a firm letter to Duffey Lofts about property managers not shoveling their sidewalks all year.
  - i. Calling 311 is the typical solution, but this has not been fast enough
  - ii. Jo Moves to send a letter to Duffey asking them to maintain sidewalks in the winter, Neil seconds the motion. The vote passes unanimously

**The Committee adjourned at 7:05 pm**