

**District 6 Planning Council Land Use Task Force
Tuesday February 28, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Jeff Martens, Matt Sletten, Patty Lammers, Betti Ingman, Rich Holst, Patrick McGuire, Gidget Bailey

Absent: Renee Holst, Ronna Woolery, Mike Fridley, Cheryl VanKampen

The meeting came to order at 6:35 with welcome and introductions

A motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Parks & Recreation was M/S/A

A motion to approve January 2017 meeting minutes was M/S/A

Parks & Recreation-Thirty-eight 38 Ash trees were removed from Marydale Park. On April 29, 2017 an Arbor Day event to plant approximately 60 trees is being planned. There will be children's activities. More details will be forthcoming in late March or early April. This spring the area by Jessamine will be filled in with 9-12 different species of trees.

Mike Nelson, Director Land Development-Habitat for Humanity-update on housing located at 425 Maryland Avenue (Willow Reserve) postponed until March

Adrienne McIntyre-Housing Intern

Adrienne McIntyre is the North End Housing Resources Intern working on housing initiatives. She distributed her work plan. The goals are to strengthen housing in the North End by connecting residents to sources by conducting outreach. Neighborhood concerns will be taken into account. She has been spending the last month compiling housing resources and wants to distribute them. She will be distributing a survey via Facebook and email. That information will form her outreach. In May, she will present the outcomes. A resource event could be planned.

Beth Hyser Neighbor works, Housing Update and Plan for the North End

Beth discussed her background and Neighborworks. Specific items they are doing; buy, fix, keep. They build and renovate home improvement and foreclosure prevention. There are home improvement funds available. The north End is still an affordable neighborhood. They will be submitting a CIB proposal, the CIB pool is smaller, and a proposal targeting Como and the North End is being submitted for home improvement-it is the third highest goal in Saint Paul's Comprehensive Plan.

Saint Paul Public School-Rivereast

Tyler Sarff Tyler is the project superintendent from Kraus-Anderson, SPPS' construction manager for this project and will be on site daily. Remediation is being completed and demo will start in the inside of the building. Who do they contact with concerns regarding damage to neighbors' homes? Contact the site supervisor or Rosemary Dolata. Signage will be put on Kent Street and a variance may be sought to put one on Mackubin as well.

Updates

Transportation Committee

There was a meeting on February 15' 2017 and the meeting notes were distributed. There are six applications for the transportation committee.

A motion to seat Betti Ingman was M/S/A

A motion to seat David Sullivan Nightengale was M/S/A

A motion to seat Kari Sheldon was M/S/A

A motion to seat Katheryn Schneider was M/S/A

A motion to seat Annette Bluhe was M/S/A

A motion to seat Rich Holst was M/S/A

A motion to seat Ethan Olsten was M/S/A

Other Update

Staff briefly discussed the CIB proposal to offer grants to three to four local minority owned businesses. East Side Neighborhood Development Company will be submitting the proposal. Staff also discussed the CURA intern application and scope of work; which is research, document housing stock in the North End unit types, costs, affordability, types of homeowner investments and housing costs range by areas. Develop options for the splinter parcel program, identify solutions to vacant units, document housing opportunities and barriers and define strategies to maintain equity in regards to affordability and location. Research communities of color perceptions and values regarding home ownership. Define the differences in housing costs across the North End.

Other Business

John Jungwirth brought up Trout Brook Nature Sanctuary, Old Maryland Avenue and Norpac Road. Insurance Auto Auction is causing issues. John Jungwirth is requesting license conditions, and if there are not there should be conditions; monitoring fluids, hours of operations, etc. The business is a drop site for cars that do not work, auctions or haul away for scrap. A motion to add Insurance Auto Auction to March 2017 agenda was M/S/A.

Rich Holst mentioned the article in the North End and thanked everyone who participated. It was brought up that if a member is speaking about the Board membership they should first know what they are talking about-just because someone looks white does not mean they are. A member mentioned he looks white but is not.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM was M/S/A.