

**North End Neighborhood Organization (d-6)
Land Use Housing & Transportation Committee
Tuesday July 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Betti Ingman, Jason Peterson, Alan Richardson Hohn, Nate Nins, Steve Tuckner, Kerry Antrim, Kim O'Brien-Rice Larp Alliance, Gregory Fineley- presenter

Absent: Mikki Murray, Matt Sletten Dionne Gharamu,

The meeting opened with welcome & introductions

A motion to approve the agenda was M/S/A

A motion to approve April 2022 Meeting Minutes S/A

Greg Finley 160 Larpenteur Avenue: Discussion regarding a proposed application for a liquor, food and entertainment license

Gregory Finley attended the meeting to discuss his business plan for opening a bar at 160 Larpenteur Avenue. Gregory grew up in the Rice Street area, living here for over 20 years. He mentioned he has talked to people in the neighborhood with mixed reviews about a bar in that location, but he is ready to continue getting the license. He said any problems with the Lamplighter rest on the person who owned/managed the bar. His priority is to make the location safe. Hours would be 10:00 AM-2:00 AM.

He discussed security, valet parking, food options with a restaurant being opened later. To install a kitchen there needs to be a ventilation system which is not currently at the location. Comments from members and guests included the work done on the Rice/Larpenteur area and it is important to business and resident neighbors what goes into that space. There need to be more engagement regarding that space. It was mentioned that moving forward with the license could be an uphill battle.

It was also mentioned that a license has not been applied for, but DSI sent Gregory to NENO to see if there would be any support for a bar at that location-usually the license is applied for, NENO receives it and then a recommendation is made after seeing conditions. Staff called DSI and did not receive a call back.

A motion to lay this over until Gregory Finley can present a more detailed plan and additional outreach is done was M/S/A.

444 Maryland Avenue-Ingress/Egress Change and Fencing

There have been community meetings regarding 444 Maryland Avenue and there was discussion regarding the ingress/egress and fencing at the location. After discussion a motion was M/S/A to recommend that NENO request that there is no ingress or egress on Maryland Avenue but both ingress and egress is on Arundel and the lot is fenced.

Jason Peterson: Neighborworks Home Partners

Jason mentioned that there are still funds available for down payment and home repair projects in the North End.

New Business

A NUYU- a car hit the building causing damage and there was a request to look at what could be done at this location-putting in a large concrete planter was mentioned. There is a bus stop on the corner and Metro Transit would most likely object. The building is right up to the sidewalk so there doesn't seem to be room. It was decided to connect with Ramsey County regarding the plans for Maryland Avenue and to request traffic calming measures to start.

889 Agate-there is an application for a city review of a subdivision(lot split) to create two RT1 parcels at 889 Agate Street. This is an administrative decision but since it is a lot split and there is time the senior planner will attend the August meeting.

Old Business

There was no old business

Community Comment

There was no community comment