

**BUILDING, LAND USE & HOUSING**  
**Minutes of Committee Meeting**  
**July 19th, 2012**

**Members Present:** Millie Schafer, Tracy Berglund, Jerry Dustrud, Larry Ligocki, Howard Young, Nick Cichowicz, Barrett Steenrod

**Others Present:** Tom Borrup, Nicole Campbell, Lynn Regnier, David Fields

The meeting was convened at 6:05 PM by Millie Schafer, filling in for Chair Paul Ireland

The agenda was approved, as were the minutes for the June meeting.

**Plan It Hennepin**

Tom Borrup, project Director for the Plan It Hennepin initiative, gave a preliminary report on the outcomes/recommendations resulting from the several months of study and focus group sessions. Tom emphasized that his report is still provisional, but nonetheless provides the basic guiding principles and goals for the redesign and reprogramming of Hennepin Avenue as a “cultural corridor” with better connections between the River and Walker Art Center in Loring Park.

**Park and Portland Bike Lanes**

Nicole Campbell, representing the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition, presented some of the proposed changes to Park and Portland Avenues to be incorporated into the repaving of the streets from 48<sup>th</sup> Street South through Elliot Park and Downtown East. These are Hennepin County streets, and she said the County transportation department should be scheduling public meetings soon regarding the project. Nicole said that the Bicycle Coalition is negotiating with the County to move the bike lane on Park Avenue to the right side and to create a buffer zone between the bike and traffic lanes. She said a lane of traffic is also being considered for elimination.

**Reports**

David Fields gave summary updates on the status on the Vikings Stadium Implementation Committee and of the Housing Guidelines initiative.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*David Fields*

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