

BUILDING, LAND USE & HOUSING

DRAFT--Minutes - February 16, 2017

The meeting was convened at 6:00 p.m. by Jerry Dustrud

Members Present: Jerry Dustrud, Sue Jagodzinski, Michael Lazaretti, Lisa Merrill & Mark Merrill, Rebecca Thomas, Patti Wettlin, Bert Winkel.

Others Present: Tyler Pederson- MPRB; Nick Balagurchik, Tom Hayes, Ann Eilbracht,- HCMC; Marcel Walker, Dave Aikens-MnDOT; Tilahun Hailu, Alan Klugman-Mpls. Public Works; Lynn Regnier, EPNI.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The January 2017 meeting minutes were approved as presented. M. Winkel/Lazaretti.

Downtown Service Area Master Plan

Tyler Pederson presented the Downtown Service Area plans focusing on the Elliot Park Neighborhood. Public comments are being received through March 4th. This year we will start to see ADA upgrades throughout the park system. Last year the City of Minneapolis approved a twenty-year funding plan for MPRB which increases former funding (approximately 3-4 million) to \$11 million annually.

I-94 Resurfacing Project

Marcel Walker and Dave Aeikens, MnDot, presented plans for the I-94 resurfacing project. It is a two-year project beginning in March. There will be a significant impact to area traffic as the Lowry Tunnel undergoes lane reductions for three months, May-August. Ramp closures and reduced lanes cannot be avoided and MnDot is encouraging commuters to use alternate routes and public transportation. Daily updates will be available on the website:

www.mndot.gov/metro/projects/194brooklyncntr

7th Street Pedestrian Crossing

Tilahun Hailu and Allan Klugman, Mpls. Public Works, presented the pedestrian/traffic analysis that was conducted on December 7, 2016. While 9th Street demonstrated more problems, overall the numbers did not warrant a traffic signal at 9th or 10th Street. Coincidentally public works will be adding curb bump-outs to the four corners at 9th and at 10th Street in 2018 which will reduce the crossing distance at those corners and reduce crossing time. They will be discussing the analysis report within their department for further review and suggestions and return to the community again with an updated report. The neighborhood requested that they provide a cost estimate for other solutions, i.e. flashing lights as it was suggested that some options might be installed if community/business dollars paid for it.

HCMC Pocket Park Sign at Park Avenue & 9th Street

Nick Balagurchk presented the updated monument sign design that conforms to the city sign guidelines. Previously the community requested and approved a pole sign design but it was then determined to not conform to standards. The sign is a smaller monument sign than the other three located on the other clinic corners and of a different design. It will face 9th Street at the corner of Park Avenue and will not be illuminated.

Motion to approve the HCMC Clinic monument sign for the pocket park at the corner of 9th Street and Park Avenue as presented on February 16, 2017. M. Lazaretti/L.Merrill. Passed

US Bank Stadium Fence

The Minnesota Vikings plan to build a semi-permanent fence around the stadium. It does not require city approval as long as it is on the stadium property and under 8-feet tall. Fencing on the west side of the stadium will only be installed during the football season. The fence design will match the iron fencing that is currently along the perimeter of the team parking lot on the southeast corner of the property. The Vikings will be presenting their fence plan to the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association at their regular board meeting on February 27th, 6 pm at Open Book. EPNI has also invited them to attend the March 16th BLUH meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Livability Task Force: Monday, March 6, 4 p.m., Segue Coffee – 811 11th Avenue

Finance & Executive Committees: Monday, March 6, 5:15 p.m., EPNI office

EPNI Board meeting: Monday, March 13, 6:00 p.m. STLF Office

BLUH Committee: Thursday, March 16, 6-7:30 p.m., Recreation Center

Elliot Park Earth Fest: Thursday, April 20, 4-7 pm, Elliot Park

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Regnier: February 20, 2017.