

**District 6 Planning Council**  
**Land Use Task Force**  
**Tuesday January 24, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Jeff Martens, Matt Sletten, Patty Lammers, Rich Holst, Renee Holst, Patrick McGuire, Betti Ingman

**Absent:** Ronna Woolery (excused 2 months), Mike Fridley (excused 2 months), Gidget Bailey, Cherl VanKampen

Welcome & Introductions

Adrienne McIntyre introduced herself and gave a short background.

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

A motion to approve November 2016 meeting minutes was M/S/A

**John Weatherston-Johns Pizza Café 1616 Como Avenue-Beer and Wine license application**

Mr. Weatherston told the Task Force he has applied for a strong beer/wine license to serve beer/wine at his Pizza Café. The license is still making its way through the department. He plans to use local breweries. Six draft beers, Flat Earth, Urban Growler, one cider in Minneapolis.

There will be standard conditions on the license such as hours of operation, attending alcohol awareness classes, age of employees, system to check identification. They are still a fast-casual operation, patrons would come up to the counter. Hours are not changing; it will be for evening dining patrons. ***A motion to approve with standard license conditions and to waive the 45-day waiting period was M/S/A-unanimously***

**Karyssa Jackson-Metro Transit-Better Bus Stop-update on the Better Bust Stop program and presenting bus stop improvements and their community engagement process**

The Better Bust Stop engagement office is a team of five. Karyssa Jackson works primarily in the North End. A grant was awarded to look at bus stop and shelter improvements; heating, signage. Some funds are allocated for community engagement-what they should be thinking about when making decisions for the future. They looked for communities that lacked investment economically challenged and communities of color to focus their engagement efforts.

What would make a bust stop better? Transit improvement signage-bus stop number, maps, lighting, heat, seventy-five shelters have been slated for improvements.

There will be a report generated out of this community engagement report. A page of bus stops that are improved, going to be improved, or not being improved was distributed-there is an opportunity influence the decision. A question regarding safety and cameras –this has not come

up yet-it is a part of some rapid bus stops-on more larger scale stops. Working with the City-businesses is there an opportunity for cameras? Better lighting and working with SPPD to help increase safety.

A question regarding moving the stops, and improvements for pedestrians as a pad to aide for access for people with disabilities was asked. .Is congestion taken into consideration? It is thought of during service meetings.

### **Saint Paul Public School-Rivereast**

SPPS in conversations with CM Brendmoen to leave the decision of the installation of a basketball court to the community via District 6 Planning Council's Land Use Task Force making the decision. Staff emailed information to members regarding the neighborhoods' meeting, the wish list and SPPS response.

The school address will be 1055 Mackubin. The school will be open fall of 2018. Construction bids went out yesterday and abatement has begun. Site remediation and construction will start in spring. The designs were shown. The playground area has been of concern. The playground is on the southeast corner of the site, it avoids having the playground abut neighbors' yards, the outdoor ½ court basketball court has been the biggest concern. Two thirds of elementary schools have basketball courts. There will be cameras both inside and outside of the school.

Other neighbor requests:

A mailer will be going out to neighbors

Site signage will be going up-two signs will be going up

Outdoor basketball-there has been a lot of discussion-Land Use will make the final decision on the court-SPPS would like the opportunity to re-visit the decision in two years whatever the decision is.

Neighbors identified their concerns as to noise, issues at Crossroads, the greater issue is outside of school hours. A portable hoop? There are movable hoops that they will look into further, they are difficult to move and can weigh up to 1200 lbs. No one wants to deny basketball during the day. A locking mechanism does not work, SPPS does not use them. This has been a frustrating conversation and process, with SPPS saying "here's why we can't do that", instead of "lets figure this out". One other observation is that SPPS has not been a "good neighbor" and have the attitude not my problem during after school hours in regards to issues. SPPS will do a better job at Crossroads.

A neighbor urged Land Use to not support the basketball court and revisit alternative options. Members' comments included asking about locking the fence, it is not about the hoop it is about the space, there are no direct solutions to a portable hoop. Another member is in agreement with the neighbors and there are alternate ways to exercise. There is an indoor court. A member who works at RiverEast discussed the type of students-it's a therapeutic school. They currently use the basketball hoop extensively. The gym may not be an option for a frustrated student. The hoop would be a number one priority. He also understands the neighbors' concerns.

With the outdoor hoop, you are creating an attractive nuisance. The district has not done their due diligence. ***A motion that the permanent hoop will not be installed and is off the table for***

***discussion for one year after opening. In the meantime, the district can explore and present specific non-permanent solutions with adequate notice for community input was M/S/A unanimously.***

**Jamie Radel-Planning & Economic Development Rice and Larpenteur Revitalization RFP** *The cities of Maplewood, Roseville, and Saint Paul (the Cities) are seeking an experienced urban planning, urban design, and/or redevelopment consultant or a team thereof (Consulting Team) to assist with planning activities for the Rice Street/Larpenteur Avenue Gateway Planning Area (the Gateway Area).* Jamie distributed the RFP for a planner to assist in the planning for the area, implanting a outreach effort. They want to make sure everyone is represented. They will be creating a community advisory group. District 6 will have a spot reserved; there will be an application process.

## **Updates**

### **Cell phone usage**

The Chair reminded members and neighbors that the use of cell phones at meetings were distracting, and in the future he will make a statement at the start of the meeting.

### **Transportation Committee**

Rich Holst updated the task force on the first meeting. A document outlining the structure and purpose of the committee was distributed. ***A motion to adopt the Structure and Purpose was M/S/A, unanimously***

### **Other Business**

Staff reminded the Task Force that Ramsey County is hosting a community meeting regarding the Rice Street Study on February 1, 2017, 6:00 PM at Washington Technology Magnate. It is important that we get the word out to our community and have a large presence at the meeting.

**Ethan Osten:** First meeting of the Land Use Task Force

### **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was M/S/A  
Meeting adjourned at 8:02PM