

**District 6 Planning Council Land Use Task Force  
Tuesday August 22, 2017 Minutes**

Welcome & Introductions

**Present:** Cheryl Van Kampen, John Jungwirth, Patrick McGuire, Betti Ingman, Amanda Cade, Matt Sletten

**Absent:** Rich Holst, Renee Holst

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

A motion to approve July 2017 meeting minutes with the following corrections under Community School of Excellence; 2 feet of right a way, distraction for drivers and a danger for pedestrians, 10 feet of pole and 5 feet of sign was M/S/A

**983 Marion Street-Alliance Wellness Center-**Yussaf Shafie-Variance for proximity to a like businesses-supported housing with 24/hour seven days/week staffing four to six residents The applicant was present and discussed the need for a minor variance, Alliance Wellness Center purchased 983 Marion with the intention to use the property as an outpatient treatment facility, it will be supported housing staffed 24 hours a day 7 days a week. They have other locations in Minneapolis and Bloomington. There will be 4-5 people living in the house with strict rules and activities, they need to be involved in something during the day. The average stay is thirty to ninety days. There is a lot of need in the neighborhood for this. It would be a minor variance since the proposed location is less than .25 miles away from 900 Rice Street, a treatment facility, it is .4 miles away. If it fits the distance requirements, they would not have to inform the community. A question of locating another facility in the North End was asked, property is less expensive, Ramsey County has asked Alliance Wellness to expand and there are more available homes here. It would be better if Alliance Wellness and other facilities would look in other neighborhoods, the North End seems to have an overabundance of like businesses.

A motion was M/S/A to lay this over until the BZA staff report and any objections from the immediate neighbors was sought, the Task Force will make the recommendation via email.

**Eric King- Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) Intern-presentation on housing data**

Staff gave a background regarding updating the housing section of the Large Area Plan and steps that led to obtaining the intern. This was mainly data collection. Eric King went through the presentation and when it is completely finalized, it will be available on the District 6 Planning Council's website.

CM Dai Thao mentioned that it was good that the neighborhood came together and community leaders should continue to advocate at City Hall, regarding a police station or whatever the community has decided. The housing data is important and we can do better once the document is finalized he will make it available to other councilmembers.

Another comment from a neighbor mentioned the 41 unit affordable housing at Rice and Sycamore, no offense to the proposed wellness center but there are too many transitional

renters that are causing issues, how do we encourage people to move in. Another neighbor mentioned that people who made less than \$20,000 per year didn't belong here.

Kim O'Brien, Legislative aide to CM Brendmoen, talked about City programs for homeowners and mentioned that the concentration of poverty is important, there are City policies to deal with it. A neighbor commented that it was not fair to concentrate poverty in one area.

### **Auto Licenses**

Staff distributed a document that listed all licensed businesses with conditions.

Seating Noel Nix to the Land Use Task Force

A motion to seat Noel Nix to the Land Use Task Force was M/S/A

### **New Business**

The draft letter created by the North End Development Team:

A neighbor questioned why there were so many committees, the August 30<sup>th</sup> Rice Street meeting is hosted by Ramsey County and there is a separate transportation committee. The next step should be planning for Rice Street, District 6 is advisory, it submits recommendations. Neighbors said they did not want three lanes on Rice Street, there was a petition with 600 signatures and neighbors questioned why we did not take that into account, why D6 would not listen because 600 people signed a petition and D6 should have looked into that. Staff mentioned they never received a petition-it was later mentioned the petition went to Ramsey County. Some neighbors did not want to have this conversation-they will send their recommendations to Ramsey County and wait until August 30<sup>th</sup> when they can hear from MTC and SPPD.

Staff (own opinion not the Board) mentioned it would be good to come up with a consensus on what Rice Street should be-people should decide what they want Rice Street to be, the letter is just a draft and it would be worse to do nothing, any changes might not be made.

A neighbor discussed the road diet school of thought and brought documents that explained a road diet-which according to research positively not negatively affects the road. Road diets are primarily interested in safety.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10