

March 21, 2017

RDLU Meeting Notes

May 16, 2017

WSCO Office, 209 Page Street W

Attendees: Monica Bravo, Becky Hanson, Derek Johnson, Hoka Miller, Carol Neumann, Karen Reid, Kareem Smith, Carol Swenson, and Craig Wilford. Guests: Jeannette Romero, Eduardo Romero, Jess Driskill, and Greg Whebbe.

Call to order 6:30 p.m.

Introductions and Approval of April notes with amended notes to include last names and add Karen Reid

The Agenda was amended to add:

1. 71 Annapolis parking variance request: Greg Whebbe came back with prospective buyers for his property. They want to move from their auto repair shop to this location. (The current business use was an auto painting/detail shop.) Lot zoned B3. The new business will need minimum of 5 spaces. Mr. Whebbe says there is ability for the site to hold 10 cars. The site size is 102 x 78. (Presentation material on the site was distributed.)

The City is not supporting a parking variance. The city also wants one of the two entrances/curb cuts closed. They want the Stryker entrance closed. The committee suggested that the business get a face-to-face meeting with DSI (Department of Safety and Inspections). The committee asked Monica contact Jeff Fishbach and Larry Zang, from the department, to understanding more fully the process to make this sale/new business happen. The new prospective owners will try to get a full list of what needs. We hope to have a thorough understanding by next month.

2. Cherokee Park Site Plan Review: Comment period is to June 6. Monica forward information straight from the City. Carol Neumann mentioned Parque Castillo delays on bidding because of utilities on the site. People should review and comment publically. Monica will ask for concrete timeline.
3. Hunt Wiedner (HW): Monica sent out article. Monica is meeting with Lucy Thompson (PED planner) tomorrow. The committee felt that HW should present their plans to the committee/WSCO. If not, we should decline our support. The pre-development policy is that community should be engaged prior to pre-development. Send HW an invitation and cc council member and Lucy Thompson.
4. Discussion moved on general input on business coming to the area, being built. A mention that we should revisit moratorium on tobacco stores. The West Side has at least two new ones within a ½ mile radius. (double check the locations)

5. Temporary Family Health Care Dwelling: May 17th City Council will review. Discussion on code issues, fraud, etc. The committee will write a letter to support opting out of allowing TFHCD.
6. St Paul Port Authority is vacating Morton Street W. on June 7th. RDLU has no problems as a portion of the street is already vacated.
7. Port Authority Tax Credit Allocation: Tanya at Port Authority to share with us New Market Tax Credit allocation. Karen Reid said she would like to meet and has a project. Karen will contact Tonya.
8. Updates:
 - a. 584 Stryker CUP. WSCO board was divided and didn't take a position. CUP passed and new business will be doing oil changes.
 - b. Friends of Pool #2. Hokan said there would be something happening at Kelly's Landing. Racks for canoes and Kayaks. Paddle-share where you can check one out.
 - c. Stryker Market denied license.
 - d. Rebecca suggested doing a parking study (needs) Donna Drummond wants a letter listing reasons and focus of study.
 - e. Wabasha Street public art.
 - f. Commercial Vitality zone: WSCO and NeDA will be taking a lead on community outreach. We will work with Laura at City and start in June. Safety can be an issue – crosswalks.
 - g. West Side Rising: Corridor Branding grant to start.
 - h. Greenway space article: The final plan will be presented in the fall.
 - i. Stop for Me Campaign for Cesar Chavez: Boca Chica and El Burrito (at Ava especially) were cited as spots that need some monitoring.

Carol Neumann brought out concerns about S curve on Wabasha (north of Boca Chica) and collapses of stone. What can be done? For next month discussion. Karen asked the Green Stairs bench be on agenda. And LMWSMO will be reported.

The committee is seeking to diversify the committee by age, race, ethnicity, gender, etc.

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