

# RDLU Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 17th, 2016

6:30 pm WSCO Office 209 Page St W

## Meeting Minutes:

- Call to order at 6:30pm -- introductions
- Committee Structure
  - Traditionally, Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary
  - Craig motions to continue with current structure with Karen as secretary, Robert seconds - unanimously approved
  - Derek amends to include Hokan as Chair with Carol as Vice Chair -- unanimously approved
- Quick update on new WSCO committee structure approved at January WSCO meeting
  - discussion on new committee focusing on growth and business development
    - Idea is that it would also work with NeDa and RDLU, especially for instances where CUPs or other land use questions arise.
    - It will be important to communicate out the definition of the new committee
  - Environmental Justice
    - May start with the water management issues we've begun to look at in the past
    - Southport EPA grant -- work with the Port Authority and Gap around EPA monitoring
- RDLU Updates
  - Brownfield 101 training to be held on Jan 26th at 6pm at Baker -- did a promotion on WSCO FB live stream
  - 127 Winnifred (Bruce Olson) Coffee shop -- Laura Hassen and Rebecca Noecker are working with him to get Star Funds to help facilitate these efforts
  - Dearing Mansion - there is a case to remove license for B&B due to non-compliance. There was a conditional use approved for 4 rooms but has been being advertised on AirBNB for 6.
    - RDLU want to thank the city for keeping us informed on an issue like this.
    - The city has encouraged the owner to reach out to WSCO but they have not yet.
    - Derek makes a motion to draft a letter to property owner
    - Haley amends to send a letter to the city thanking them for including WSCO in the enforcement of the CUPs and cc the property owner

- Gerry seconds -- unanimously approved
  - Stryker Letter
    - WSCO requested a rezoning along Stryker for TN2 - conditional neighborhood use
  - Stryker Market - denied tobacco license - an official notice will come to WSCO
  - Tobacco Land (567 Stryker)
    - Owner of the building was very responsive to enquiries from WSCO office and then signed a 7 year lease with a new tenant
    - New tenant has received tobacco license on 1/12/17 --
    - City was not aware of the tobacco license until WSCO informed them
    - New tenant he very interested in working with the community on putting other things in his store that will be a better fit for the neighborhood
    - There will be a meeting schedule with the tenant (business owner)
    - Question on asking for a moratorium for tobacco licenses -- could also do an interim ordinance that would last for up to a year
- Work Plan and Goals
  - There is a 10 year WSCO plan - link on wSCO.org
  - Haley brings up the question on how the new Comp Plan would affect this - Monica will follow up with Lucy
  - RDLU Work Plan
    - Stryker -- especially focused on the city looking at rezoning,
      - be open to joint meetings with the business and economic committee
      - Suggest we have a zoning tutorial on terminology and processes
    - Land use impact due to road work
      - Impact of Smith Ave Bridge closure -- potential cross teaming with business committee as well
      - Robert and State update
      - Wabasha closure
    - West Side Flats
      - Have Hunt-Wegner come out to discuss their plans
      - Greenway project
      - Renovation of a industrial building for Maker Space along barge channel road
    - Continuation of bike trails
    - Building equity into our processes and evaluation
  - Carol motion to create a small group to build out the work plan and present at next meeting -- Gerry seconds -- unanimous
- Evaluation
  - Thank you to new members
  - Reminder that the next meeting is third Tuesday of February 21st

- Adjourned 7:55pm

**Actions:**

- Gerry and Hokan agree to be greeters at Brownfields 101
- WSCO Staff to ask for West Side case studies for Brownfields 101 Session
- WSCO Staff to draft letter to the city regarding Dearing Mansion
- WSCO Staff to follow up with Lucy on the effect of new Comp Plan on the 10 Year West Side Plan
- WSCO Staff to find out timelines and process expectations for the rezoning of Stryker
- WSCO Staff to find out more about Maker Space
- Chair/Vice-Chair to organize the small group to build work plan

**Attendees:**

- Craig Willford
- Monica Bravo
- Hokan Miller
- Robert Ferguson
- Carow Swenson
- Gerry Berquist
- Matthew Bergeron
- Derek Johnson
- Karen Reid
- Kerry Olson
- Micah Pace
- Hally Turner
- Carol Neuman
- Helen Sullinger