

RDLU Meeting Minutes

Tuesday October 17th, 2017

Agenda

1. Welcome / Introductions
2. Lower Mississippi Watershed Update
3. Holman's Table Restaurant and Bar
4. Fillmore Development

Meeting Notes:

- Karen Update - Watershed Management
 - St Paul Port Authority and Minneapolis Wetlands Project
 - Wetlands restoration around south port area
 - Agreement for storing dredged materials -- working on finding a site
 - Port Authority will submit an opinion by end of the year that southport should continue to be a dredge site
 - In the meantime looking to do some restoration around southport terminal for about 9.1 acres, closest area they are looking to do is near Pig's Eye Lake
 - Agreement will budget restoration and management -- takes 3 years of weeding to restore
 - Not sure yet if they will be coming to WSCO looking for a letter of recommendation
 - Karen will report back next month
- Holman's Table
 - Troy Redding - in restaurant business for 30 years
 - Opened and runs <http://www.rockelmtavern.com/>
 - Building is on the historic registry
 - Has applied for liquor license and looking for recommendation from RDLU
 - Destination dinner location, 90 seats, open for breakfast and lunch too
 - In the historic terminal, there are some meeting rooms as well and this would be the sole caterer
 - Eventually looking to stock the departing planes
 - Would like to get RDLU's help with the 60 day waiting period on the liquor license due to it not being in a residential area
 - Goal is to open in December
 - Most of the flights are taking off on the other side of the field
 - Would serve more of the crew and other workers out there (100 people)
 - Also target downtown St. Paul and the capitol
 - Would be helpful to hire and look for west siders -- have interviewed people over here already for manager

- Avg guest check is around \$25 per person all in, \$18 for lunch, \$15 for lunch
- Signed a five year lease with a five year option
- Restaurant license, has to be closed by midnight
- Not planning on entertainment
- If the MAC doesn't put in bike racks, Troy said they will.
- Robert Ferguson makes a motion to support waiving the 60 day waiting period, Carol Swenson seconds
 - Passed with all voting Aye, excepting Gjerry Berquist
- El Burrito License
 - Looking to stay open later on special occasions and allow them cafe sidewalk entertainment
 - Super Bowl
 - Fights and other Sporting Events
 - Not seeking a letter from RDLU
 - Comments to the City by 12/1
 - Monica will check with them to see what their plans are for talking to the community first
- Updates
 - Metric Auto Parts
 - Visited RDLU last month
 - Went before the zoning board and it was recommended to be approved
 - Can be appealed until 11/15
 - Contact jake.reilly@ci.stpaul.mn.us
 - Copy of HEJ letter for Barge Channel Road
 - RDLU in September crafted a letter to the HRA Board and was included in the meeting packet
- Fillmore Development and timeline of WSCO/RDLU action
 - Originally Hunt was going to come this month to answer some of the committee's questions on affordable housing and size of units amongst a few other questions
 - On 10/1, RDLU/WSCO met with CURA - Krysten is their point of contact to help with some of the quantitative data needed to drive our efforts on equitable development
 - CURA students are finishing their work in December
 - On 10/2, met with Council Member Noecker and City staff - by 10/18 sub-contract would be in place, HRA kept coming back to say they weren't prioritizing affordable housing in communities of color or with concentrations of poverty, 53% of our residents are housing cost burdened
 - 10/5 WSCO went back to Humphry with CURA students and presented where we are today.

- 10/6 went with CURA students and delivered the RDLU letter to all City Council / HRA
- On 10/9, Monica met with Alliance and Justice Council, WSCO Board votes to put forth letter in support of RDLU
- 10/10 Mayor Forum, one table about affordable housing
- On 10/11, Monica presented at city hall on what WSCO has been working on in terms of equity
- 10/17 today's RDLU meeting
- 10/23 WSCO and City Staff meeting schedule
- 10/25 HRA meeting to approve sub contract with additional updated language about community involvement -- need people to show up and voice West Side Concerns at 2pm at HRA
- 10/26 RDLU youth event
- WSCO Board letter will be requesting 20% affordable housing at 50% AMI - also putting forth concerns on lack of plan for street facing commercial on Robert
- Letter in Pioneer Press on Sunday
- Targets of communication
 - HRA Chair - CM Amy Brendmoen
 - HRA Secretary - CM Russ Stark
 - HRA Commissioner - CM Rebecca Noecker
- Current Allies
 - HRA Treasurer - CM Dai Thao
 - HRA Commissioner - CM Jane Prince
- City says that they have used up their leverage to get the greenway but we would put forth that the greenway really serves development to deal with runoff.
- Language in the grants they have taken from MET Council should trigger 20% Affordable Housing
- There is also an issue with the plans to use TIF money
- Paid \$3.75M for the 14 acres of prime river front property -- value of Block A once built (of the five blocks) is \$28M just that.

Attendees (members):

Hokan Miller
 Gjerry Berquist
 Kareem Smith
 Karen Reid
 Carol Swenson

Robert Ferguson

Monica Bravo

Bahieh Harshorn

Derek Johnson

Krysten Ryba-Tures