

Riverfront Development and Land Use Meeting Notes - May 16th, 2018

Committee members present: Kareem Smith, Derek Johnson (Chaired Meeting), Carol Swenson, Zona Butler, Jen Crea, Robert Ferguson, Martin Hernandez, Katie Haas (6:43pm)

Guests: Jennifer Varela, Gail Merriam, Bob Craft, Tammy Wick, Marianne Jurajy, Michael Jurajy, Paul Marschall, Louis Caire

WSCO Staff: Leah Shepard, Monica Bravo (6:59pm)

Meeting Began at 6:31 pm

1. Introductions
2. Announcements
 - a. Our Streets = Our Stories Event - Thursday, May 24th, (A corridor Identity Branding project of WSCO). City representatives will be present to share Stryker Ave rezoning information and marketing plan regarding lot on Stryker and Elizabeth
 - b. Bike-a-thon coming up on June 9th
 - c. Committee Agreements
3. **Action Item:** April Meeting Notes Approval - **Tabled**
4. Non-Action Item: 631 Stryker, introduction of new business. 631 Stryker was purchased about two weeks ago and the building will be renovated for use as an Antique Car Club meeting space and car storage facility. The owners came to RDLU to introduce themselves and the business plan
 - a. Limited noise will be produced at the location, only small gatherings and no use of heavy power tools.
 - b. Storage fees and membership structure have not been finalized, but people are already showing interest in the organization and car storage potential.
 - c. Use of the building will not create any hazardous or toxic liquids and the owners intend to instal solar panels and strive to make the building environmentally sustainable.
 - d. The owners intent to continue to visit RDLU with updates as the business progresses.
5. **Action Item:** Catrinas LLC seeks a letter of support to waive the 45 day liquor on sale waiting period.
 - a. Catrinas LLC is opening their third taqueria location in the West Side Flats apartment building
 - b. They will be serving canned or bottled beer as well as margaritas from a machine.
 - c. There will not be a bar or bartender

- d. There will not be live music
- e. Security Plan: everyone will be carded to purchase alcohol, there will be up to 40 seats at the outside patio but it will be barricaded so patrons will have to come through restaurant to get to patio.
- f. The restaurant is currently under construction. They are planning to open shortly, hoping for mid june.
- g. Starting wages would be \$11 per hour
- h. The owner states some signs have been posted in the neighborhood regarding job openings

Motion to support waiving the 45 day liquor on sale waiting period (Jen). **Seconded** (Katie). All in favor - all voting members, All opposed - none. **Approved.**

6. Non-Action Item: Scorecard Draft Updates

- a. Second draft is underway. Most of the writing is done, but still working on history of the West Side and how to incorporate arts (will it be its own pillar or woven through the whole document). Current pillars are: Community Engagement, Housing, Environment, Transportation, and Economic Development. Formatting and proofreading of the document is wrapping up. A season of engagement with focus groups on the draft will occur over the summer with completion in September. The adapted scorecard will then be presented to planning commission for approval as addendum to community plan.
- b. There is a request from CM Noeckers office for a draft they can use as they contact developers over the summer. Board will review it on monday (May 21st) and vote on approving whether this is the appropriate draft to send out at RFQs.

7. Non-Action Item: Operationalizing the scorecard through RDLU

- a. Scorecard is tool to center the community when it comes to development. Since RDLU is the decision making table for development questions the goal is to get input from the group on how RDLU will be implementing it.
- b. Group discussion around how use of the scorecard will be brought into RDLU.
 - i. Break out sessions/ brainstorming
 - ii. Discussion will continue through the summer

8. Non-Action Item: Letters of Support

- a. Shadey's May 4th Event - Letter was sent
- b. Wabasha Brewing May 19th Event - Letter Was Sent
- c. Wabasha Brewing July 24th Event

9. **Action Item:** Suggestion to write formal letter to Wabasha Brewery requesting food trucks move out of the line of sight at the corner of Isabel and Wabasha

- a. WSCO has received calls regarding food trucks close to the corner blocking line of sight at Isabel and Wabasha, cant see cars coming down the hill

- b. Members of the committee have talked with the owner about moving the trucks to a safer spot. Got a verbal commitment from owner to move the trucks forward, but it is still an issue.

Motion to send a formal letter to Wabasha Brewing asking them to make sure the visiting food trucks are not blocking the line of sight on Isabel and Wabasha by moving the trucks to the south or into their parking lot (Kareem). **Seconded** (Jen). All in favor- all voting members, All opposed- none. **Approved**.

10. Non-Action Item: RDLU Work Plan Review

- a. First two pages of work plan were reviewed, will continue in future meetings

11. Updates:

- a. Oakdale Ave. NeDA Development
 - i. There are three focus meetings each regarding specific issues planned. NeDA will develop community engagement and lead meetings at at 88 Cesar Chavez:
 1. Tuesday May 29th 6-8:30pm - Phase 1: NeDA will present three options for the first phase of building. Community input will be gathered on the options presented.
 2. Thursday June 6th, 6-8:30pm: Options for the median at State and Oakdale, getting creative in making it a gateway to the neighborhood.
 3. June 22, 6-7:30pm - Phase 2. NeDA is looking for input and concerns regarding housing design and how to safely access Oakdale. May be further meetings planned regarding Phase 2.
- b. Accessory Dwelling Units - No updates
- c. Robert Street Construction
 - i. MnDOT is hiring a group to do community engagement. Engagement is planned to start this fall.
- d. Wabasha Bluffs
 - i. A meeting between affected neighbors and the city is in the works. Several members of RDLU agree to host/ attend the meeting.
- e. Parque Castillo
 - i. Construction is scheduled for this summer. October 5th, 2018 is planned completion date.

Motion to Adjourn (Carol)

Seconded (Kareem)

In Favor- All

In Opposition- None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:27 pm