

RDLU Notes Meeting Notes - June 19th, 2018

Persons Present:

Members

Kareem Smith, Karen Reid, Katie Haas, Jen Crea, Jennifer Varela, Zona Butler (6:38pm),
Hokan Miller (7:04pm)

Guests

Judy Lopez (La Costa), Micah Svejda (Bootstrap Coffee), Brian Miller - Neighbor, Laura Haynssen (City of St Paul PED), Susan Mikutowski- Neighbor, Bill Wittenberg - Neighbor, Marion Haas- Neighbor, Gjerry Burquist- RDLU alumnus

Staff: Monica Bravo (Executive Director), Leah Shepard (Administrator)

6:31 Meeting called to order

Agreements

Introductions

1. Judy - La Costa Patio Seating
 - a. Wants to add patio seating in front of building to draw attention to restaurant and add seating. Is requesting letter of approval to assist with application with the City for adding a Liquor-Outdoor Service Are (Sidewalk) and Entertainment (B) license to the business
 - i. Questions about patio seating and the process of getting the licence were asked.

Motion to provide letter of approval (Jenifer)

All in favor: all

Those opposed: none

2. CVZ - Laura Haynssen - City of Saint Paul - Planning and Economic Development
 - a. Commercial Vitality Zone vote for District del Sol happening now through June.
 - i. \$300,000 for capital investments (long term)
 - b. Vote is to identify top community priorities out of four options, Director of PED will ultimately make the decision based on feasibility and voting results
 - c. RDLU Member raises concern regarding broadness of voting categories and not really knowing what it would wind up supporting.
 - i. This is not the last point of community engagement, that will continue throughout the process. The voting is to narrow the scope as the program goes forward.

Side Note: MnDoT work coming to Robert street- Mill and overlay in 2020/2022, could impact viaduct. MnDOT will be contracting with public engagement group starting this Fall/ Winter (more info to come!). There will be pedestrian improvements for Robert as part of the Mill & Overlay (but not Cesar Chavez).

3. Stryker Ave. 617 Property for Sale- Laura Haynssen - City of Saint Paul -PED

- a. Half acre site, owned by PED, property is now being marketed by City
 - b. Also for sale: next door single family lot and Stryker Market site
 - c. Zoning B2 (however zoning study underway, could result in mixed use T2)
 - d. PED will review proposals starting August
4. ADDED ITEM: Boost Mobile No Parking Signs posted on mural on Guadalupana building
- a. There is concern about damage to the mural
 - i. Need to do research on ownership of mural (funding) and building
 - ii. Idea to be proactive about mural protection (facade easements as buildings change ownership?)
5. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Motion to approve Notes and Agenda (Gjerry) Seconded (Katie)

Those in favor: All

Those opposed: None

6. Bootstrap Coffee - Micah Svejda
- a. Attending meeting to introduce business and give info
 - b. Small wholesale coffee roasting company currently in Vandellia tower, been in business 4 years
 - c. Looking at building at 432 Wabasha - Purchase agreement is on space, hoping to close in August, goal is to open by November
 - d. Planning on doing roasting and opening a coffee bar
 - i. Roaster has afterburner that cleans up about %80 of smell, odor would be minimal
 - e. Minimal remodeling to building, Plans for small outdoor space
7. Wabasha Bluff Update
- a. Letter from CN Noecker
 - b. Planning to install gabion wall at foot of bluff
 - c. Hoping to have West sidewalk and street open by late August
 - d. Bluffs advisory committee in process of getting formed, will be concerned with all bluff issues throughout the West Side
 - i. 2001 Bluff Task Force put together report on the bluffs (Gjerry has it)
8. Oakdale Development (NeDA)
- a. 1st meeting went well, heard feedback and will make changes and report back in July regarding Northern Meeting
 - i. Changed from duplex and single family to a Triplex for sight line
 - b. Second Meeting: Oakdale traffic triangle and traffic counts and average speeds
 - c. Friday June 22 6pm meeting: will look at four lots to south, possible ownership housing, will avoid single family driveways backing out into Oakdale. Topography is challenging
 - d. Hoping to come back in July with more info on properties and needed variances
9. Accessory Dwelling Units

- a. City vote changed to August 15th to provide more time for public input
- 10. Smith Bridge
 - a. On track to re-open bridge late November or December
 - b. Map of bike lanes shown
 - i. Question about whether there will be safe pedestrian crossing at Cherokee Ave. (answer unknown)

Motion to adjourn meeting (Karen) seconded (Jennifer)

Those in favor: All

Those opposed: none

Meeting adjourned 7:56pm

Respectfully Submitted by Leah Shepard, WSCO Staff