

**Park Point Small Area Plan
Plan Committee Meeting
September 18, 2013 - 5:00 p.m.
Lafayette Community Recreation Center**

Participants

Keith Hamre, City of Duluth Planning
John Judd, City of Duluth Planning
Matt Boff, SEH
Dawn Buck, Resident
John Goldfine, Local Business Rep.
Deb Kellner, Resident
Sally Raushenfels, Resident
Heather Rand, Planning Commission Rep.
Jan Karon, Resident
Dick Gould, Resident, MN Pt. Preservation Society
Kinnan Stauber, Resident

Guests

Gerald Hadland
Bruce Rutherford
Dr. Danae Dorr
Burke Edgerton
Laurie Edgerton
Shannon Stevens
Travis Schwartz
Diane Kellner
Neil Dorr
Pam Griggs
Brian Nelson
Jeff Stuermer
Tom Griggs

1. Call to Order / Introductions

Hamre called the meeting to order and recognized the meeting attendees.

2. Transportation Study (Lift bridge to 13th St.) - Matt Bolf, SEH

Boff handed out copies of the Park Point Alignment and Traffic Study and then gave a detailed presentation of the Design Alternatives, (relocating the "S" curve to 8th street and converting Lake and Minnesota Avenues to one-way pairs). A Traffic Impact Analysis was conducted to understand how the alternatives and the current design would be impacted by potential future development. Traffic Speeds were examined using City Stealth Stat equipment for one week in the month of June. The data for all vehicles was then calculated to the 85th percentile, that data revealed that 85 percent of the traffic is complying with the 30 mph speed limit. The study also included 4 recommendations for improved flow at the Buchanan St. and Lake Ave. traffic Signal. The plan Committee was unable to reach consensus on which alternative to recommend for inclusion in the Small Area Plan But did narrow the choices to: Moving the "S" curve to 8th St, Lake and Minnesota Ave. to 2 lane one-way pairs, Lake and Minnesota Ave. to 1 lane one-way pairs and do nothing. (The text and maps from this study have been posted to the City Planning WEB site)

3. 2013 Traffic Count and Speed report – John Judd, City Planning

Judd provided printed copies of the Traffic Count and Speed report (mentioned by Boff in the SEH study above) with additional detail/graphs illustrating the data by actual number, time of day, day of the week and speed of vehicles included in survey. One tracking unit was placed at 11th St. and S. Lake Ave., and the other unit at 37th St. and South Minnesota Ave.

4. Items for discussion at the next meeting (October 2, 2013)

- A. Revisit Transportation Study (Lift bridge to 13th St.)
- B. Identify and define the public access and the level of use for improved and unimproved Rights-of-Way and Street-Ends.

5. Plan Committee Meeting and Public Meeting Schedule

Next two Plan Committee meetings to be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2013 and Wednesday, October 16, 2013.

The tentative date for the next public "Open House" community meeting is set for Wednesday, October 30, 2013.

6. Review of any received written or electronic comments

Hamre Boff and Judd then addressed written and verbal questions from non-committee guests at the meeting.

Additional observations regarding area traffic:

The vehicle and pedestrian lights at Buchanan St. are not in sync for walk/don't walk.

Cars are parked on Lake Ave. are too close to the intersections to provide adequate sight lines when turning on to Lake.

Could part of Lake Ave. be removed or receive a variance from MSA standards?

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with thanks to all for their participation.

Notice of future meetings will be provided.