

Lincoln Park Small Area Plan
Small Area Plan & HIA Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Notes

Thursday, May 1, 2014

5:30PM – 7:00PM

Ecolibrium3, 2304 W Superior St

I. Welcome and Introductions (Hamre)

II. Introductions – Committee

Attendees: Pam Kramer (LISC), Tammy Marda (resident), Howie Hanson (resident, City Council), Garner Moffitt (resident, Lincoln Park business group, Planning Commission), Rick Ball (Seaway planning committee), Heath Hickock (Duluth Transit Authority), Judy Gibbs (Park & Rec), Ross Lovey (DEDA), Cassie Borges (Ecolibrium3), Angie ____ (Community Action Duluth), Pam Planchart (resident and business owner, partner in Lake Superior Brewing), Heidi Timm-Bijold (DEDA), Gary Ackenberg (resident, past City Council, Deputy County Administrator – deals with blighted properties), Dana & Tom Hanson (residents and owners of Duluth Grill), John Judd (Planning), Keith Hamre (Planning), Kelly Muellman (MDH)

III. Standard Components of a Small Area Plan (Hamre)

IV. Components of a Health Impact Assessment (Muellman)

V. Plan Kick-off and Neighborhood Celebration (Hamre/Judd)

Press releases in conjunction with community event

Will have table and presentation at Our Lincoln Park Event, community survey and large maps and sticky notes for people to mark on

Comments for committee members:

- Potential for commercial development around Wade Stadium similar to what is being experienced in Lowertown St. Paul around the Saints Stadium
- Focus should be on family activity (see Children’s Museum) – more inclusive than “sports complex” – kids walk and run around in neighborhood unlike other neighborhoods in the City – focus on family friendly strength of community [including renters, young families, lower income]
- Harrison Community Club and Lincoln Park Citizen Patrol are struggling to retain active membership – need more volunteers, how to encourage new participation
- Need to turn image of neighborhood around (has negative rhetoric)

- How? Do real projects, not just planning – need anything to rejuvenate the neighborhood, get people out, ask for forgiveness later
- Park needs to reopen bathroom facility (sign that says closed due to vandalism hurts neighborhood image and functionality of park for families)
- Trails ruined by 2012 flood (being fixed this year)
- Changes to UDC to allow gardens, to allow greenhouses to sell produce (retail component)
- Expand Lincoln Park storefront program to extend to 41st (missed by current boundary and TIF3 district)

VI. Membership and Schedule Outline

- Identified a few more groups who are not represented, including: school district, Merritt neighborhood, ZMC hotels, Karen Arthur (Time Bank), Duluth Art Institute, Minors Inc.
- Not required that everyone attend every meeting – attend based on interest and agenda
- Assessment: will look at lots of existing studies and data: One Roof, Lincoln Park on the Move, MIC transportation study, LISC report, historic property survey (City intern summer 2014), market study (Cushman-Wakefield, through DEDA), brownfield/blight property study (Bay West, through DEDA), St. Louis County life expectancy report, etc.

Comments for committee members:

- Strengthen existing businesses first before using resources to attract new businesses – this will in effect result in attracting new businesses
- Strategies to improve image: brochure with photos promoting current businesses (current activity of Lincoln Park business group), celebrate history of industry in the area, provide technical assistance to businesses (e.g., logo design/branding)
- Make current empty storefronts/businesses ready to occupy (barrier to getting new businesses)
- Trouble getting business owners to use City's storefront loan program (businesses can't afford it) – thinking about Seaway improvements

VII. Meeting logistics

Meet at least once per month through January 2015.

Good meeting time: 3rd Wednesday of the month, 5:30-7PM (Probably skip May 21st, next meeting June 18th)