

Lincoln Park Small Area Plan (LP / SAP)
Small Area Plan Advisory Committee Meeting

MEETING NOTES

Wednesday, August 27, 2014

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Ecolibrium3 - 2304 West Superior St.

I. Welcome, Introduction and Updates – Judd

Attendees: Anne Harala, Lynne Snyder, Angie Miller, Deb Deluca, Pam Kramer, Jodi Slick, Josh Gorham, Health Hickok, Garner Moffat, Gary Eckenberg, Judy Gibbs, Tammie Marotta, Tom Vaughn, Robert Herling, John Judd, Ross Lovely, Jan Saxhaug, Kelly Muellman, John Kelley, Tiersa Dodge

II. HIA Brownfield Survey tool – Muellman

Kelly described the history of the HIA Brownfield survey tool: an MPH student interning for MN Brownfields and MDH developed the tool as her Master's thesis project. The tool questions developed out a review of all HIAs conducted in the USA related to brownfields, blighted properties, redevelopment etc., and a literature review of the connections between health and brownfields. Out of hundreds of questions, the list was pared down to the current 117 and categories by health and built environment topics.

Committee members gave very constructive feedback on the tool:

- Use consistent language (plan versus project)
- Use ranking system for prioritization (i.e., 1 to 5) rather than 'yes, a priority' or 'not a priority'
- Change the language for the pilot test to say 'should the small area plan address ____' rather than 'does the project ____'
- Results: show how each category faired compared to each other and also what specific questions rose to the top within each category. This will help identify if there is major consensus around certain issues

III. Public Open House meeting – Judd

The Public Open House will be Wednesday, September 17 from 5PM – 8PM at Harrison Community Center. The community survey will be available for residents to fill out as well as a

general comment form. There will be refreshments provided. Tables will be set up for specific topic areas (e.g., transportation, housing, economic development, etc.) and staffed by appropriate persons to answer questions and talk to residents.

Outreach:

- Flyer (for posting at area businesses – Jodi Slick has list of businesses that will post flyers; for Lincoln Park middle school open house; etc.)
- Table at Lincoln Park Middle School Open House on Sept 10 (with flyer and survey) – Josh Gorham will talk to principal on Friday, 8/29
- Community club email list
- TV & newspaper (media)
- Social media (Twitter) – DTA uses this
- Contact Northern Expressions or Patrick Webber to have activities for kids
- Mailing: through water & gas?
- Event board outside Harrison Community Center

Send names/contacts to John Judd if they should receive meeting information.

IV. Lincoln Park Future Land Use and Current Zoning – Judd

John Judd taped a future land use map from the Comprehensive Plan and a property ownership map on the wall and reviewed the categories and where there are discrepancies between zoning and current and future land use that might require a Comp Plan update and zoning change. For example, the Duluth Grill and similar uses are not allowed under the Comp Plan future land use (industrial). This should be remedied.

The group also talked about other current/future projects, including:

- ARDC Harbor Plan
- New supportive housing on the other side of Garfield (SAP is partnering with Community Development – Housing, they will be at Open House)
- Business Improvement District – would businesses be interested?
- Resiliency work: City has mapped flood damage – is it possible to have this information at the Open House? Also, the City is working with the Feds to update the floodway map.
- Bush grant: research/interviews and design workshops next spring with UMN-Architecture school and St. Louis River Corridor; they are receptive to neighborhood priorities
- Retail study: visiting September 10/11. John Judd actively working with them to add 3rd street to their agenda (neighborhood-serving businesses), whereas Superior has attractions/businesses that draw from outside of neighborhood. Looking at building reuse (e.g., space for art/artists)

- Gary pursuing legislative change to half & half tax. Wants to change “34th” to “14th”. It was suggested that specific projects are identified for use of the funding that can be talked about when seeking the language change (trail, Lincoln Park, connecting habitat restoration area by harbor to the neighborhood (will be part/finger of cross city trail). It was also recommended to keep Administration in the loop – getting the City Council on board – to move forward with legislative change. **Gary and Garner supported the development of a subcommittee to pursue this legislative change request.**
- The MIC is wrapping up a long range transportation plan for the area. MnDOT is looking at a new design for the “can of worms” ramp of I-35. The plan may bring the interchange to ground level. The SAP can start to address what the destination would be if they made the transportation connection from Lincoln Park to the harbor.
- Ecolibrium3 wants to do energy generation on vacant properties by M&H. They need a zoning change to do so. There is also an opportunity to create connectivity to downtown through this area.

V. Next Committee Meeting and Adjournment - Judd

September 24, 5:00-7:00PM