

**PUBLIC FORUM COMMENTS – MORGAN PARK  
CITY CENTER WEST  
MAY 12, 2010 – 6:30PM**

**HILLSIDES**

- Traffic signals needed on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue East between 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 9<sup>th</sup> Street – difficult to cross.
- Take measures to slow traffic on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue East (traffic calming)
- Transportation in general is needed, bus is limited, and people need vehicles getting to work and school
- Create a “Bike” hub, maybe a pilot program, where bikes are free to use
- Issue: Apartments on 4<sup>th</sup> Street across from Whole Foods is blighted
- Plan is needed to reuse Nettleton School
- Laundry Building – Piper, another blighted property that needs to be addressed
- “Welcome” Entrance signage would be good, placed off Mesaba on 4<sup>th</sup> and at 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue East on 4<sup>th</sup> Street
- Bad intersection – Skyline and Denny Drive, Martha and 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Really difficult to cross in any direction. It needs to be made safe for cars, bikes and people walking. Don’t like “Roundabout” plan, may need to rethink it.

**LINCOLN PARK**

- Re-Use of Elementary School

The Benedictine Health System is exploring re-use of half of the building for assisted living. The Boys & Girls Club is concerned about maintaining a “community center” at the site for the area residents. There are programs interested in locating there, but lack funding. Harrison is difficult to schedule and too small for some programs.

- Duluth Art Institute
  - The Art Institute is seeking maintenance funds for new windows and some tuck point work. Since 1993, the Art Institute has provided \$300 million in renovations to the building but do not have the funds for these recent needs. They offer:
    - Galleries, Artspace, workshops
    - Collaborator / educator / free family days
    - Your 'round programming
    - Draw from other city areas
    - LP Partner!
    - Over 200,000 people last year
  
- Misc. Comments:
  - Funding needed for CAD “Jumpstart” program.
  - Rents are too high for single persons.
  - CAD programs should be expanded. They offer help with training for and finding jobs, transportation, child care & more.
  - Create an “energy center” – environmental / green / one-stop shop with several agencies together.
  - Find Re-use for Boys & Girls Club building on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.
  - Safety is an issue in several areas. Get information out to wider audience regarding the Crime Safety Initiative Meetings. Use neighborhood patrols. Work with landlords regarding “criminal” renters.
  - Coordinate efforts in Lincoln Park – The various groups are too fragmented. Harrison Community Center is difficult to get access; run by a few residents. Maybe the City could set up a web-based reservation system for all of the community centers.
  - The alleys are really bad – fix the pot holes!
  - Maintain walkability –sidewalks are overgrown with shrubs and trees.
  - Seaway – crime issue is a concern.
  - Housing Needs – investment, for owning and renting
  - Complete cross city trail
  - Dangerous intersection at Michigan Street and 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue West. Difficult to see oncoming traffic and the traffic is at higher speeds.

## **MORGAN PARK**

School Reuse

Rehab aging housing stock

Maintain businesses

Bring in new businesses

Improve access points to the community

- Lighting
- Signage
- Benches
- Receptacles

Continue weatherization efforts

6-plex being painted in 2010 – matching doors, house numbers, railings  
Near entrance of Morgan Park – Valspar donated paint

## **WEST DULUTH COMMENTS**

Not in priority

Raleigh Street Needs a Complete Rehab

- Detour issues
- Lots of traffic
- Is getting worn out
- At least 7 water main breaks

Irving Park Plan

- Plan to be completed this year for neighborhood and park
- Will have public input and use of disposal cameras
- At park need for dasher boards at hockey rink
- Discussion on what has been done. Can bring these points up during the planning process

Tourism Corridor Improvements

- Commonwealth Avenue from I-35 to Bessemer Street
- Look at the West Duluth Revitalization Plan for general guidance. Examples include
- streetscape sidewalks stoplights other
- Wayfinding throughout the neighborhood – Cody Street, 59<sup>th</sup> and signage where needed to direct visitors to locations

Roosevelt Street

- Demolition of buildings
- Sidewalks
- Need streetscape
- Curb and gutter
- Senior citizens can't use the street and take the long way for shopping/other

Extend Waseca Street

- Was intended for truck access to industrial area.
- Complete Waseca to Grand Avenue as it was intended
- Trucks should use Waseca as the truck route and not neighborhood streets. Take Waseca off as a the truck route
- These trucks go to the paper mill and other industrial uses such as the railroad tie wood chipper facility

Raleigh Edison School

- Fencing along Raleigh Street
- Alley factors into fencing
- Install signs to reduce speed limit during school hours

Block Watches Are Needed

- Denfeld area
- Merritt has a block watch. Need equipment for members and support
- West Duluth Business Area

Business District

- Banners for Business District

Grassy Point

- Complete phases II and III of Grassy Point Plan

Access to the River

- Access to the river perhaps near the trail. Not necessarily a boat landing
- See Western Waterfront Trail Plan

Lighted Pathway

- From Memorial Park to Ramsey Village

Community Garden

- South of Grand Avenue, north of Roosevelt and east of I-35 in a triangular shaped parcel of land

Cross City Trail

- Community has alternative routes for consideration

Berm along RR Tracks

- Was in previous plans. Berm between residents and railroad tracks.

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Other, not in West Duluth

Fond du Lac

- Need for water and gas as well as park improvements.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Brad Clifford, North Star CDC  
Henry L. Banks, CFSJ, Inc.  
Lynne E. Snyder, HRA  
Jennifer Baumann, Community Development Committee  
Tanya Danner, Community Action Center  
Cliff Knettel, NHS Duluth  
Jeanne Koneczny, Resident  
Kris Ridgewell, SVCNDA  
Theresa Bobula, CDC  
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Martin Lepak, AEOA  
Sarah Hannigan, NCLT  
Jodi Slick, Common Ground  
Dan Williams, DRW Enterprises  
Heidi Jaus, Community Action Duluth  
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Sarah Priest, CAD  
Pam Kramer, Duluth LISC  
Alisha Barnes  
Nan Stubenvoll, LISC  
Jim Gaylord, Community Development Committee  
Daryl Yankee, Habitat for Humanity  
Samantha Gibb Roff, Duluth Art Institute  
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