



North Loop Neighborhood Association Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting

July 23, 2014
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Heritage Landing

Minutes

- I. INTRODUCTIONS
 - a. Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.
 - b. Minutes from June 2014 were approved.

- II. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - a. Liquor License – Merchant Restaurant at 211 N 1st St, *by Gavin Casen*
 - i. Key discussion items include:
 - 1. Formerly the Smile site
 - 2. Design work by Shea Architects
 - 3. Full service dinner restaurant with bar and lounge and Saturday and Sunday brunch
 - 4. 5,900 SF with 120 seats
 - 5. 2 private dining rooms
 - 6. Fresh pasta will be made on-site
 - 7. Menu is grains, pasta, sea, land and dessert
 - 8. The timeline is for a November opening
 - 9. On-sale liquor license, no live events, class E
 - 10. **NLNA P+Z made a motion to support this liquor license**
 - b. Downtown Rooftop Golf Project and Youth Center, Air rights lease over ramps A and Hawthorne – *by Bob Lind*
 - i. Key discussion items include:
 - 1. Back for a project update from last year
 - 2. This is a collaboration between MNDOT, City of Minneapolis and Federal
 - 3. BWBR is the lead architect with Ryan Companies and Architectural Field Office
 - 4. Currently in search of an operator.
 - 5. Vertical entry is a challenge from the street to the center
 - 6. Currently a conceptual design and funding/feasibility stage
 - 7. Budget is around the 80 mil mark

- 8. Project would include a golf center, youth outreach center and entertainment center
- 9. Modeling the project similar to Chelsea Piers
- c. Commuter Connections – Proposal for ZAP station, *by Dan McLaughlin*
 - i. Key discussion items include:
 - 1. Locations of a ZAP reader in the North Loop Neighborhood, as this is a zone that is underserved
 - 2. ZAP station is a bicycle reader that counts toward business health plans and integrates with a mobile app to allow for bicycle trip tracking
 - 3. The station itself has a counter, solar panel operated, and has an audible beep noise
 - 4. **NLNA P+Z made a motion to support the station in the neighborhood, preferable as close to the existing Nice Ride station at N 2nd St near 4th Ave N. We directed them to also coordinate with the adjoining condo association for final approval.**
- d. Committee Business
 - i. Education Committee
 - a. New entity continuing forward
 - b. Principal selected for the Webster school
 - ii. Will reach out to get onto any Bottineau and future SWLRT organizations for North Loop representation
 - iii. Riverfront CAC – no update

III. ADJOURNMENT

Attendees:

DJ Heinle, Co-chair
 Dave Decker, Co-chair
 Karen L. Rosar
 Alice Eichholz
 Wendy Holmes
 Bryan Hollway
 Brent Webb
 Kelly Nelson

Non-Attendee Members:

Jo Vos
 John Slack
 Darwin Lookingbill