



## Meeting Minutes

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### NORTH LOOP NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING & ZONING MEETING

HERITAGE LANDING COMMUNITY ROOM, 415 NORTH 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET

APRIL 22, 2015

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#### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS—DJ HEINLE**

- THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.
  - EIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: ALICE EICHHOLZ, DJ HEINLE, DARWIN LOOKINGBILL, KELLY NELSON, NEAL REARDON, KAREN ROSAR, JO VOS, AND BRENT WEBB.
  - THE COMMITTEE APPROVED MINUTES FROM ITS MARCH 18 MEETING.
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#### **YOUTHLINK—ABBIE LOOSEN AND FRANCES ROEN (PROJECT FOR PRIDE IN LIVING)**

- PROJECT FOR PRIDE IN LIVING BRIEFED THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTHLINK, WHICH WILL EXPAND ITS SERVICES BY PROVIDING HOUSING AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES TO HOMELESS YOUTH AGES 16-23. IT HOPES TO START CONSTRUCTION AT CHESTNUT/LINDEN AVENUES AND 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET IN A YEAR OR SO, WITH A MOVE-IN DATE OF 2017.
  - PROJECT FOR PRIDE IN LIVING IS SEEKING A LETTER OF SUPPORT THAT IT CAN USE IN ITS FUNDRAISING EFFORTS.
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#### **LEE'S LIQUOR LOUNGE—LAURA BOYD**

- LAURA BOYD BRIEFED THE COMMITTEE REGARDING THE CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF LEE'S LIQUOR LOUNGE. THE NEW OWNER (CRAIG COCKLEBURR) WILL RETAIN MUCH OF THE CURRENT OPERATIONS, BUT WANTS TO ADD A PATIO TO THE BACK OF THE BAR. THE NEW OWNER WILL BRING IN A PLANNER TO HELP DESIGN THE OUTDOOR AREA, WHICH WILL LIKELY INVOLVE PLANTERS, RESURFACING, ETC. THERE WILL BE NO LIVE MUSIC OUTDOORS.
  - THE BAR IS SEEKING THE COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL FOR THE OUTDOOR ADDITION, WHICH WILL HAVE A CLASS B LIQUOR – WHAT THE LOUNGE CURRENTLY HAS. THE OWNER HOPES TO HAVE THE PATIO OPEN THIS SUMMER YET.
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#### **Scratch Restaurant—Bruce Hellier**

- BRUCE HELLIER BRIEFED THE COMMITTEE ON ITS APPLICATION TO PUT A SMALL DECK OFF THE BACK OF SCRATCH, WHICH IS LOCATED AT 404 3<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE. IT WILL HOLD ABOUT 30 SEATS AT A BAR AND 6 TABLES. THE OWNER PLANS TO USE MATERIALS AND A DESIGN THAT REPLICATES NEIGHBORING ESTABLISHMENTS. THERE IS A MAY 5 HEARING ON THE PROPOSAL.
  - SCRATCH OPENED IN OCTOBER 2014 AND OFFERS JAZZ AND BLUES ALONG WITH FOOD.
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#### **100 HENNEPIN—CARL RUNCK**

- CARL RUNCK BRIEFED THE COMMITTEE ON PLANS TO DEVELOP WHAT IS CURRENTLY A SURFACE PARKING LOT AT 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET AND HENNEPIN AVENUE. PLANS CALL FOR A SIX-STORY MULTI-USE BUILDING, WITH RENTAL HOUSING (INCLUDING 159 "STANDARD" UNITS AND 11 TOWNHOMES) AND RETAIL.
  - THE PROJECT WILL GO BEFORE THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON MAY 17, 2015. RUNCK ANTICIPATES OPENING IN SPRING 2017.
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### **NEIGHBORHOOD COMMENTS**

- ONE OF THE AREA'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR WILL BE HELD AT TARGET FIELD STATION.
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### **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

- ALICE EICHHOLZ AND BRENT WEBB BRIEFED THE COMMITTEE ON THE ACTIVITIES OF DOWNTOWN FAMILIES, WHICH HAD BEEN FOCUSING ON GETTING A NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL IN OR NEAR DOWNTOWN. THE NEW WEBSTER SCHOOL IS SET TO OPEN IN SEPTEMBER 2015.
  - KAREN ROSAR UPDATED THE COMMITTEE ON THE WEST BROADWAY TRANSIT STUDY CAC, WHICH HAS MET ONCE. IT HOPES TO PUT FORTH A LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE BY THE END OF THE YEAR.
  - WENDY HOLMES HAS OBTAINED THE GUIDELINES REGARDING ADDING ART TO ELECTRICAL BOXES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. SHE IS WORKING ON A PROPOSAL TO SOLICIT DESIGNS FROM COMMUNITY ARTISTS.
  - THE COMMITTEE VOTED TO WRITE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR YOUTHLINK (SIX AYES AND ONE ABSTENTION).
  - THE COMMITTEE VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO WRITE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR LEE'S LIQUOR LOUNGE.
  - THE COMMITTEE VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO WRITE A LETTER SUPPORTING SCRATCHES' APPLICATION FOR AN OUTDOOR DECK.
  - THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 20, 2015, AT 6 PM. THE COMMITTEE ADJOURNED AT 7:30 PM.
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