



**NORTH  
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NEIGHBORHOOD

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**North Loop Neighborhood Association  
Board Meeting Notes  
January 25, 2017  
6:00 P.M.  
T3, 415 1<sup>st</sup> Street North**

**Attendees:** David Frank, Tim Bildsoe, DJ Heinle, Katie Day, Bryan Hollaway, Diane Merrifield, Francesco Parisi, Phil Ailiff, and Scott Woller

- I. January Board Meeting (business component) called to order at 6:07 P.M.; those in attendance introduced themselves by stating their names and building of residence or business or employment in the neighborhood.
- II. **Motion is made by Tim, seconded by Diane, and approved by the Board to approve the Board meeting agenda.**
- III. **Motion is made by Phil, seconded by Tim, and approved by the Board to approve the minutes from the November meeting.**
- IV. Finance Report – Tim Bildsoe
  - a. Tim sent out an e-mail with current balances; December and year-end statements will be available at the end of this month. The new bookkeeper is moving prior records to his software and the process will be completed by the end of this month. That information will be sent directly to the board members.
  - b. Financial management procedures will be available for review next month.
- V. Neighbor Comments
  - a. In the spirit of thanksgiving for Hines' use of the T3 building, the Board is happy to open the floor for the new restaurant going into the building. Dalton and Wade will be a whiskey-centric restaurant, encapsulating country classic entrees featuring approachable and affordable cuisine. It will have also have an outdoor patio area. Dalton and Wade is thrilled to be a part of the most exciting neighborhood in the Twin Cities! They are opening mid-summer.
  - b. David encourages everyone to vote on neighborhood priorities by assigning the dot stickers on the posters accordingly.
  - c. Cordelia Pearson announces that she is running for City Council.

## VI. Committee Reports

- a. Marketing and Promotions – Scott Woller
  - i. Thanks to all the people with tables at the event.
  - ii. There are sign-up sheets in the front of the room for those who like to volunteer for North Loop events like the Washington Avenue cleanup, candy grab, Earth Day cleanup, etc.
- b. North Loop Businesses – Scott Woller
  - i. Thanks to Modest and Whole Foods for their contributions!
- c. Website – Diane Merrifield
  - i. Diane sent out the website report: there were 3,300 visits to the site in November and December – down a little from the summer total of 4,000.
  - ii. She consistently receives 1-2 e-mail inquiries each day at [info@northloop.org](mailto:info@northloop.org).
- d. Planning and Zoning Report – DJ Heinle
  - i. Update on 419 North – CSM and DJR architects have brought the building height down to 140 feet; the Committee made a motion of support for the development, with the provision that the developer lobby for additional street trees.
  - ii. New proposal for 729 Washington Avenue North includes an adjusted height modification and mechanical placement; a motion to approve was made.
  - iii. Artic Cat would like to cover the existing building signage with its own; a motion of support to change signage was made.
  - iv. 200 Washington Avenue will be renovated into commercial and office space; a motion of support was made.
  - v. There are two outgoing committee members: David Decker and Darwin Lookingbill; a motion was made to thank them for their service.
  - vi. The Downtown Master Plan is now in the public comment phase.
  - vii. **Motion is made by Scott, seconded by Diane, and approved by the Board to approve the Planning and Zoning Committee's motions of support for the 419 Washington Avenue, 729 Washington Avenue, and Artic Cat projects.**
  - viii. **Motion is made by DJ, seconded by Katie, and approved by the Board to recognize David Decker and Darwin Lookingbill for their service to the Planning and Zoning Committee.**
- e. Livability – Fritz Kroll
  - i. There is no update.
- f. NL Park Update – Katie Day
  - i. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board has finally released its Master Plan for public comment; it is open until March 4. The proposed North Loop park is included. It is shown with connectivity points to the Mississippi River.
- g. Safety & Livability – Phil Ailiff
  - i. The greatest challenges in the neighborhood are larceny and theft from motor vehicles. We continue to work on these issues, but there is always more work to be done. Later, we will be hearing from the 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct team.
  - ii. North Loop will have a mobile workshop as part of the 2017 Walking Summit in St. Paul in September.
  - iii. Next PAC meeting is February 1 from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. in City Hall, Room 333. All people are welcome.
  - iv. The next Block Club meeting is not yet scheduled.
  - v. The next 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct Court Watch meeting will be Friday, February 10 at 10:00 A.M. in the Hennepin County Library Conference Room.
- h. Sustainability – Bryan Hollaway

- i. There is no update.

VII. Neighborhood Priorities

- a. David again encourages attendees to vote for their priorities.
- b. Infrastructure investments
  - i. There is no update.
- c. Pedestrian safety improvements
  - i. There is no update.
- d. On-street parking
  - i. There is no update.
- e. Affordable housing
  - i. There is no update.
- f. Neighborhood beautification
  - i. There is no update.

VIII. Old Business

- a. Annual meeting – is currently underway!
- b. Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Funding Update
  - i. NRP funding will be discussed at the February meeting with proposals.
- c. Farmers' Market – Bryan Hollaway
  - i. At the meeting in December, the keynote had to back out. There is no update on light rail. The Farmers' Market is looking to expand in conjunction with LRT; main proposal is adding a three-story building to make a four-seasons market and add direct connectivity to the LRT station.
- d. 2020 Partners – David Frank
  - i. This public private partnership meets quarterly to talk about issues in the area around Target Field. Last meeting featured some intense conversations; David urges everyone to review the 2020 Partners' website.
- e. Downtown Neighborhood Group – DJ Heinle
  - i. The next meeting is coming up. At the prior meeting, an obtuse proposal was made during City process to abolish all funding. There was significant push back against the proposal from the neighborhood coalition.
- f. Community Engagement
  - i. The Board agreed to give money to the Fancy Pants Dance, a great event for families and kids of all ages. **A motion is made by Scott, seconded by Bryan, and approved by the Board to contribute \$500 to the Fancy Pants Dance.**

IX. New Business

- a. Voting for Board members will begin at 7:30 P.M.

X. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.



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Part II

1. Election

- a. The bylaws outline the members who can vote (residents or business representatives). The board is comprised of 11, each of whom serves two-year terms. As it is an odd year, 5 positions are up for vote. Of those elected, 60% must be residents.
- b. Postcards, designed by Scott, were mailed out; notice of the election was also posted on the website, for not less than 5 and no more than 30 days in advance of tonight's election. There are at least 25 people in attendance, which is required for quorum. The League of Women Voters has graciously offered to count the votes again this year.
- c. The Board is comprised of volunteers; there is no staff, as other boards have. There are monthly board meetings and additional meetings for officers or committee chairs.
- d. Nominees for Board Member positions will each give a one-minute presentation:
  - i. Mark Hill announces from the floor that his name is not on the ballot, but that he will be running.
  - ii. Jeffrey Borg – As a resident for 11 years, he has seen the changes that have occurred in the neighborhood. He has been president of Herschel Loft HOA for 7 years and has become more and more involved in the neighborhood. He believes that the North Loop is really at a tipping point – what happens in next two or three years is what everyone will be living with for a long time. He also volunteers as a board member of the Children's Museum and is the neighborhood's only disc jockey with an MBA.
  - iii. Jerrit Bromley – As a resident for 9 years, it has been fun for him to watch the rapid growth of the neighborhood. He wants to be involved, because the North Loop is at the tipping point. He wants to help with decisions, promote growth, and preserve the historical character of the neighborhood.
  - iv. Fred Dawe – Many people may know his 7-year old Rhodesian Ridgeback, or his wife, Katcha, who both love the North Loop. They have lived here since 2002 and Fred has been a part of 801 Lofts since 2003 as either the president, secretary, or treasurer. Fred is a corporate attorney, working as private counsel for a privately-held tech company. He will bring his

experience in compliance ethics, his procedural understanding, and community participation and support for NL if he were to serve as a Board member.

- v. Dick Engebretsen – absent
- vi. Mark Huting – Mark is a retired Xcel Energy employee who moved to the North Loop and has lived in 710 Lofts for about a year. He finds retirement boring, and so has immersed himself in the process of bringing trees to the neighborhood. He is on the Board’s greening committee and is working on having 15 trees planted along Washington. He is also working on the beautification of the area near 394.
- vii. Fritz Kroll – Fritz’s time on the Board has been focused mainly on trees, greenery, and helping businesses in the neighborhood (statement read by Tim Bildsoe).
- viii. Joe McErlane – born and raised in South Minneapolis, Joe has lived in the North Loop since 2006. As a small business owner, he is not afraid of hard work. He has been a benefactor of the work of the board and feels as though it is his turn to give back and contribute to the neighborhood in this capacity. He hopes to gain your vote so that the North Loop can continue its historic traditions.
- ix. Andy Risvold – Andy is the owner of Well Adjusted Minneapolis massage and chiropractic clinic. He recognizes that this community has given him everything and wants to do everything that he can here to give back to the North Loop.
- x. Zack Schaaf – Zack thanks everyone here for supporting the North Loop. Born and raised in the South, he bought a home in the North Loop a year ago. A mechanical engineer with experience in fundraising, community service (chairman for fraternity council), organizing kickball and dodgeball leagues, he wants to bring his excitement and passion, energy and drive to the Board.
- xi. Mark Hill – this is Mark’s second time running for the Board; he is a current Planning & Zoning Committee member. He would wish to remain on that committee if elected and continue the work that it is doing. Mark recognizes the community excitement around growth, historic elements, but also recognizes neighborhood challenges, like safety. He moved here with a purpose – he wants to continue the work of leaders like David, DJ, and Dave.

## 2. Mayor Betsy Hodges

- a. Separation ordinance: the Mayor iterated that law enforcement does not do the work of federal immigration officials. She said that the City’s ordinance will stand, but it may increase inconveniences and impact the budget.
- b. The North Loop is one of the best examples of growth, expansion, and investment in the City.
- c. Highlights include: the completion of Downtown East Common Park, Nicollet Mall renovation on time and on budget; Macy’s closing, but a new investor is already purchasing the property; Super Bowl will be hosted here in 2018; The X Games will be held here this summer; and the renovation of Target Center.
- d. The City wants to help small businesses. City started its business made simple program with staff dedicated to assist businesses navigate the City processes.
- e. Homicides down 20%, but shootings are up. Community policing is adding 27 officers.

## 3. Ward 3 – Jacob Frey

- a. The North Loop is perhaps the most forward thinking, open minded, strategic, and pragmatic neighborhood. A lot gets accomplished here. Councilmember Frey iterates that the City is united as a sanctuary city; he hears concerns about crime and shootings; and he recognizes the major contributions of David Frank to the neighborhood and the City.
4. Ward 5 – Blong Yang
  - a. Councilmember Yang iterates the opportunity for development on the west end of the North Loop and on the Northside of the City, where there are 350 vacant lots.
5. Commissioner Linda Higgins
  - a. Commissioner Higgins is a proud neighbor of the North Loop and is pleased to be included in the evening.
6. Bobby Jo Champion
  - a. Senator Champion stressed that there needs to be a lot of work between the two bodies, because with the numbers in the House and Senate, Democrats can't have a simple majority to pass measures. He addresses the two different policy approaches for health care, that the present year is a bonding year, and the making of the transportation budget. You can always e-mail the Senator for feedback and information.
  - b. He will be hosting a town hall meeting to discuss the budget at UROC at 6:00 P.M. on January 31, with free food; in February he will be hosting a private screening of Hidden Figures with NASA staff speaking at the showing.
7. Ray Dehn –
  - a. Also got his start at the neighborhood level. He stresses the need to pay attention and fight hard with people behind us. He is excited about the Nicollet Mall project.
8. David McLaughlin
  - a. The North Loop is the embodiment of energy. We need to continue the good things happening throughout the City and that can benefit the whole region.
9. Public Safety – 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct
  - a. Sergeant Darcy Horne presents the 2016 statistics:
    - i. Violent crimes down 5; Part 1 crimes decreased 1.5%. There is a perception around shootings – they are larger and more complicated. The police have turned to their collaborative partners like St. Stephen's Shelter and YouthLink. Two more officers are on the beat for youth outreach. The Precinct has support from Mayor and councilmembers for their initiatives.
10. David Frank – State of the North Loop
  - a. Infrastructure, pedestrian safety, on-street parking, affordable housing, and neighborhood beautification were the neighborhood priorities for 2016.
  - b. This year: dog parks, the 394 entrance, street cleanup, street trees, and parks are the identified priorities. (Washington Avenue cleanup will be March 13 and the Earth Day cleanup is April 22).
  - c. David is not running for re-election to the Board. There is a lot of interest from the neighborhood to fill these seats and there are a lot of new issues and new energy. David thanks DJ and Bryan for their service to the Board. Tim Bildsoe and the Board thank David for his many years of service.
11. Election Results:
  - a. Jeff Borg
  - b. Fred Dawe
  - c. Mark Huting
  - d. Fritz Kroll
  - e. Andy Risvold