

Board Meeting
 July 14, 2016
 7:05pm

In attendance: Matt Hass (chair), Michael Russelle, Ray Bryan, Scott Simmons, Ian Luby, Max Herzberg, John Mark Lucas,
 Staff: Cailin Rogers
 Guest: Amy Sparks

Consent Agenda	Each of the three motions was requested to be removed from the consent agenda. Ray moved to pass the consent agenda as amended, Ian seconded. The group passed the consent agenda and minutes of the last meeting unanimously.
Chair Updates	Cailin gave the update on Land Use including the Dominion developments. Ray talked the group through the Drive 25 campaign and Jeff's project as a part of the Transportation Committee. Scott shared the work of the Equity Committee on JOTP tennis courts resurfacing, diversity training, and the ten year plan. Matt shared about the work of the NEC and our potential collaboration there.
Creative Enterprise Zone Update Amy Sparks	Amy shared the work of the CEZ on their "We Make It Here" project. There are 8 locations being showcased. Four more of them will happen this summer. Studio on Fire will be showcased on July 29 from 1-7pm. Amy then spent a few minutes speaking out against the conversion of the Hunt Electric site from industrial to residential. CEZ requests to not rezone this site for residential use because we are losing industrial in this area. She asked that we work to have industrial space in the bottom of the building with residences on top.
Dominium Project @ Hunt Electric Site	The group discussed aesthetic concerns with the proposed project. They also discussed rumors in the community of poor management and oversight of other developments. The Land Use Committee has appointed Roger and Sherm to work on this project with Dominion to address some of the concerns the group has. John Mark suggested going back to the overall plans that the community envisioned for various sites. According to our small area plan, we hoped that this site would become residential. Brad Engelmann, community member, spoke in favor of density in this area. Stephen Mastey, Environment and Land Use Committee member, spoke on several concerns, including activated streetscape and aesthetic design. John Mark moved to approve Land Use's motion to support a zoning change from industrial to T3 zoning ("to support the zoning change from industrial to T3 at this property with the stipulation that the developer be willing to meet with representatives of the Land Use Committee prior to receiving support for the conditional use permit also requested at the site") based off of the vision of the

	<p>small area plans for this neighborhood. Ian seconded the motion. Scott offered a friendly amendment to change “willing to meet with” to “meet with” to make sure that the meeting between Dominion and Sherm/Roger happens. Michael spoke against the motion, saying that smart, thoughtful development is necessary in the neighborhood. No vote happened on this motion. Scott discussed deferring judgement on this motion until after Sherm and Roger are able to discuss the project with Dominion and report back to the board. Michael moved to defer judgement on supporting a request for re-zoning at the Hunt Electric site until Roger and Sherm meet with representatives of Dominion and report back to the board, expressing that the board does not feel that the current plans reflect established Land Use Guidelines well enough. There are particular concerns over play space for children, green space, sufficient parking, and an activated streetscape. Ian seconded the motion. John Mark queried why Dominion is requesting T3 zoning and not RM2. The motion passed 5-1. Ray voted against the motion. Ian moved and Scott seconded an affirmation of Land Use’s other motion that the District Council form an ad hoc joint Design Innovation Committee with PNP and PPA with the express goal of starting discussion with Dominion on neighborhood goals for the Weyerhaeuser site development. The motion passed 5-1. Ray voted against the motion.</p>
<p>JOTP Tennis Courts Survey</p>	<p>(Matt had to leave and recused himself as chair, Michael stepped in) Cailin briefly presented a draft report on the Equity Committee’s survey on the tennis courts resurfacing proposal. Generally, the community (both North and South SAP) agrees with the proposal to resurface. John Mark moved to support the motion that Equity passed. “Whereas, There appears to be a largely favorable consensus to resurface the South St. Anthony Park Rec Center tennis courts with a grass turf as proposed by Joy of the People from survey participants from both within and outside of the neighborhood. Whereas, The survey and other community outreach has uncovered deep concerns about accountability, transparency, and communication in the relationship between Joy of the People and the neighborhood, Whereas, We have concerns that the City of St. Paul has been derelict in their oversight and maintenance of the South St. Anthony Park Rec Center and grounds. Resolved that, SAPCC recommends a Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) as a prerequisite of City approval of the tennis court resurfacing to address the accountability and responsibilities of both the City of St. Paul and JOTP mediated by SAPCC to address the concerns of St. Anthony Park residents.” Scott seconded, but added that he wants to see the word “negligent” replace the word “derelict”.</p>

	<p>Brad Engelmann, community member, noted that he is very uncomfortable with the status of JOTP in the neighborhood. He noted that JOTP has been unable to live up to its promises and wondered why we were even considering changing the courts. He asked how to hold JOTP accountable to the community and expressed concerns over the representation of South SAP on the survey. He wondered when neighbors are going to get the park back and indicated that neighbors around the park are unsatisfied with it being occupied by any organization, but especially JOTP.</p> <p>Stephen Mastey, Environment and Land Use Committee member, also expressed concerns over the status of the park being leased out to JOTP. He indicated a level of discomfort with moving forward on a tennis courts discussion when he sees other issues that need to be addressed first, including grounds maintenance, how the courts will be returned to their original state, and how JOTP interacts with the community.</p> <p>Questions arose over whether this tennis surface is suitable for MN weather and how expensive the surface will be to resurface when the turf wears out. Michael stepped down as chair to suggest an amendment to the motion to include a request for whether the courts are suitable for tennis playing and for MN weather. That amendment was made to the motion.</p> <p>The motion now reads:</p> <p>Whereas, There appears to be a largely favorable consensus to resurface the South St. Anthony Park Rec Center tennis courts with a grass turf as proposed by Joy of the People from survey participants from both within and outside of the neighborhood.</p> <p>Whereas, The survey and other community outreach has uncovered deep concerns about accountability, transparency, and communication in the relationship between Joy of the People and the neighborhood,</p> <p>Whereas, We have concerns that the City of St. Paul has been negligent in their oversight and maintenance of the South St. Anthony Park Rec Center and grounds.</p> <p>Resolved that, SAPCC recommends requiring proof from Joy of the People that the proposed turf is both suitable for tennis playing and suitable for Minnesota weather, as well as a Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) as a prerequisite of City approval of the tennis court resurfacing to address the accountability and responsibilities of both the City of St. Paul and JOTP mediated by SAPCC to address the concerns of St. Anthony Park residents.</p> <p>The motion passed 5-0.</p> <p>The board expressed that staff would be a major conduit between the community and this board.</p> <p>The CBA will include things like the hours of public use.</p> <p>Cailin to loop in Russ/Samantha, and Gwen/Jessica at the City. The group expressed a need for green space in this area, especially given the incoming density.</p>
<p>Rain Gardens</p>	<p>Stephen Mastey gave an update from the Environment Committee on the need to put rain garden maintenance in the Council's budget annually. Money will be</p>

	<p>needed to mulch and replant. We also need a sustainable way to weed rain gardens. The board asked Stephen to do projections with the Environment Committee to estimate what allocations are needed. He agreed to do so and report back.</p>
Diversity Training	<p>The board was able to look at Sasha Cotton's proposal/resume. Scott suggested that the group turn over the decision and negotiation process to Suyapa to decide who to hire for this position. The group also suggested looking for grant money to fund this.</p>
Adjourn	<p>Michael suggested getting a budget update from Tim at the next month's meeting. The group adjourned around well after 9:30pm.</p>