

ST. ANTHONY PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Land Use Committee Agenda July 6, 2017
7:00-9:00 pm
 JENNINGS COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER (JCLC)
 2455 University Ave W | ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Chair: Roger Purdy

In Attendance: Bob Straughn, Sherm Eagles, Sarah Goodspeed, David Fan, Carol Herman, Roger Purdy, Ian Luby, Ray Bryan

Guests: Joe Bergman, Exeter, Catherine Day, Julianne James, CEZ

07:07	Introductions and Approve Agenda, Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call to order, introductions. Motion to approve agenda and minutes. Pass unanimously. 	Minutes passed unanimously
07:10	Joe Bergman, Exeter Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requests letter of support to Heritage Preservation Committee for new restaurant storefront at 2400 University C&E Flats, opened Friday Have to return to HPC for storefront updates, Naughty Greek (Snelling/Selby) eager to open second location here, pending remodel, draft and moisture enters, doors open onto sidewalk not to code. After working 6 months working with HPC staff, early June submitted application thought it would go through but were denied. 7/1/75 written testimony in favor, now appealing to City Council 7/19 gathering more support, SAPCC important supporter. HPC concerned about losing original brass coping (about 50% remains) around transom windows, contractor not confident to replace or match, but could mimic except around door for ADA access. Will be replacing entire storefront, tenant seeking one half, other still for lease, every tenant comments on windows. Some doors already recessed, last one grandfathered in to be recessed. Main objections: 1. Keep transoms; 2. Align transom to doors (not possible with ADA); 3. Maintain historic fabric (coping unavailable). Tenant has control over interior, no common spaces to reuse brass. Can you make wood with aluminum mold to imitate coping look? Move to support. Discussion: contractor is experienced w historic buildings, encourage to persist and find solutions/reuse options sympathetic to character as much as possible more than due diligence. Unrelated to original HPC concerns (height), taller windows along Raymond were allowed to be replaced. 	Letter of support for City Council appeal for new storefront as proposed: 4 in favor, two abstention. Go to full Board next week for further review and discussion, not part of consent agenda.
07:46	10-year planning steering committee update, timeline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steering committee timeline aims for April 2018, City planner ok with timeline, end of year apparent will be difficult to get 	Set working meeting for 10-

	<p>appropriate community feedback. City of St. Paul comp plan has to be done by end of 2018, based on Met Council 2040 timeline, to incorporate SAPCC plan. Online survey and business outreach for summer completion, committee priorities drafted in October, public meetings in November for additional feedback. Responses complete by February, presented to Board meeting March for final revisions. Submit to City in April. Online survey shared through various lists/partners plus outreach to underrepresented groups. Equity committee leading outreach strategy, hard to break out of Council with similar backgrounds. Not suggested for committees to wait for community surveys, surveys are not comprehensive, committees should begin planning already.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEZ is not formally involved yet, very interested to participate as able. Steering committee struggling to get business input, can CEZ cosponsor visioning session? Significant increase in residents in South, want to create jobs/close proximity to businesses and employers. How appropriate is zoning with increase in work from home, shared economy? Educational aspects in last 10-year planning process, playing with spaces, connected with Bob through Towerside, alignment with guidelines. Hasn't been much discussion on education, worth talking about more. CEZ potential partner for such an event, both residents and businesses. Julianne, Jack, Sandy also interested to participate, recognize fast track. If visioning meeting set up w/in month, who could come? More time, promotion, brings more people, give-and-take events typically 75 ppl. Would like to see more connection with (commercial) property owners in buildings. Many changes in our community related to CEZ, new residents and businesses, willing and interested to support. Tim Griffin with Riverfront/Design Center strong interest in area. Not just expressing opinion but interactive and social component. • Previous process somewhat controversial around industrial use and green corridors were amended/removed by City. Not all our visioning will be incorporated. West Midway Industrial Study and NW Quadrant Transportation Study came out of previous plans. Unclear on role of input for shaping document. Great idea to collaborate with CEZ looking at September, will update their board next week (report back for steering committee meeting date). 1. Where are we now; 2. Where are we going; 3. How do we get there? Ambitious schedule, should tackle one question in committee each month. Steering committee still figuring out who "we" are as broader community. • Read through existing land use portion, are these 15 items still relevant? What have we done? What to keep/delete? Westgate public realm plan recently released, Towerside framework (leaves much to be desired), build on other studies that are already part of where we are now. Mac Groveland most recent best example. Can be shared in current form for committee review, steering committee has compiled in google docs. Can CEZ get info? Do they have 	<p>year planning on July 20, 7:00 pm at SAPCC.</p> <p>Get large street map.</p>
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	<p>plans that would be helpful to include? Sherm will send out, committee do homework, report back in committee, not enough time to work during meetings. Meet twice a month? Two weeks from tonight: 7/20 7:00 at SAPCC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEZ based in SSAP, are any businesses associations organized in SAP? Towerside other nonformal. SAP Business Association dormant for quite a while, somewhat absorbed into Midway Chamber, covers from “Capitol to campus.” NSAP businesses reported struggling somewhat, where is conversation happening? Limited cross-referral for informal meeting to connect businesses. 10-year planning helps to think beyond immediate, what is business interest in participating, often small businesses limited capacity, education and entertainment can help attract and connect with more people, CEZ needs to access NSAP if part of 10-year planning process, connect with SAPF. • Intern is doing business outreach, nonprofits, community outreach. Input will help shape and prioritize planning, likely will show gaps, committees can continue working in meantime. • Form alignment with Prospect Park for developer guidelines, not specifically Towerside, more muscle together with Prospect Park. 	
08:30	<p>Weyerhaeuser update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At last meeting with Dominion they responded to feedback with 3 different schemes: option 1 unfavorable, very institutional, not responsive to requests; option 2 preferred, U shape allows variation, front along park, open courtyard to Franklin; option 3 double L has strengths but closes green space to public. • Next Dominion meeting scheduled July 19 in response to additional feedback. • Still concern about the crosswalks blocking so much open space, is still disadvantage. Passageways above ground are still needed to access common space, mail, etc. Developer wants to limit “public” space, constant push to feel more open even if not practically, at least visually more green. 	
08:43	<p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tower side framework plan – Bob circulated copy of draft, Minneapolis heavy weak on St. Paul input (Westgate public realm study released week before). Limited inclusion of Westgate study to framework of what public amenities wanted in Towerside district: RR crossing bridge Kasota-Granary will provide access from north campus and highway interchange; complete missing link to Grand Rounds; extend Granary corridor westward to connect with Stone Arch Bridge, didn’t connect eastward to Energy Park trail opportunities; completion of street pattern north of busway, ripe for development; water mgmt/ecological systems Mpls focused, missed opportunity for stormwater storage under parks City shortsighted in phase 1, possibly phase 2. Hook in additional industrial properties in St. Paul, forgotten that Granary begins here. City blocks connect to south of Franklin, need inclusion in St. Paul. Phase 2 pending 	

	<p>funding, challenge with mixed ownership/access to land, lack of U commitment, waiting for more information from Design Center. Keep pushing for more in our planning docs!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JOTP park renovation meeting last week – a few residents very concerned about permanence of soccer infrastructure, ugly inflatable soccer field, left meeting amicable will try to beautify, get more trees to increase privacy. • SAP Elementary construction – will be in construction all summer, some Como closings, school still in session in fall • Raymond is now open through Como, still detoured around Commonwealth • Zvago Senior Co-Op at Luther Seminary – finished historical mediation review, still looking at start for construction this summer. • Health Partners construction looking to 2019 for expansion. Important in considering 10-year planning, changing a lot of community. How are we marking St. Anthony Park, gateway? 	
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