Land Use Committee

April 7, 2016

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| Agenda and minutes | Roger moved to approve the minutes. Is seconded. They passed unanimously. |
| international Institute of MN | They put a lot of effort into workforce training. Staff does a lot of work with new immigrants to MN. Nearly 400 people through their programs have become nurses or nursing assistants. They have added 27 new staff and 13 new programs since 2012. They want to build 6000 more square feet for 8 classrooms and more client and staff meeting space.  They havelock to us for a request for support of a vacation. State fair owns all the land on the other sides of their building and they are using it on all sides but Aldine. A bond mechanism will not work for this part of the building like it does for their patio area.  They need a vacation recommendation from us sooner rather than later.  Bob moved to send a letter of support for the vacation. Ray seconded. The motion passed unanimously. |
| ADU Update | Jamie brought a map of letters of support and opposition and shared the timeline of events. Public hearings happen on the first and third Wednesday's of the month. May is probably when public hearings will take place on ADUs.  Section 61.302 was updated to have individual ADU owners submit an affidavit and a $62 fee annually. This declaration is filed with the county and should turn up during a title search.  The staff report clarified what a family is in order to make clear some of the definitions involved.  Jamie ran through the various considerations brought up in letters sent to the city.  Difference between duplexes and ADUS: single family and ownership occupancy requirement.  The only difference between the ADU Taskforce’s recommendation and the city’s proposal.  Any house with a historic carriage house can build an ADU already. This applies to the Summit University neighborhood.  There is no current tree preservation ordinance that applies here, other areas with ADUs have tree preservation ordinances.  8 meetings and a couple of public hearings is what it takes to change |
| Staff Updates | Carol asks to ask Tanya directly if they are planning on selling off other property.  Can Ecumen update us on their design periodically?  Should we have a consideration in the Land Use Development Guidelines to add developers coming back to share their design plans periodically? Could we just get a copy the info that goes to the city at the same time that all of that gets submitted? Roger to work on amending the Guidelines to reflect this discussion. We can talk to Tom Beech about getting that process in place. Stephen to work with Roger on that. Roger to call Linc or someone with Ecumen to see if they will return to us.  Roger re ideation is beginning along Energy Park Drive. How are those plans coming along?  Fratallone’s appears to not have lot of business in their new location. Is there anything we can do about it? They have not updated us on their streetscape improvements commitment. |
| Bob update on Prospect Park North Partnership | PNP calls themselves an innovation district. There are many plans around the Prospect Park station of the Green Line, but there are also other plans to develop the entire neighborhood.  Does the Committee want to see regular minutes from the meetings from PNP? Towerside will be the name of the area.  There's a master plan for the area that is expanding into the St. Paul area and some other areas.  Is there a way to get some extra green space opened up in the developments?  City Council approved St. Paul participating in this process last fall.  Betty from the Transportation and Environment committees weighed in and asked if there is a list of property owners in the area and what their reactions are. |
| Policies and Procedures | Cailin updated the group on getting new members to join the Task Force.  Keith gave an update on ideas for the manual.  Committee members can send in ideas via email. |