LAND USE COMMITTEE - DRAFT MEETING MINUTES 10-4-18

Introductions, Approval of meeting minutes and agenda
- Present: Chad, Karen, Roger, Ray, Bob, Sherm, Carol, guests

Approval of meeting minutes and agenda - (minutes approved at end of meeting)

Report from Michael Morrow - Luther Seminary
Morrow discussed the Community meeting held at Olson Center September 19th. The meeting was attended by 120 persons who left 135 comments as follows:
- Need to prohibit or limit development in Breck Woods
- Keep any tall building away from Fulham Ave.
- Positive comments regarding need for affordable housing
- Concern about status of Bockman Hall

Zoning Variance for Weyerhauser Project Canopy
Dominium is seeking a variance for the setback distance of the canopies at both buildings at the Weyerhauser projects on Berry St.
- Moved and Seconded - The District Council sends letter of support for the variance request for the setback distance at the canopies to be located at 777 and 778 Berry St. (Motion - Eagles, Second - Purdy, Vote - Unanimous)

Presentation - Property at SW corner University and Hampden
Architect and developer presented concept plans for a new development at Hampden and University similar to The Ray and included the following elements:
- Six levels (approx 66 feet above grade)
- Commercial property on ground floor - Restaurant? Coffee shop?
- Residential units on upper floors, including micro units of various sizes and 1 BR units
- Parking for commercial tenants on grade, parking for tenants underground or on second floor
- No affordable housing based on AMI in Ramsey County
- Current zoning is T3 and would need to be changed for height and FAR variances
- Need for cleanup of contaminated soil at site

Concerns expressed by Committee include the following:
- Creation and enhancement of green spaces
- Lack of affordable housing component
- Cleanup of contamination
- Grade level parking instead of green space

US Bank Development?
Various members have heard of plans by US Bank to develop their property at NE corner University and Raymond.
Moved and seconded - "The District Council is tasked with contacting US Bank to assess their development plans and start development dialog." (Moved - Eagles, Second - Straughan, Vote - Unanimous)

Nico's Tacos Discussion
There is an upcoming hearing on the liquor license for Nico's Tacos to be located in Mufaletta space at Como and Carter. This may be contested by Emily Program. Owner of Nico's noted willingness to talk with Emily Program work out some mutual guidelines.
Moved and seconded - "Recommended the District Council send a letter reiterating our support for Nico's Tacos and encourages both parties to meet to set some mutually satisfactory guidelines for operation."
Various
Draft copy of Development Guidelines should be reviewed by all members in preparation for meeting next month.

Adjourn