

## WBCC Land Use Committee

Wednesday, January 23, 2008

6:30 p.m. ,U of M Wilson Library

Attending: Becky Yust, U of M, Linse Lahti, Jan Morlock, U of M, Sophia Giniis, Robin Garwood- Council person Gordon's Aide, Merrie Benasutti, Greg Hestness, Judith Kroening, Garry Hesser, Joan Scully, Steve Freund, Polly Vollmar-Heywood, Beth Elliot - City Planning, Michelal Duenes, Doris Wickstrom, Russ Williams - Fairview University Hospital

### Notes:

Meeting began at 6:40 PM

Introductions were made.

Robin Garwood, Aide to Council person Gordon, informed the group of a Saturday meeting with Council person Gordon at Brueggers Bagels –Riverside and 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue, at 12pm, to discuss formulation of a Community Good Neighbor Agreement to present to Fairview before the Council meeting on Friday to review the Fairview Expansion and vacation of 7<sup>th</sup> Street. The request from Fairview was sent to the full council without recommendation to allow time for a Good Neighbor Agreement to be written. Robin will assist in this process. Cam's wife works for Fairview and therefore he has a conflict of interest and cannot vote on this issue. All those who are interested in this need to attend.

6:45 Becky Yust co chair of work team on Master Plan and Jan Morlock of the University of Minnesota Master Planning team presents progress on **University of Minnesota Master Plan**. Becky provided a short background on the University of Minnesota Master Plan originally written in 1996. The Plan represents a framework for the development of the campus. There is a Steering Committee and five work teams charged with updating the 1996 plan. The discussion at this meeting centered on Community Connections, collaborative ventures and safety. Three main questions were asked. From the neighborhood's perspective, what issues or factors in the long-range physical planning of the campus are most important? Are there strategies objective of the West Bank that might complement or be impacted by the Twin Cities Campus master Plan? Becky asked for comments or suggestions. For further information on the plan, visit the web site at <http://www.cppm.umn.edu/master> plan update.htm

7:30 Beth Elliot, City Planner, Community Planning and Economic Development, presented an overview of **Small Area Plan for Cedar Riverside**.

Discussion and feedback from attendees followed. The comments made were:

- The neighborhood would like to be involved in planning and input at as early a stage as possible.
- Murphy Square Park feels like it belongs to Augsburg. As a promenade park, there needs to be more signage directing people to the park.
- There needs to be more funding for parks and more prominent signage for our parks.
- The neighborhood needs more gathering spaces.
- Concern was expressed for affordable public parking at the City owned lots. Concern was expressed for keep Lot A and 19th Avenue Ramps at affordable rates.
- There was concern expressed for the safety of the future bike lanes on Riverside Avenue. People expressed that it was dangerous to ride a bike on Riverside. Those in attendance wanted bike lanes to be safe.
- There was also concern about accessibility issues in the neighborhood and a request to monitor the issue. This would involve snow removal at intersections.

Doris reviewed progress on Light Rail Central Corridor Plan and Cedar avenue access.

Fairview Hospital Expansion and Riverside Park Planning

Russ Williams of Fairview was in attendance. He spoke about the hospital's incentives for use of car pools and for its subsidy of metro transit passes.