

Land Use Committee Meeting
Saturday, January 26th 12 pm -1:30 PM
Brueggers Bagels

Attending: Cam Gordon, Doris Wickstrom, Carole Perko, Sophia Ginis, Robin Garwood, Joan Scully, Steve Freund, Micheal Duenes, Paula Vollmar Heywood

The group reviewed the proposal sent by Russ Williams of Fairview.

Concerns raised;

1. Mitigation of traffic issues- besides Riverside and 25th, other street are mentioned in a letter to Hilary Dvorak.
2. Snowasis" Arrangements for the Riverside Park neighbors to use Fairview parking facilities during city snow emergencies.
3. A commitment of money and volunteer solicitation of Fairview employees for Riverside Park restoration. A request was made for RPNTF to be able to use the services of the Hospital Community relations' staff and fundraisers to help with grant writing and fundraising for restoration.
4. No herbicide /pesticide program.
5. Save as many trees as possible.
6. A promise by Fairview to not tear down homes in the area for 30 years. Other amounts of time were discussed7. Park Restoration – see Polly's Master Plan.
7. Work with other Institutions to alleviate parking vows. Consider innovative ways to communicate with people.
8. Addition of a stop sign at parking ramp to prevent cars from entering the neighborhood too quickly and cause accidents.
9. Concern for what are the Hospitals plans for the next 5 -10- 15 years.
10. Concern for help with street lighting.
11. Concerns were raised about the lack of notification from the city to residents in the immediate area. More would have gone to planning meeting in December
12. Develop lasting partnership with other institutions in the area to work on parking issues.
13. Monthly meetings with Fairview Community relations and fundraising staff to go over progress on various issues.

Riverside Park Neighborhood Task Force

Background: The hospital expansion required that the Minneapolis City Council approve nine requests by the hospital including a request to close 7th Street and 24th Avenue. In the current Minneapolis citizen engagement program, the WBCC serves an advisory role to the City of Minneapolis in those activities that directly impact on, or are carried out in, the Cedar Riverside neighborhood. Hospital staff met with residents at a series of LUC meeting to present their expansion plans and to request the support of residents. It became clear that residents near the hospital had many concerns with the plan for the expansion. The LUC Chair had additional meeting with Fairview Hospital staff to work out these concerns. The LUC Chair also contacted Council Member Gordon on numerous occasions for advice and assistance and Beth Elliot, CPED planner and Cedar Riverside Small Area Plan coordinator, helped by looking at how the Small Area Plan could help address the issues raised by residents. A letter drafted by the LUC Chair and Polly Vollmar, Riverside Park neighborhood activist, was placed in the public record of comments regarding the hospital's requests for action before by the City Planning Commission at its December 17, 2007 meeting. The letter expressed residents' opposition to the closing of the streets because of ongoing concerns that had not been addressed. The City Council approved all of the hospital's requests on February 1.

On January 31, representatives from Fairview Riverside Hospital, LUC members, and the City signed a Good Neighbor Agreement that addresses some of residents' ongoing concerns. The parties to the agreement commit to initiate work on a broader Community

Benefit Agreement (CBA) that will include the WBCC, Fairview, and other institutions and other neighborhood stakeholders.

The Riverside Park Neighborhood Task Force grew out of these WBCC LUC efforts surrounding the hospital expansion. The Riverside Park Neighborhood Task Force will:

- The Task Force will abide by the bylaws of the WBCC.
- The Task Force will report to the WBCC of its' activity through the WBCC LUC reports.
- The Task Force will work with Fairview Riverside Hospital on the following goals:
 - Restoring deteriorating infrastructure in Riverside Park
 - Increasing area lighting
 - Traffic calming
 - Exploring intersection redesign (such as placement of stop signs adjacent the Fairview campus)
 - Mitigating staff parking on residential streets
 - Reducing vehicle idling
 - Reducing or eliminating use of herbicides and pesticides
 - Maintaining mature trees