

DMNA Land Use Committee Agenda 4/5/2016

New Century Theatre (City Center)

Agenda Updated 4.5.16

Committee Purpose:

The Land Use Committee will support the DMNA development review by serving as a body that: tracks development activity/land use issues to identify and facilitate opportunities for early DMNA involvement; tracks and facilitates opportunities for DMNA involvement in outside land use committees and task forces; recommends land use priorities; provides technical and tactical guidance to the DMNA board; receives presentation on select land use issues and makes recommendations to the board; and leads neighborhood engagement in land use issues.

Land Use Committee Members:

[] Ann Roess (property owner), [] Carletta Sweet (DMNA Board & resident), [] Conrad Zbikowski (resident), [] Denise Holt (resident), [] Kevin Frazell (DMNA Board & resident), [] LB Guthrie (works downtown & resident), [] Pam McCrea (DMNA Board & resident), [] Randy Manthey (resident), [] Thomas Schmid (resident), [] Tyler Schow (resident), [] Joan Bennett (DMNA staff)

INTRODUCTIONS

- Committee Members and Presenters
- Opening Comments from CM Frey

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE PROJECTS

4/5 Presentations:

- **Nicollet Hotel Block (6:05)** – United Properties presented initial plans to the DMNA in February 2015. Design changes have been made by a new project architect to accommodate new hotel and residential partners as well as site challenges. CPED has requested that United solicit feedback from the DMNA prior to moving forward with the remainder of the City approval process. Q & A to follow as time permits.
- **Hennepin Avenue Reconstruction (6:45)** – CPED has begun early planning for the scheduled 2020 reconstruction of Hennepin Avenue. Simon Blenski, CPED Transportation Planner, will present design alternatives. CPED expects to bring the project to City Council for concept approval in late May/June. Q & A to follow as time permits.
- **Proposed 11th Ave Protected Bike Lane Between 5th Street and West River Parkway (7:30)** - The committee has asked Simon Blenski, CPED Transportation Planner, to explore if an alternative design that would preserve parking between Washington and the river is feasible. The plan was initially presented at the January 2016 DMNA LUC meeting. CPED expects to bring this to City Council for layout approval in late May/June. Q & A to follow as time permits.

Old Business (Discussion):

- **3rd Avenue Redesign** – In response to concerns from commercial property owners and businesses along the corridor, an alternative plan that retains 4-lanes of traffic has been proposed. The revised plan still includes protected bike lanes but eliminates the existing green medians and other proposed plantings. The DMNA officially support the original redesign plan that included 3 three lanes of traffic, protected bikeways and retained the green medians as well as included planter-separated portions of the bike lane. Should the committee recommend that the DMNA revise or affirm its initial position?

Old Business (FYI):

- **205 Park RFP** - Emily Stern, CPED Staff, will present the City's development priorities for the site at the April 13th DMNA LUC meeting.
- **The Legacy Condo** - Presentation #2 to DMNA LUC is scheduled for 4/13. The project has been to the CoW for discussion twice and will present designs the feedback from those meetings as well as the initial DMNA presentation. It is expected the project will complete City approval process in late spring.
- **Mortenson Liner Parcel - 800 Washington Ave.)** Presentation scheduled for May DMNA LUC meeting.

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- **Washington Avenue Bike Improvements (5th Ave. to 35-W)** – DMNA Board approved letter supporting Mpls Bike Coalition’s request that the County study the inclusion of protected bike lanes in its planned restriping of Washington Ave between 5th Ave S & 35-W. Project lead from County will present to DMNA at May LUC meeting.
- **Washington Ave Reconstruction/Restriping (Hennepin Ave. to 5th Ave)** - County will present update at May LUC meeting.
- **Bobby & Steve’s Site Expansion (1207 Washington Ave.) (City file # BZH-28717)** – The project has experienced delays with Public Works regarding site access. Must also seek parking variance. Presentation now on hold.
- **Update from Sherman on Downtown East projects (City files #'s: Encore at 233 Park Ave (under construction) BZZ-6843, Thresher Square Block at 713 Washington Ave (proposed) BZZ-7218 & PL-297, Interim parking agreement at 205 Park (Dec 2015-April 2017)** – Board will extend invitation for update at upcoming board meeting.

COMMITTEE BUSINESSES UPDATE

New Business:

- Review project tracking form
- Discuss how LUC might support or participate in the Park Board’s Earth Day park clean up event (Saturday, 4/23 at various sites near Downtown)

Old Business:

- Schedule meeting for interested committee members to discuss committee structure changes to propose to the DMNA Board