

**DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING**

August 1st, 2016 | 6:00 pm | Mill City Museum, ADM Room (710 2nd St. S – Floor 6)

Agenda Updated: 7/28/16

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 Membership: Any DMNA Member (live, work or own property in DT East or West) may sit on the Land Use Committee. A group of core volunteers gather feedback at community meetings and use this information to draft committee recommendations for Board approval. Any DMNA Member may participate in this group of core volunteers. To join this group, e-mail info@thedmna.org. While regular attendance at DMNA Land Use Committee meetings is strongly encouraged, no DMNA Member will be turned away.

INTRODUCTIONS

- Committee Volunteers and Presenters
- Thank you to the Mill City Museum for hosting tonight's meeting

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE PROJECTS

8/1 Presentations:

- **Rescheduled for Sept 6th – 800 S. Washington Ave.** The project team will present preliminary plans to connect the two office towers on levels 3 through 9.

Committee Discussion

- **205 Park Ave – Follow-up Discussion:** The DMNA Board has recommended that City Council select the Grand Real Estate's proposal for 205 Park Ave. S. The committee will discuss additional recommendations with regards to how the DMNA should disseminate and leverage this letter.
- **Dog Relief at The Commons & Elsewhere:** The construction of the "interim" park design is underway. Final design and program elements will be initiated after additional funds have been raised. At the DMNA's suggestion, a dog relief area was installed. As the dog relief area is in the southeast corner of the site, there are some concerns that this area is too far from residential properties to be useful. There are also concerns that the facility is not sufficient. (Ryan's adjacent residential buildings have on-site dog relief areas.)
- **Liquor License Requests:** The DMNA receives notifications of new liquor license requests. What criteria should the DMNA use in deciding whether or not to request presentations from applicants? What basic actions should the DMNA take to inform the general DMNA membership of notifications?

New Business (FYI):

- **Samatar Crossing** – Samatar Crossing would reconnect Downtown East & The Cedar Riverside Neighborhood by converting the former 5th Street exit ramp into a pedestrian friendly street. Cedar Riverside has been in conversations with planners for quite some time. The DMNA was unaware that the planning is so far advanced and has requested that planning staff present to the committee ASAP.

Concerns from Cedar Riverside over allowing motorized traffic have sent planners back to the drawing board and delayed the proposed start. As this project will impact Cedar Riverside, Elliot Park and the DMNA, it is important that the three neighborhoods coordinate efforts.

Project Website: <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/cip/2016/WCMSP-173830>

In the News: <http://www.startribune.com/samatar-crossing-hits-roadblock-over-traffic-concerns/388329331/>

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- **Iron Clad** – Selecting contractor. Next CoW date TBD.
- **Ryan's Block 1 Office Tower (across from U.S. Bank Stadium)** – Randy attended the 7/21 CoW meeting and will provide a summary. Ryan will make a second presentation to the DMNA LUC after refining design.
- **800 Washington Ave** – Will present to the DMNA again on 9/6 (rescheduled from 8/1). Mortenson and City moving closer to finalizing land sale.
- **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. Suggested we contact them for an update in September.
- **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.