

DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING
October 4th, 2016 | 6:00 pm | Open Book, Rm 203 (1011 Washington Ave. S)

Agenda Updated: 10/3/16

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 Open Book for hosting tonight's meeting

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE PROJECTS

10/4 Presentations:

- **Ryan's Planned Office Tower on "Block One" – Brief Update (10 minutes)**
 - Ryan Co. will provide a brief update on its plan for an office tower to build on the liner parcel (and above) the MSFA parking ramp across from U.S. Bank Stadium
- **Bobby & Steve's Site Expansion (1207 Washington Ave.) (City file # BZH-28717) (30 minutes)**
 - The service station seeks to expand its parking lot and build a public plaza adjacent to its current property along Washington Ave S. (between

Old Business (Discussion):

- **Washington Ave S – Pedestrian & Bike Improvements from 5th Ave to 35-W** - Discussion of potential DMNA role in Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition's efforts to improve the bike/ped infrastructure planned for within the County's 2017 re-striping project.
 - The DMNA submitted a letter requesting the County further study protected bike lanes. County staff presented the reasons why a protected bike lane has been excluded at a spring LUC meeting. The committee took no action on this information. Minneapolis Bike is encouraging further analysis, discussion and neighborhood engagement.
- **11th Avenue Protected Bike Lanes --**
 - The protected bike lanes have been installed. Any questions or feedback for City staff?
- **205 Park Ave – Sherman Associates – Building & Site Design** (Refer to the 205 project status tracking document) – Discussion of next steps
 - The City Council unanimously voted to move forward with negotiating a development and land sale agreement with Sherman Associate's for 205 Park Ave. On 9.6.16, CM Frey and the Sherman development and design teams received neighborhood feedback on building and site design.
 - The DMNA LUC created a document that both outlines design priorities and serves as a tracking tool to address the status of key questions and design elements. The document in its current form was approved by the DMNA Board on 9.19.16. Additional input from the committee is welcome.
 - Next steps to be discussed.

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Old 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. Concerns from Cedar Riverside over allowing motorized traffic have sent planners back to the drawing board and delayed the proposed start. New concepts will be released soon. Neighborhood engagement will take place in October/November. Planners hope to secure City Council approval this winter and begin construction in spring 2017.
 - A joint public forum was held on 9.29.16 with the Elliot Park neighborhood. CM Frey, CM Samatar, representatives from the West Bank Community Coalition/Business Association as well as staff from planning and public works were present. Design concepts were not presented. However, feedback was collected on the main question which is if cars should be included or excluded from the connection. All options will include a separated pedestrian and bike path.
 - Public input will be collected through November. When design concepts are released, the DMNA and Elliot Park will work together to schedule the next public meeting.

- **800 Washington Ave** – Will present to the DMNA at a Date TBD. Mortenson and City moving closer to finalizing land sale and development agreement. 10th story is being considered.
- **Iron Clad (Chicago Ave & Washington Ave.)**– Selecting contractor. Will notify the DMNA as to when they expect to go before the Planning Commission.
- **Dog Relief** – Revisit at future meeting. Representatives from Elliot Park and Dog Grounds attended August LUC meeting to discuss potential for joint efforts.