

NEPNA May Meeting Minutes

5/10/18

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at Northeast Park Recreation Center

1. Master Properties presented on proposed development for 1717 Central Ave. NE:
 - 78 apartments-studio, 1 and 2 bedroom unites
 - Daycare
 - Retail space
 - i. Proposed restaurant with seating for 25 people
 - ii. Lobby
 - iii. Gallery with local artists
 - iv. Possibly spillover space to additional retail
 - Will expand surface lot for initial proposal for 11 surface parking spaces. With curb cuts, could hold 14 parking spaces
 - Underground parking is expanded to 81 parking spots with space for bicycles as well
 - Hiring large prop. Management company for the building to ensure it is well taken care of and the residents behave
 - There will be storage space for residents
 - Community room, fitness room
 - Probably will not be dog friendly
 - Site managers plan to meet with residents most impacted by proposal prior to construction
 - 5 to 6 months of construction on outside of building
 - If approved, construction will start fall of this year or next spring

2. Neighbor concerns about the development:
 - Traffic in alley and traffic from daycare when picking up and dropping off children
 - Currently no traffic study, but it would be helpful to have one which includes impact of noise
 - Activating an area which is already quite busy
 - i. Volume, light, parking in residential area
 - Five stories is quite a lot for the area.
 - i. Balconies would overlook residential area decreasing privacy and reducing property values
 - Previous apartment building on that lot had a lot of crime
 - Will parking have accessible parking spots and accessible units?
 - Large food delivery trucks will cause disruptions in traffic, access and parking
 - Alley is in very poor condition and may not be able to handle increased traffic

- Landscape buffer between residential and elevated curb will need to be quite tall in order to be effective
 - Too much density for the lot
 - Concerns about construction debris and noise
3. Sarah Super presented on Memorial to Survivors of Sexual Violence
- Permanent, trauma-informed, victim centered and family friendly memorial in Boom Island Park
 - Memorial will include a ripple effect to symbolize the Me Too movement and sharing stories as well as a mosaic of broken pieces coming together
 - Received unanimous approval from the Minneapolis Park Board
 - Have \$200,000 in fundraising, \$160,000 from Park Board, need \$150,000 more
 - Grassroots organized
 - Recognized donors online
 - Designed to be a community space and for holding events such as Take Back the Night
 - Sheridan, St. Anthony West and Stanos donated \$2000, downtown neighborhoods donated \$5000
 - Can't vote tonight b/c we do not have a quorum. Will put on agenda for June meeting
4. Park Board Commissioner Chris Meyer joined our meeting to discuss legislative session
- Major concern is there was no money allocated to the Stone Arch Bridge which will closed in two years if repairs do not start. \$12 million dollars in repairs is estimated