

NEPNA Board Meeting

January 10, 2019

6:30pm-8:00pm

Agenda:

1. Update on development at 1501 Johnson St. NE

Presentation about the development

Now at 164 units and 1:1 parking whereas before they were about 1:3 in order to make more room for bikes and pedestrians. Increased it by 9 units.

They displayed print outs of 3D renderings.

Brick, stone, metal materials used in order to prevent constant construction

Displayed the shadow study that showed no neighbors would be shaded out.

Question raised about what is meant by luxury apartments.- Highly amenitized, and hospitality driven management, etc.

Do you know what rent will be for the units approximately?- Averaging around \$1700-1800

Have digital copies as well that can be sent out.

Energy efficiency?- building code and energy code requirements. Because it has six stories now, they are going to have a little more trouble meeting code because of extra concrete but it will be up to code.

Will construction impede traffic on Johnson?- Good question. They will be talking with metro transit to see if they will need to close down the bus stop temporarily.

Send us the information so that we can inform the neighborhoods.

Underground parking. Are there environmental issues with the soils?- They have gone through everything with their geotechnical consultants and haven't bumped into anything of concern.

When would you anticipate starting the construction?- Late summer would be a great goal they are trying to hit. Definitely in 2019. Will keep us posted.

They will let us know if there's anything that would help coming from NEPNA they'll let us know.

2. Neighbor input on how I-35W Corridor works for neighbor regarding mobility, access, safety and congestion

Kicking off a year and a half long study.

This summer doing an overlay of 35W south of the river. Much of the pavement is 40-60 years old. Good time to do a study and look at what could be a vision for the corridor. Aiming for something long term.

Need to develop purpose and need.

Main question: How does 35W work for you today?

Activity (15 minutes) with sticky notes on specific problem areas or more general problems can be written on the large sticky pad.

Name, number and email written on the bottom of the handout if necessary to email or call.

They will come back after taking our suggestions and give us some solutions. They could come up with multiple alternatives.

Will you consider alternative routes when doing construction?

There's a high likelihood that they won't get all of the money they want so they will work in phases and be strategic about where they work on at what time.

3. Addition to the agenda- go over letter of support for Lee Burkhalter's building project

Copies of the letter were circulated for review.

4. Conversation around how to best advertise housing grant program with Emily

Ask a different brewery to host an event to present it

CEE is providing us posters and will have funds for an event

Next Door

Facebook

Digital newsletter

Advertise at the co-op

Northeaster?

Fliers

Postcard mailing

Multilingual

If we still have money left in June- host a special event or in conjunction with National Night out.

Would it make sense to host an event sooner rather than later?

5. Vote on next funding plan priority

Do we have a cleanup? Like Read it and weep program.

We can wait until the Minneapolis cleanup day or we could be proactive.

Should we start sooner rather than later so we are proactive before the trash surfaces?

Should we invite inspections? We've gotten notices before.

For the March meeting we could invite inspections and then in the meantime plan a neighborhood cleanup.

Welcome baskets to advertise that we exist and hopefully get them involved right away.

What goes in the welcome baskets since we can't buy them food?- we can't use city funding to provide food.

Add info about the Broadway Taskforce to the website

Any thoughts about the community garden- spaces available but not in our neighborhood

Add the CEE flier for the housing grant to the agenda mailing to save so we don't have to do a separate mailing

6. Open time for neighborhood questions or comments