

NEPNA Board Meeting

December 13, 2018

6:30pm-8:00pm

AGENDA:

We went around and said introductions.

- East of the River park Master Plan, Grand Rounds Missing Link update from Carrie, Senior Planner at the Minneapolis Parks and Rec Board (30 minutes)
- Nine months ago, Carrie came and met with NEPNA to talk about potential updates to the master plan so for the last year and a half they've been working on park designs. (33 parks total)
- Master plan is out for public comment.
- Northeast park did go through a master plan update in 2014.
- Neighbors should advocate for shifts or weigh in if you like the design. Fact check or describe your memory of the history.
- Public comment period open until Dec 28th.
- Speak to the board of commissioners...upcoming meeting.
- Update for the next 20 years. Through NPP20.
- Neighborhood parks have been underinvested in for decades. This rec center is a good development that is being utilized widely.
- What are some linear connections for both people and ecological systems?
- Community advisory committee who've looked at park connections. Landed on three routes for the regional trail.
 - a. All three meet up at Hennepin, goes through St Anthony village
- 20 to 50 year implementation involving a lot of inter agency coordination and funding
- Trail considerations are up for comment
- Using a parkway typography (?) whenever possible but need to use existing street grids
- We are in what is considered a park gap.
- Work in collaboration with industrial businesses
- Balance freight although it's usually not typical in parkways
- New shared use trail crossing under 35 down Industrial

- Next steps are to take to park board and Met council to unlock funding potential this spring
- Asking for letters of support. Can stipulate opinions of what you think about each route.
- City thinking of reducing lanes.
- Showed various proposed street designs/lane alterations
- Full book of the plan will be at the front desk of the rec center
- Coming wednesday will have a meeting with the board at 5:30pm and again in February
- Commissioner is able to take people on tours of the areas affected by the plan

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- Update from Heidi on programming at NE Park Recreation Center (25 minutes)
 - Adding a second day of peggelball (?) pickleball?
 - Adult morning classes have been very utilized
 - Looking to add Tai Chi during the day
 - Kicking into basketball season and will be hosting a lot of saturday games
 - Women's basketball on Sunday Nights
 - Volleyball too
 - Soup and Stew class will be run by Erin McFerson
 - Walking group wednesday and Friday mornings
 - Free yoga on Tuesdays at 7:30-8:30pm
 - Open 7 days a week and available for rentals
 - Snowshoeing on a school release day jan 24 3:30-5:30
- Request for support for a housing project (25 minutes)
 - Lee Burkhalter- Pierce and Broadway to build small property.
 - Variance to build a house without a garage to maintain a small footprint and to maintain greenspaces.
 - Tony Seba presentation predicting that most mile driven in US will be ridden in electric fleet vehicles...think about presenting to the city the lessening importance of cars/parking cars at your house.
 - She is going to live in the house and plans to live here forever
 - Plan for house includes a driveway just not covered
 - Tracy's house didn't have a garage when she bought it.
 - Looking for a letter of support to bring to the variance committee

- Asked if Councilman Reich knew about the mixed messages// said yes but couldn't do anything
- Question if she listens to loud music// no she's a librarian and is quiet
- Passive house design-Insulating but also blocks noise from escaping
- Building rain gardens around house and using solar energy
- Voting on letter of support
- Vote on letter and then drafting and voting at next meeting (January 10th)
- 8 Yay's so the motion passes
- Open time for neighborhood questions or comments (10 minutes)

- Discussion in changing housing grant

- 60% area median income
- Short time to spend money.. Increase area median income for grant to open it up to properties
- 80% or 100%? Not sure what the burn rate would increase to...
- Do we think we'll do this again?// We don't know that we'll be allocated more money in the future.
- Heard with other neighborhoods that this just becomes free money for wealthier neighbors because they have the matching dollars...
- We have to determine the top income for matching and stay there because it's not fair if we increase it later.
- We need to show we're an active neighborhood
- We have to have a better outreach program
- Vote:
 - a. How much money we want to allocate**
 - i. Last time we did this how many takers?// we had \$80,000 at \$3,000 per grant

- ii. Renter outreach, programming to ensure everyone is able to access money, can we help development on central?
- iii. Fees incorporated into amount allocated
- iv. We don't know what community needs may be..
- v. Mark wants to hold more back to utilize for flexibility
- vi. Katie recommends \$80 or \$90 thousand
- vii. Mark motions for \$90 thousand to be allocated
- viii. Luna seconds and Katie, Dave, Erin, Tracy and Nick all vote in favor

b. What the median income we would allow the non match grant to be

- i. Mark makes a motion to increase median to 100% for non matching
 - ii. Votes for increasing median to 100% for non matching: Katie, Dave, Mark, Nick Erin Tracy, Luna, Laurie (none against)
- Start program in January
 - Went to grant program rather than a loan with no interest rate because of the high fee to administer that; Easier to work around

Brian asks who shovels new bikeway-- city

Pet friendly salt needed