

NEPNA Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2019

- Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) housing grant presentation will be deferred to the next meeting because the representative was not available. Applications are held up with the city's review process.
- Discussion was held with city traffic engineers was about traffic calming on Fillmore St. (Yinghua Academy)
 - Discussed the nature of the fundamental land use conflict introduced by having a high-demand school in a neighborhood.
 - The current traffic plan seems reasonable, but the issue is that people do not follow it.
 - Determined the need to reassess issues and review alternative options.
 - Process should involve city traffic engineers and YA reps. Have a representative from the school attend a future meeting.
 - Include assessment of how much traffic is present during aftercare
 - Goal is to try alternative pickup/drop-off before the new schoolyear in the fall
 - Ideas to consider:
 - Crosswalk across Filmore
 - Speed bumps
 - Speed display wagons
 - Traffic enforcement
 - Pickup line preferred for safety as opposed to parking lots (backing up pose a safety issue)
- The Chair told Councilman Reich that NEPNA would like to be involved in ongoing discussions about 1717 Central. NEPNA appears to have been cut out on recent discussions.
- Discussion was held about a letter of support for the Johnson Street development
 - The developers have requested a letter of support from NEPNA to the city. NEPNA has a positive relationship with the developers. The developers have been transparent and responsive to the neighborhood requests
 - Development will almost double the existing neighborhood
 - The 5 board members in attendance unanimously approved issuing a letter that we support the current plan for development and highlighting our good relationship with the developer.
- Held discussion about the Community Participation survey
 - Reflected on the 2018 community engagement activities to report in the CPP
 - The CPP is due to the city by March 15. Will review the completed CPP at next meeting.
- Held discussion about the hiring committee for a community organizer
 - Next steps should be to appoint hiring committee and post job opening before continuing with interview/hiring process
 - Katie would like to be considered for the job and plans to apply. She would not be involved in the hiring process and leave the room during any hiring discussions. Laurie is checking with the city about technicalities of the arrangement.