LNA Housing Committee Laundry List of Topics

MINUTES

February 2022

Kmart:

* LNA and Whittier are doing Outreach to Business in the LakeStreet/Kmart Area to inform them that KMART process is starting, make sure we have current contact info, and get updated contact info.
* RFP has been released by the City of Minneapolis for a two year community engagement process with an application due on March 3. Whittier has been interviewing likely applicants on behalf of a four neighborhood partnership of them, LNA, West Phillips and Central. Our intent is to identify a lead partner and offer ourselves as the on-the-ground and connected engagement team. Value of the contract is $175,000.

PPL at Wells Fargo Site:

* We received funding awards including $3,270,000 from the City of Minneapolis Affordable Housing Trust Fund, $500,000 from Met Council LCDA-TOD, and $289,000 from MWMO.
* We met with City engineering staff and they were receptive of our site plan with the driveways as proposed on Nicollet and 31st as well as a single access from Blaisdell on the neighboring property to the north. They were open to changes to 31st Street and we are trying to schedule a meeting with staff in February to go over the details.
* We plan to submit to the Planning Commission Committee of the Whole in March and a Land Use Application in April.

Teen Challenge Variance (info in packet)

* Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge (MnTC) requests approval of Expansion of Nonconforming Use to add 18 beds to its 78-bed Freedom Manor women’s residential chemical dependency treatment and recovery facility at 3101/3111 1st Avenue South (aka 109-111 31st Street E).

3536 Nicollet Progress (no new news)

Alliance Housing Update

* Opening sometime between October 2022 and February 2023. Upholding commitment to have LNA use the community room as a teaching space. In the process of selecting furnishings and designing electrical needs.

Burger King

Committee members discussed the history of the site which has including the purchase of the franchise and then the property being held up in bankruptcy court. A variance recommended to be denied by the committee but then granted by the city for the drive through which then lapsed during COVID. And a rumbling from the franchise’s lawyer that they are going apply for a variance again.

2022 Committee Workplan:

Revised

Housing, Planning & Development Committee

2022 Work Plan

The purpose of this committee is to work on the built environment of the neighborhood. Making recommendations to the Board related to: housing and economic development programs, zoning requests, and the built environment. The committee will also be responsible for implementing programs and projects as directed by the Board.

The purpose of this plan is to help guide the committee’s work during 2022.The goal is to help organize the committee’s work and to let committee members plan their time commitment for the coming year.

**NOTE: LNA H,P&D work plan revised. Prioritize to align with LNA operating budget initiative – leverage remaining NRP money to provide a source of ongoing operating budget dollars for the organization for 2022 and beyond.**

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| **Ongoing Committee Tasks** | **Lead Person** |
| Review housing and economic development projects from Lyndale property owners and outside developers | HP&D Committee |
| - Recommendations to the Board |  |
| Commercial/Residential loan program management | Sarah |
| Updates on Projects Reviewed by the H,P&D Committee | Sarah |

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| **Projects** | **Lead Person** |
| Greenspace & Infill Development | Sarah, HP&D Committee |
| * 3301 Nicollet – * 3601 Nicollet (Kingfield project) * 10 & 30 West Lake Street – Kmart site * Wells Fargo Site- 31st and Nicollet * 3536 Nicollet | Alliance—ED Barb Jeanetta  PPL – Project Manager Faith Kumon  Ed Janezich, Stakeholder rep |
| Documented Process for Development | TBD |
| Gardens   * 3110/3112 Pillsbury Avenue – Youth Farm Garden * 3043 Pleasant Ave/216 West 31st St – Corner * 3518 Pleasant Avenue – Pleasant Garden * 3537 Nicollet Avenue – Office Rain Gardens * 102 West 32nd Street – Rain Garden   Property tax relief application/ develop garden strategies to build community and offset costs & bring in long-term income | LNA - owner |

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| **Outside Committee Representation** | **Lead Person** |
| Add Projects As They Come Up |  |

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| **Community Building** | **Lead Person** |
| Vacant Properties – Needs updating  3443 Pleasant Ave  3020 Harriet Ave  3141 Harriet Ave  3140 Pillsbury  3020 Grand Ave  3244 Grand Ave | Philip Schwartz (this would be great to see updated) |

**Strategies & Tactics for making these projects successful:**

To ensure projects are being actively worked on, committee members have chosen a project and will recruit others to help bring this to completion. We may designate certain months for projects and other months for discussion meetings

Actions:

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| Program to assist Businesses impacted by 2020 riots-In collaboration with multiple neighborhoods? What is the name for this? | Sarah (ask Whittier for outcomes) |
| Commercial/Residential loan program management | Sarah (check $$ amounts) |
| Rental Assistance Program | Empowering Renters & Improving Distressed Properties  Working with Inquilinxs Unidxs Por Justicia  “Renter Support Fund 2021” update, (LNA contributed $15,000) |  |
| Property Status Report   * Properties Inventory Turnover * Price Differential * Real Estate Activity Reports | Lisa (ask if this could still happen?) |
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