

Transportation and Land Use Committee 6/04/2025 Notes

Present:

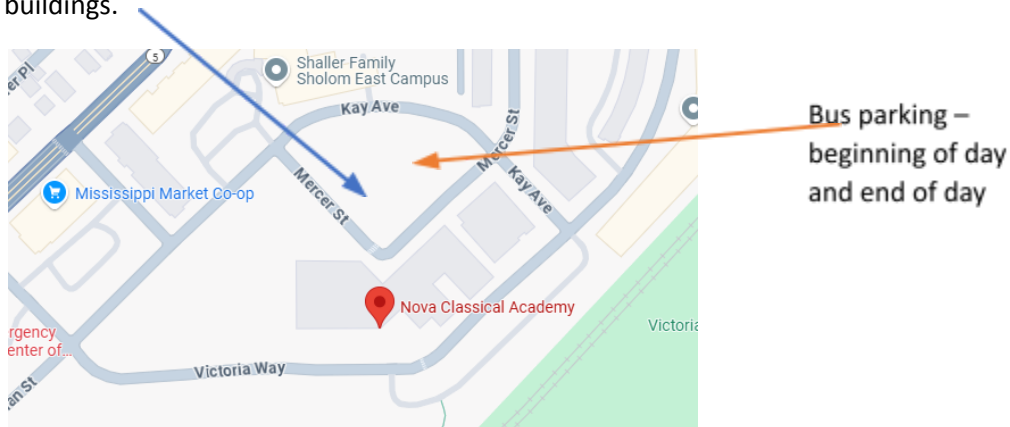
Sara Fleetham, Joe Landsberger, John Yust – Committee

Julia McColley, FRF Executive Director

Community Members and Guests: Sharon Lynch; Brett Wedlund, Nova Classical Academy; Ginger Devore; Seiglinde; Jane McClure, journalist for the Villager

Presentation:

Brett Wedlund, Executive Director, Nova Classical Academy, shared Nova's plan for the triangle of land they purchased in 2016. Strategic planning process demonstrated a need for growing spaces not enrollment numbers. They plan to add a building with 2 gyms and an ICC 500 rated storm shelter, 11 new student dedicated learning spaces, a community room. There will be a skyway connecting the two buildings.



They hope to move all car drop off and pickup to Victoria Way. It will open up the street space between Nova and Shalom Home. Still in process. Hopeful to start bonding process in October with Fall of 2026 completion.

Neighborhood FYI

- Lot split 676 Victoria application - wants to split the lot and then build housing on the second lot (unsure of what exactly but will be denser than single family)
- New 4 way stop at Adrian St and Kay Ave to create an all way stop at the intersection with Victoria Way and Thurston St. (near Nova) The board previously submitted a letter of support.
- 438 Daly Street supportive housing variance - BZA denied 5/27
- Rathskeller Updates
 - Owner was sent a letter (5/15) asking them to remove the billboard. The billboard is part of rules established with the Heritage Preservation Commission and can only “advertise” for tenants within Keg & Case/Rathskeller

- Owners installed solar lighting on the front of the Rathskeller which may or may not be against the historic preservation designation. The question lies in the fact that solar lights are not typically permitted by the City.
- Committee wants to know how we can hold them accountable to HPC rules.

Discussion:

269 Harrison - supportive housing variance

Has been operating as “unregulated” sober home for 10+ years, recently sold. Applying for variance to increase number of tenants to 12 which prompts the need for variance because of proximity to other supportive housing nearby. It is also 3 houses away from future MAC-V supportive housing.

Neighbors have been supportive of previous owner and smaller capacity number. Plans were incomplete. Committee had concerns regarding egress for the attic spaces among other items. Testimony due 6.6.2025

Committee recommends that the Board vote via email to not approve the variance request.

FCC update

Working to schedule a community meeting with the Mayor and to meet with FCC for next steps on community benefits.

Ramsey County Proposed Sale Tax Use Reallocation update

Meg, Julia, and John attended to share testimony (fed testimony attached). Public hearing was closed with no discussion or comment. Ramsey County Commissioners are expected to vote next week 6/10 to adopt the plan. Revised plan reallocates River Corridor money to other Ramsey County projects with no money reallocated for W 7th Street.

Residential Amplified Sound Permit Letter

Committee recommends supporting Union Park’s letter regarding suggesting changes to amplified sound at residences requirement/permit.

Did not have time:

[Traditional Neighborhood Study](#)

Check it out. On agenda for July 11 Planning Commission. Written testimony due 7/14/25.