

## TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 10/02/2024

**Time:** 6:30 to 8 pm

**Location:** Zoom Virtual Meeting

### Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order by Suzanne.

### Attendance

- **Present:** Suzanne Zahorski, Julia McColley, Sara Fleetham, Tanya, John Yust, Joe Walsh, Joe Landsberger
- **Guests:** Alex Zikmund

### Agenda

- **Introductions**
- **Updates:**
  - **Jerry's Site Plan Expansion and Landscape Plan:** Julia and Joe discussed expanding Jerry's site plan to three times its original size. A landscape plan was reviewed with an entrance on Victoria and parking behind the building.
  - **55 Wilkin/160 Forbes lot split:** Early notification for a lot split
- **Request: Letter of Support for Project at 675 Victoria Street:** Alex presented a site plan for a project involving two lots on 7th Street, to develop a triplex on each lot, potentially combining them into a six-plex. The project is focused on sustainability and affordability, with a target of 120% energy production compared to usage. The developer plans to rent the units at 50% of the area median income (AMI) level, which is deemed affordable by state and federal agencies. The project also includes community engagement, landscaping, and co-living features.

Joe L. suggested that the exterior presentation should reflect the historic cultural nature of the neighborhood, and Alex agreed to consider this. The project also includes plans for bike storage and car sharing through an electric vehicle (EV) parking program.

**Alex requested a letter of support from the Board to strengthen their application for funding solicitations and grants. Sara made a motion to write a letter of support. Suzanne seconded the motion. The committee approved the recommendation to the Board to provide a letter of support.**

Alex noted the need for a letter of support for a Ramsey County Critical Corridors Grant by **October 15th** to apply for the grant.

- **MnDOT Interim Pedestrian Improvements:** Julia provided updates on discussions with MnDOT and the city regarding crosswalks and ADA compliance.
- **Drive-through zoning study City Council hearing recommendation:** New drive-throughs for banks and pharmacies are now being recommended by the Planning Commission. FRF's previous letter stated a complete moratorium on new drive-throughs. Sara recommended supporting the Planning Commission's recommendation for drive-throughs at banks and pharmacies. Suzanne seconded the motion. **TLU will recommend to the Board amending our letter to reflect this.**
- **District Plan Discussion:** Suzanne suggested making the district plan update a standing agenda item for the committee. Joe expressed concern about the scope, but Sara clarified ongoing efforts.

#### Action Items

- Julia will monitor and report back on Jerry's updated site plan for the West 7th project.
- Julia will follow up with MnDOT regarding community engagement plans for the upcoming mill and overlay project draft.
- Suzanne will add the district plan update as a standing agenda item for future meetings.

#### Announcements

- **CART update provided by Joe Landsberger:**
  - CART will meet with the mayor next week, followed by a meeting with Visit Saint Paul in two weeks.
  - CART meetings are ongoing, and plan to host a community meeting soon.
  - **Would FRF be interested in partnering for the event?**
  - CART is using "*Corridors of Community*" as a catchphrase for this initiative.
- **Next Meeting:** November 6, 6:30 – 8 pm, Zoom Virtual Meeting.

#### Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned by Suzanne Zahorski.

#### Minutes submitted by:

Suzanne Zahorski, TLU Committee Chair  
10/7/2024