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D9 Fort Road Federation Transportation & Land Use Committee Meeting March 5, 2025

This meeting was held online via Zoom.

Call to order **6:33 PM** by Suzanne Zahorski, Committee Chair

Introductions

Meg Duhr, Joe Landsberger, Jane McClure, Seth Smiglewski, Chris Blake, Arielle Ismail, Suzanne Zahorski, John Yust, Julia McColley

Committee Business

A. Neighborhood FYI

- a. **1324 W 7th:** Final Site Plan approved 2/26/25. This is a multi-tenant commercial building anchored by a restaurant tenant along with surface off-street parking. Work covered by Site Plan shall be completed within 2 years.
- b. **Upper Landing Park ([Chestnut Plaza](#)):** Survey is closed with 58 responses. St Paul met with the Design Team on 2/27. Project will be moving forward. Spring 2025: Permitting and Bidding. Summer 2025: Construction. John Yust posed the idea of meeting onsite to provide feedback to the City and the Design Team. More updates to come.
- c. **Keg & Case:** Fort Road Social sale fell through. Meg and Julia will follow up on why the sale did not go through.
- d. **237 Richmond:** Public hearing on 2/13 with much neighborhood opposition. At the Zoning Committee meeting on 2/27, the decision was laid over to 3/13.
- e. **560 Randolph:**
 - o **March 3, 2025:** Filed an [Appeal to City Council](#).
 - o **February 27, 2025:** Submitted a [formal complaint with the City](#) regarding missing items.
 - o **February 24, 2025:** Discovered that 19 written testimonies and our Zoning Committee opening statement were missing from the Planning Commission packet.



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- **February 21, 2025:** Planning Commission unanimously denied the appeal.
- **February 13, 2025:** Zoning Committee held a public hearing and recommended denying our appeal (3-2 vote). Tagioff and Ochoa supported the appeal.
- **February 6, 2025:** Hosted a rally at Schmidt Artist Lofts. Despite the extreme cold, about 40 people attended.

- f. **360 Sherman:** Building permit notification received on **February 28, 2025** for variance for supportive housing facility for 12 units.

Neighbor Concerns:

- Impact of a multi-floor building on safety and accessibility, including limited elevators and potential future expansion.
- Ongoing concerns about safety and property damage.

Project Details:

- The site is zoned **T2**, allowing this use.
- The variance request seeks to reduce the required distance from another supportive housing unit.

Public Hearing Update: Postponed to April 14.

Board has not taken any action. More information is needed for this committee.

- g. **Bus Rapid Transit (BRT):** Russ Stark, city of Saint Paul, and a Metro Transit rep will be at the FRF board meeting on **Monday, March 10**. More info to be released in the coming weeks.

- B. **District Plan:** Inquired about public input for updating the FRF District Plan.

- C. **Action Items** - follow up:

1. **Upper Landing Park (Chestnut Plaza):** John Yust posed the idea of meeting onsite to provide feedback to the City and the Design Team.
2. **Keg & Case:** Meg and Julia will follow up on why the sale did not go through.
3. **360 Sherman:** Get more information about the facility and how it's impacting the neighbors.

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- **Community Input** (open floor) - CART meeting this Friday, March 7 at 8 am at University Club

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned **7:39 PM** by Suzanne Zahorski, Committee Chair

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **March 25, 4 - 6 PM:** Fort Road Happy Hour @ Emerald Lounge

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- **March 26, 5:30 - 7 PM:** Park Naming Committee meeting
- **April 2, 6:30 - 8 PM:** Transportation and Land Use Committee meeting