

Seward Neighborhood Group: Community Development Committee (CDC)

April 11, 2023 | 7:00 - 8:30pm | via Zoom

Committee members present: Sara Rothholz Weiner (chair and minutes), Winston Calvert, Rebecca Blumenshine, Philipp Muessig

Others present: Michael Jon Olson (ED SNG), Gabriella Ortiz Riera (partial meeting) (Seward Redesign), Jasmine Epps-Flowers (SNG staff), Cam Gordon, Krystle D'Alencar (MN Environmental Justice Table), Nazir Kahn (MN Environmental Justice Table)

SHUT DOWN THE HERC TRASH BURNER PETITION

Presentation by Cam, Krystle and Nazir. Discussion regarding what is being proposed as a solution when the HERC is shut down. Discussion of landfill alternative options, toxins, methane issue, zero waste plan.

CDC recommends the SNG Board sign the petition. Phillip and Cam to compose a letter that elucidates our position related to a transition plan and alternative solutions. Bancroft Neighborhood is doing similarly.

ETHIOPIAN CHURCH SITE AND PARKING USE

Brad Ellis, Zoning and Enforcement City of Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development has provided updates to SNG CDC.

- Feb 17, 2023. City issued orders to the Owner. Compliance required by March 8, 2023
- Owner had planned to appeal and then decided not to appeal
- When and if they do apply, there will be a public hearing and SNG will have notice of that
- Owner has decided to comply and not pursue a CUP / site plan review as staff cannot recommend approval based on the goals of the comprehensive plan.
- Owner requested a 30 day extension which was granted to remove all vehicles and assorted items.
- Any new development of over 20,000 SF of non-residential development goes to Planning Commission. Neighbors within 250 feet will be notified of the hearing.
- Soils need to be remediated. No update on that.
- No update if Owner has decided to request assistance from Hennepin County for remediation
- No update from CM Wonsley. At our previous meeting, she indicated that her office would contact the Owner.
- No update from Representative Noor
- Further discussion of eyesore of this property for many years, including the years when it was owned by Kraus Anderson (they put up the fence)
- SNG CDC has tried multiple times to contact the Owner with no response.

36 AVENUE WORKING GROUP. Project shall be called 36 Avenue A.R.T Revitalization.

Update from Phillip Muessig

- a. Awarded \$15K for the project, needs to be spent in the next 12 months
- b. Pending additional funds through MRAC
- c. Hennepin County to address new lighting Elsa's at Lake Street has a long term presence at the corner
- d. Railroads have been contacted requesting support and information for maintenance of side walls, and painting/prepping

NORMANNA TRIANGLE PARK WORKING GROUP (21st. St. & Minnehaha Ave.)

Michael Jon is in touch with the Parks Board. We are working towards an agreement to use some of the funds for Community Engagement and Design services

FUTURE MEETINGS

May 9, 2023 @ 7:00 pm to be held at Redesign Offices 2619 East Franklin Avenue. Zoom option.
June 13, 2023 @ 7:00 pm to be held at Rebecca Blumenshine's backyard. 2020 27 Avenue South

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