



Meeting Minutes

Southwest Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

October 27, 2010 6:00 to 7:30 PM

Wolfe Lake Professional Center

Meeting Attendees

CAC Members and Alternates

Paul Nelson
Denny Spalla
Barry Schade
Vicki Moore
John Wheaton
Art Higinbotham
Vida Ditter
Bill James
Jeanette Colby
Frank Powell
Rick Weiblen
Cheryl Holden

Southwest Staff & Consultant Team

Katie Walker (Hennepin County)
Mark Fuhrmann (Metro Transit)
Adele Hall (Hennepin County)
Kathie Doty (KLD Consulting)

I. Updates

Katie Walker opened the meeting and introduced Mark Fuhrmann, Director of New Starts Rail Project. Members introduced themselves and provided updates. Vicki Moore updated the group on the Harrison neighborhood. Vida Ditter discussed the SW LRT station as an anchor to development at "The Meadows". Barry Schade discussed B.M. construction and Denny Spalla indicated that the company has lots of property in Minnetonka and Eden Prairie which will be on the edge of City West. Jeanette Colby shared that neighbors are very concerned about impacts on parks, homes, and the neighborhood. Ms. Colby stated that discussion has taken place about whether there should be a station or not and planners have done a great job in that the minimal station fits with the neighborhood. Bill James shared that he represents three stations in St. Louis Park and that the freight rail reroute issue is a big issue for his village. Art Higinbotham stated that he attended an excellent Station Area Planning meeting the evening before. Mr. Higinbotham shared that concerns exist over W. Lake and 21st Street Stations and the mitigation there. Mr. Higinbotham also shared that he appreciates St. Louis Park's concerns in light of the derailment in October. Rick Weiblen stated that he has been keeping tenants of Liberty Property Trust in the Golden Triangle updated. Frank Powell, as a former city council member, discussed the termination terminal and traffic in Eden Prairie.

II. Project Update

Katie Walker (Hennepin County) stated that the DEIS document will be released in the future and at that point, CAC members will be able to comment on the document and assist their neighbors and organizations in commenting and spreading the word about public hearings and informational meetings.

III. Meeting Schedule



Ms. Doty indicated that the next meeting of the SW CAC will be on June 23, and there will also be a meeting on August 25. The primary goal of these meetings, in addition to providing project updates, will be to provide information to the CAC members about the DEIS in order to facilitate better communication with community members throughout the DEIS comment period.

IV. Open Forum

Since the meeting ran long due to dialogue around the presentations, members of the public were not given much time to comment. There will be greater attention to providing comment opportunities at the June meeting.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.