



Southwest Community Works Steering Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 21, 2016– 1:30 – 3:00 PM, St. Louis Park City Hall

Meeting Attendees:

Steering Committee Members and Alternates:

Chair Jan Callison, Hennepin County member

Linda Higgins, Hennepin County member

Marion Greene, HCRRA member

Kathy Nelson, Eden Prairie member

Tony Wagner, Minnetonka member

Anita Tabb, Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board member

Russ Adams, Community Adv. Comm. (CAC) member

Kurt Rogness, MCWD alternate

Mary Brindle, Edina alternate

Linea Palmisano, Minneapolis member

Anne Mavity, St. Louis Park member

Kristi Halverson, Hopkins member

Cathy Bennett, ULI-MN alternate

Will Roach, Business Adv. Comm. member

Other attendees: Katie Walker (Hennepin County), Meg McMonigal (St. Louis Park), Kerri Pearce Ruch (Hennepin County), Julie Wischnack (Minnetonka), Michele Schnitker (St. Louis Park), Margo Geffen (Hennepin County), Viyda Ditter (Bryn Mawr neighborhood), Tara Beard (Met Council), Tim Thompson (Housing Justice Project), Allyson Lueneburg (Hennepin County), Howard Orenstein (Hennepin County), Kevin Locke (St. Louis Park), John Doan (Hennepin County), Brian Schaffer (Minneapolis), Kersten Elverum (Hopkins), Janet Jeremiah (Eden Prairie), Ryan Kelley (St. Louis Park), Larry Blackstad (MCWD), Robin Kaufman (SPO), Ann Beuch (Blake Road Corridor Collaborative), Ray Hoover (Hennepin County), Sam O'Connell (SPO), Sophia Ginis (SPO)

- Welcome and Announcements:** Chair Callison called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM. He also noted that with legislative session coming up, the chambers are getting together to support bonding for SWLRT, in part through developing key messages and a letter for legislators. Tony Wagner asked that this information be shared with the Steering Committee.
- Approval of November 2015 meeting minutes:** Chair Callison requested action on the March 2015 minutes. Minutes were approved on a voice vote.
- Committee updates:** Will Roach, Business Advisory Committee (BAC) co-chair provided an update on the BAC. The BAC met on January 27th to discuss LRT construction outreach and 2016 scheduling. Russ Adams, Community Advisory Committee (CAC) co-chair provided an update on the CAC. The CAC met on January 26th to discuss construction outreach and 2016 scheduling. He also stated the group will continue to discuss racial and economic equity issues. The group previously sent a letter to the Southwest Corridor Management Committee regarding these issues. Mr. Adams volunteered to share that letter with the group.



4. **Southwest Corridor Housing Strategy:** Members continued discussion on the Corridor Housing Strategy, carried over from the November 2015 meeting. After a thorough discussion the committee considered a resolution to accept the Southwest Corridor Housing Strategy.
5. **Resolution: Corridor Housing Strategy:** Chair Callison asked the committee to consider the draft resolution that was included in their meeting packet. After review, Mary Brindle moved the resolution, seconded by Tony Wagner. The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.
6. **Community Development Update:** City staff provided updates on community development activities occurring along the Southwest LRT line. Brian Schaffer (Minneapolis) provided an update on the recently completed West Lake Multimodal Study, which identified infrastructure projects within the W. Lake station area. He also provided information on the Minneapolis housing inventory tool. Meg McMonigal (St. Louis Park) provided an update on the proposed PLACE development at the Wooddale Station; the proposed FTA joint development project at the Beltline Station; and the Japs Olson expansion project between the Louisiana and Blake Stations. Kersten Elverum (Hopkins) provided an update on the Moline development on the former Johnson Building at the Downtown Hopkins Station; the Oxford Village Project for Pride in Living (PPL) project at the Blake Station; and the public plaza planned for the Shady Oak Station. Julie Wischnack (Minnetonka) provided an update on the Cloud Nine and Music Barn developments as well as the sale of the MART at the Opus Stations. Janet Jeremiah (Eden Prairie) provided an update on UHG development at the City West Station; the W. 70th Street roadway improvements at Golden Triangle Station; and redevelopment interest at the SouthWest Station.
7. **Station Renaming Proposal:** Robin Caufman, SPO, presented potential name changes for several SW LRT stations. She indicated the SPO was soliciting input before a final decision was made by the Metropolitan Council on February 24, 2016. Committee members indicated strong support for retaining “Golden Triangle” and “Shady Oak”; support for either retaining “City West” or changing to “Crosstown”; changing “Penn” to “Bryn Mawr”; and retaining “Van White”. In addition, members expressed a preference against adding “Street/Blvd./Ave.” to the station names.
8. **Adjournment:** The Committee adjourned at 3:05 PM. The next Southwest Community Works Steering Committee meeting will be on March 17, 2016.