

Approved Minutes
Events & Engagement Committee
Wednesday, June 8, 2022, 4:30- 5:30pm
Zoom

1. Introductions

Present:

Annie Wang, Chair

Joel Albers

LCC Staff: Andrea Tritschler, LCC Communications Manager

Recorder: Andrea Tritschler, LCC Communications Manager

2. Approve Agenda and March Minutes

Annie approved the May minutes

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3.Scope for Activated Public Spaces Proposal

Goal/ Purpose: Create a gathering place for all-people and activate space left vacant by the uprising to begin to desegregate and transform from a commercial industrial district to an integrated cultural corridor through four seasonal events.

Place:

2 events at Minnehaha Liquors (2613 East Lake Street, 55406)

Summer event: Seed and plant exchange with potential for open mic (poetry, acoustic music) with educational element (master gardeners, farmers, herbalists, etc.)

Winter event: Event focused on warmth and togetherness with queer community - bonfire with smores, potentially those plastic igloos, snowball fights, etc.

2 events at former Dominoes space (2801 26th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55406)

Fall event: Focused around election information/ outreach in partnership with the League of Black Women Voters or other voting groups with emphasis on youth involvement.

Spring event: Health and Wellness event - in partnership with Cub Foods (they have vaccination trucks there) with potential for partnership with American Cancer Society for free cancer screenings and other local health-focused businesses.

Annie gave us some resources to look into spaces

Spaces Resources

Interactive map: <https://gis.hennepin.us/property/map/default.aspx>

Property search records:

<https://www.hennepin.us/residents/property/property-information-search>

Development tracker: <https://thedevelopmenttracker.com/mpls/development-map>

We talked a bit about what it would mean to use land vs. potentially find a way to make it public space// community operated space and what that would potentially look like.

Information on land

Dominos lot - owned by outdoor advertisers - torrens law - can't claim the property for a specific use. It's a lot harder to claim and take over the property.

Shubert's and Hoey lot - a title company - which is more feasible and realistic (an abstract property) it would be cleaner to convert it for public use.

Visibility. Minnehaha & Lake (Minnehaha Liquor) would they be open to it?

Staking a claim

1. eminent domain. Lengthy- city support and waivers. Has to be converted to public use and compensated for the market value + rezoning process.
2. Property owner support under historic preservation. Civil unrest and protests makes it historic - public land vs. parks.
3. Property owner donates land, just ask for rezoning and a public land sale.

4. Midtown Farmers Market Volunteering

Annie is available multiple weekends (saturdays) for volunteering - July 2nd, July 16th and July 30.

Have to get back to Joel about his availability.

5. Volunteer Outreach

Annie has had some success with advertising online signup forms through a platform like Google Ads. Andrea will look into Google ads with our volunteer signups and also getting them on citywide volunteer opportunity lists.

6. Adjourn (5:35)