

Equitable Housing and Development Committee  
Longfellow Community Council  
Monthly Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 5, 2022 | 5:30–7:00 PM

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**Present:** Galen Ryan (Co-Chair), Marina Balleria (Co-Chair), Wanja Kuria (LCC Staff), Lisa Boyd (LCC Board), Scott Anderson, Mahmoud Wardere (SNG Staff), Becca Brackett, Andy Hestness, Steve Albertson.

**Recorder:** Wanja Kuria

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Notes/Comments</b>
<b>Introduction of Tenant Organizer</b>	Torrie was unable to attend due to a schedule conflict and will introduce herself at the next meeting
<b>Presentation: Minneapolis Mobility Hub</b>	<p>Presented By: Russ Brooks, Contact: russ.brooks@minneapolismn.gov</p> <p>A new group within the city's Dept. of Public Works is focusing on transportation and technology not designated elsewhere. Examples include shared bike and scooter programs, Mobility Hubs, automated vehicles, and drones.</p> <p>Minneapolis is piloting and testing Mobility Hubs to understand how people make trips and how to improve convenience. The most recognizable features of Mobility Hubs are the green beacon sign, and blue benches resembling swiss cheese. The city is currently working on improving seating, increasing lighting, wayfinding, and implementing package lockers.</p> <p>Mobility Hubs began in 2019 in "Areas of Concentrated Poverty" in North, Northeast, and South Minneapolis; currently looking to set up a hub at Lake St. and Hiawatha Ave. There are currently 32 hubs citywide but a goal of 40 in 2023 and 50 in 2024. The city is partnering with the Lake Street Council and also wants to hear from neighborhood organizations about where they should place Mobility Hubs.</p> <p><b>Ambassador Program:</b> The city is hiring site ambassadors who are local residents of the surrounding neighborhood with the hope that a familiar face will help people feel more at ease. The ambassadors' duties include tending to flowers at the site, trash pick up, and acting as a resource for travelers by explaining how the hubs work and answering any questions. A physical presence at these sites will make them more accessible to</p>

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people who may otherwise feel overwhelmed at the prospect of learning something new. There will also be youth training programs for apprentice ambassadors.

Mobility Hubs Website: [bit.ly/MplsMobHub](http://bit.ly/MplsMobHub)

There is an increase in the level of ridership on bikes, bus, scooters at Mobility Hubs in the first couple of years. Ridership is even higher at hubs with ambassadors.

There are no Mobility Hub accommodations during the winter currently but the city is interested in long term strategies. The city is also looking at more adaptive vehicle types, including tricycles, cargo bikes, and other vehicles focused on those differently abled. The city is working with Nice Ride to investigate long term solutions.

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**Presentation:**  
Blueline-Riverview  
Connection Study

Presented By: Scott Mareck (Ramsey County)

Scott presented to the group earlier this year and has returned with updated alternatives being considered in the transit study. The goal of the study is to identify worthwhile strategies for improving transit connection between the existing Blue Line LRT and the near future Riverview Modern Streetcar in Saint Paul, through south Saint Paul.

Project Website:

<https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/roads-transportation/multi-modal-planning/blue-lineriverview-connection-study>

Visit the project website to learn more about the options they're considering, upcoming engagement opportunities, and other project details.

Observations from Committee Members: The current alternatives considered perform very poorly against the no-build option, it seems like other alternatives should be explored to ensure prudent government spending. A fleet of on-demand electric vehicles should be considered among the other alternatives. Project advisors should consider improved transit service along Minnehaha Avenue in consideration for improved connections to Saint Paul.

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**LCC Work Update**

Wanja provided brief updates on the Rental Assistance grant program and Free the Deeds work. More detail on this update can be found here: [Report Back](#)

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Adjourned at 7:00 PM

**Summary of Meeting and Committee Work:** EHDC is working on identifying renter and homeowner resources; identifying new funding opportunities for housing equity; and developing strategies to support city-wide advocacy for housing equity policies.