

Equitable Development Committee Meeting January 3, 2024 6:00-7:00 PM

Zoom meeting info:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87459315081

Attendees	Ben Howery (staff, co-chair), Sarah Robinson (co-chair), Steve Albertson, Andy Hestness (ReDesign), Lisa Priest (Save Cooper Playground), Michael Jon Olson, Dylan (9th grader, observing), Joseph Dobos, Erica Bell
Called to Order	Ben called meeting to order 6:04p
Edmund Boulevard	-Edmund Walton, a realtor, introduced racial covenants in 1910. Neighbors in the community have held two meetings to explore the possibility of changing the name of Edmund Boulevard so that we no longer honor a man with a racist legacy
	-There are two different processes for renaming the Boulevard (so long as the MPRB does not control it)
	(1) The councilwoman can bring it to the city council, get the vote for approval, and the city incurs the cost.
	(2) $\frac{2}{3}$ of the residents say that they want the boulevard renamed, and the residents incur the cost
	-There is another no-cost option, and that is re-naming the Boulevard after a different Edmund, as to avoid all the expense and hassle of residents changing their documents
	-The second meeting, on 12/14, had 45 attendees, 37 of whom were residents. Many residents expressed that they didn't want the hassle of changing the name.
	 -Next Meeting is ¼ -Steve: If residents have said they are uninterested, shouldn't we focus on freeing the deeds? [discussion followed]
	-MJ: Has the board taken a position? [Answer: no]
Cooper School Playground	-The demolition of the Cooper School Playground has been postponed until Spring
Update	 The Save Cooper Playground movement held a community meeting on 11/28 with extensive LCC support. It was a great success! SCP currently has a governing committee and several working committees to try to move their goals forward with MPS, MPRB, and possibly the State Legislature If you are interested in getting involved, check out www.plaympls.org
3rd Precinct Update	-The new 3rd Precinct building will be constructed at 2633 Minnehaha A community Meeting was held on 11/16 at Matthews Park. The next

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	 meeting is sometime in February -Cam Gordon's article reviews what was discussed, including the creation of a Community Benefits Agreement: <u>Cam Gordon's Article 11/26/2023</u> -Outstanding questions for the February Meeting: Is a CBA legally binding? What would be in the CBA? What is a public safety center? Andy: Currently, there is no physical design for the public safety center at 2633 Minnehaha; it's just some amount of square footage that has been designated for a public safety center, and has been left "blank"
Cheatham	Check out this updated proposal:
Apartments	Info Sheet (Cheatham Apts), 2023-12-05 (1).pdf
Agate Housing Shelter	The shelter has been fully funded; the state granted the \$7 million ask
Free the Deeds Door Knocking	 -Free the Deeds door knocking will resume in April -Question from the Committee: what was the response to the last round of door-knocking? -Answer: the door knocking occurred during a busy door-knocking season, for political campaigners and post-hail roofers. Some folks signed up to discharge their covenant, and some expressed interest but didn't know if they had time to complete the action. -LCC is hopeful there will be a better response when we are not in such a busy door-knocking season
Defibrillator Project	-Committee asked whatever happened to the Defibrillator Project -One first-aid set was purchased; however, a lack of interest in training sessions and other complicated matters with grant funds led the project to fall off the radar -Steve is interested in having the history of the project assembled
Adjourned	6:58p