

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

Zoom meeting info:

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

Attendees	Steve Albertson, Erica Bell, Trevor Born, Beverly Conerton, Joseph Dobos, Andy Hestness (ReDesign), Ben Howery (LCC staff), Michael Jon Olson (Co-Chair), Sonia Rani, Katie Simon, DeMarcus Akeem Suggs
Called to Order	Michael Jon called meeting to order 6:01pm
Seward-Longfellow Boundary	Michael Jon noted that the Seward Neighborhood Group is interested in resolving the unclear boundary between Seward and Longfellow, particularly in the area east of 26th Avenue.
	Currently, the City of Minneapolis has the boundary following a now non-existent rail spur that turned north after crossing 26th, while SNG's bylaws set the boundary as "the Midtown Greenway" and LCC's bylaws name the boundary as the "27th Street East railroad tracks" which is unclear.
	SNG's Community Development Committee is going to develop a proposal and forward it to LCC for consideration. We will revisit this issue next month.
EDC Organization	The committee discussed the need for clarifying its structure, purpose, and leadership. Michael Jon will look at past documents that governed the committee and will send out a proposed new draft document in the weeks ahead. Committee members expressed support for a new clarifying document, but also noted that the committee should not spend too much time on this.
Redesign Updates (Andy Hestness)	Colosseum Building: Much of the exterior work is complete. Work on interior build-out and leasing continues. A soft opening is planned for May; a grand opening is planned for summer.
	U.S. Bank Site: Evergreen Energy will be digging test wells for a potential geothermal system on the site. If feasible, the system would supply energy to buildings on site and potentially the Colosseum building as well.
	Seven Sigma Building: Redesign is working with Chris Montana of DuNord on purchase and rehab of the building. Du Nord plans a new distillery on the site.
3000 Minnehaha	LCC hosted two community meetings about the site - on February 1 and February 5. <u>Read the report</u>

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Cooper Playground	Sarah was unable to attend the meeting, but sent this update via email:	
	Save Cooper Playground (SCP) is ramping up its advocacy surrounding the preservation of Cooper Playground. While the community would prefer that MPS cover the cost of repairs to this community-funded playground, SCP is also investigating other avenues to keep the playground open and safe. Some proposed alternatives include asking LCC to lease the playground and fundraising for the repairs ourselves, or making a legislative ask for funding for Cooper Playground in this 2024 legislative session. If anyone is interested in getting involved, please email info@plaympls.org	
Adjourned	6:55pm	