

Zoom meeting info:

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

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**Attendees** Michael Jon Olson (co-chair), Sarah Robinson (co-Chair), Ben Howery (LCC staff,) Steve Albertson, Beverly Conerton (LCC Board Member), Steve Albertson, Bobbie Erichsen  
Minnehaha Academy: Donna Harris Ed.D, Jackie Cherryhomes, Dan Rebok, Trevor Gruys, Mike Berg  
MNDOT: Thomas Cook, Jesse Johnson

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**Preliminaries** Michael Jon called meeting to order at 6:02pm  
March Minutes approved  
Agenda revised to include a presentation from MNDOT

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**Minnehaha Academy** **Addressing Security Concerns:** Minnehaha Academy has hired two officers from Interstate Security Services (one for each campus.) A police officer directs traffic for one campus during drop-off and pick-up times.

**South Campus Project: Traffic Relief**

*Goals:* Relieve traffic congestion, improve traffic safety, increase parking  
*Relieving Congestion:* Plan creates space on the south campus itself to get vehicles (especially buses) off the street, decreasing traffic congestion on the street. Improve pedestrian flow and bike flow on campus.

*Refer to Slide Show for details.* Suggested plans bring buses and cars further on to campus; allow cars to line up on the property. Staff will be present to ensure the safety of children at drop-off and pick-up

*Question:* Paved area of South Campus will be increasing; what plans are in place for stormwater mitigation? *Answer:* Pipe galleries are installed; they help control the rate of water runoff, and there is a filtration system in place.

*Question:* Are any **Variances Requested?** *Answer:* An increase from the permitted 100 parking spaces to 132 parking spaces.

**North Campus Project: Field Repairs**

*Goals:* Install artificial turf, reconstruct bleachers in a different location and include press box, increase height of light poles to improve player safety

*Artificial Turf:* Artificial turf is the current safety standard for school fields. While technically it's an impervious surface, there's actually a complex drainage system underneath. **Variance Requested:** Allow 71% of surface area to be impervious. Currently, 50% of surface area is impervious. Impervious surface is limited by law to 60% of surface area.

*Bleachers:* **Variance Requested:** Decrease front yard setback to 18.2'. Bleachers currently sit at 19.2'. City minimum setback is 20'. Nearby former-residence-turned-historical-center is setback 26.1'. **Variance**

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**Requested:** Increase bleacher height to 15'10" to allow for a press box with a roof

**Light Poles:** Changing location and increasing light pole heights. **Variance Requested:** Increased heights over 35' to increase player safety and decrease strength of light thrown onto adjacent properties. Note: two community meetings with neighbors have been held.

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### Highway 55/Lake Street Intersection

Presentation and discussion led by Jesse Johnson and Thomas Cook

**What is happening:** On and off ramps to Hiawatha will be closed, traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction, and detours will be in place for several surrounding streets. [Basic Project Information Here](#)

LCC is asked to distribute this information as far as possible.

Questions: *Bev* asked if this construction involves redoing what is happening \*under\* the bridge. That is a separate conversation. *Sarah* asked what lessons about pedestrian and car safety were learned from the 2022 Hiawatha road closures. Thomas answered that this project is a little more straightforward because it's only one intersection instead of the entirety of Hiawatha. *Bobbie* asked how the bus stops are going to be impacted (the stops may have to change) and if the folks on the detours have been notified (only by the same project postcards distributed to the rest of the neighborhood.) *Bobbie* also asked if plans have been put in place for the members of our community that spend significant time under the Hiawatha/Lake Street Bridge. Jesse raised that concern with his supervisor, but as of yet no plans have been put in place

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### EDC FAQ Sheet

Discussion tabled until next month

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### Updates

Redesign: No updates

3000 Minnehaha: on 4/8 at 1:30p, LCC will be presenting information to the city from the community engagement sessions that LCC has held. No action needed. City states engagement sessions will begin sometime this spring (no date stated)

Community Safety Centers: No updates

Cooper Playground: MPS asked SCP ghost-write most of a Hennepin County Play Spaces Grant. SCP was able to do so, and MPS was able to complete the rest and submit on 4/1.

3606 E 34th Street: Debris has been cleared up. No further information has been provided by residents of the building.

2941 26th Ave S: Tabled for next month

2905 E Lake Street: Demo Celebration on 4/10 from 4p-7p. Further discussion tabled until next month

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### Upcoming Events

*Door-Knocking to Discharge Racial Covenants*

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Various Days/Times, April 8 - 25, sign-up [HERE](#)

*Latino Center for Community Engagement Demolition Celebration*

4:00-7:00pm, April 10

2905 East Lake Street (former O'Reilly Auto Parts store)

More info [HERE](#)

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**Adjourned**

7:31p

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