

A brief and incomplete list of outreach on the Safer, Greener Marshall Avenue project.

Note: this does not include details on funding or the 4 CIB proposals submitted to the city. The first three proposals went through the MPCC and UPDC process, which included numerous, detailed presentations. We no longer engage with the full board. We continue to work with the NIC.

2005. Rolf Nordstrom, president of Merriam Park Community Council MPCC proposes a median in the middle of Marshall Ave. from the river to Snelling Ave. The idea approved; submitted to the CIB.

December 2005. Rolf withdraws proposal and suggests it go back to community for more complete outreach and engagement. See *Item 1. M2_NextSteps_12-05-2005.doc* The MPCC reaffirms its support for the project and unanimously passes resolution empowering Rolf and Tom Welna to establish a taskforce to pursue the project. See *Item 2: NEXTSTEPS_4_2_2006*

April 20, 2006 Presentation to MPCC . See *Item 3: FAQ sheet Meeting Number 1.*

May 11, 2006. **First community meeting (Meeting Number 2)** at Merriam Park Library. MPCC Executive director Teresa Heiland starts an email list to keep interested parties in the loop on meetings and topics.

September 14, 2006. **Second Community meeting (Meeting Number 3)**. Merriam Park library. Agenda provided to community list by Teresa Heiland. **NOTE: We held two more taskforce meetings.**

September, 2006. Community wide flyer is created. 8 volunteers distribute more than 2,000 flyers, hitting every property from the river to Snelling and two blocks on each side of Marshall to encourage participation in **Meeting Number 4: October 7 visioning event** and **Meeting Number 5: October 26 community meeting**. See *Item 4: PDF flyer*. The outreach list of interested parties is now at about 60 names. They are all invited.

The Highland Villager covers the issue regularly. Notices for all meetings are posted in the paper. Team members make numerous invitations to every business near Cleveland intersection to attend and engage. Only Izzy's and Trotters do so.

November, 28, 2006. Summary of Results of vision project is provided to MPCC board for consideration at December 13, 2006 meeting. The document is also distributed by email by E.D. Teresa Heiland See *Item 5: Marshall Avenue Summary*.

Meeting Number 8: December 13 MPCC Board votes unanimously to support submitting the project to CIB. 60 people attend.

November 13, 2007. Ward 4 councilmember Jay Benanav holds **Meetings 9 and 10** with the business district. No agreement on the median design. They fund the first phase at Fry instead. This design closes Fry, just as Wilder design does.

2008 to 2011. Marshall Avenue Team offers to provide updates and regular presentations to the district council. **Meeting 11 is held to write NIC work plans** for further outreach, with support from staff organizer Julie Oney. Board President Glen McCluskey tells staff she cannot execute the plans. All files and email lists related to this project are “lost.” The district council “forgets” to submit the CIB proposal. Public Works submits it. The current executive director Roger Bromander, tells Alice Tibbetts he has “never heard of this project.”

The team re-forms to make sure the project stays alive. Offers to provide updates to the full board in writing or in person are rebuked. 2009-2011: The team becomes more assertive and gives at least **7 presentations (Meetings 10-17)** to committees and the full board. Goal is to support the next CIB proposal.

July 17, 2012: The team asks city traffic engineer Paul St. Martin to meet with the NIC to discuss median design at Wilder at **Meeting Number 18**. At least four UPDC board members attend.

Fall 2012. **Meeting Number 19**: Marshall Ave. team, including NIC chair Kyle Dukart, meet with Richard from Marshall Ave. liquors to discuss design options. He tells us he does not support any changes and he will not engage in negotiations. The team operates a Facebook page: Safer, Greener Marshall Avenue.

March, 2013. Since UPDC includes a broader area than MPCC did, the team proposes to the city that the next CIB proposal extend improvements east of Snelling. It will be submitted by Public Works, not UPDC. This makes the project more inclusive of UPDC’s boundaries. Ward 1 and Ward 4 council members, city staff, district councils and community councils between Snelling and downtown Saint Paul are asked to participate. A meeting is promoted via the local media and door to door flyering east of Snelling.

April, 2013. City staff post the meeting on Open Saint Paul, asking for input. Alice presents the proposal to the NIC as a new angle for the CIB proposal (**Meeting 20**). See scanned document of draft CIB proposal.

Transit for Livable Communities provides a facilitator for the visioning meeting. About 50 people attend **Meeting Number 21**. A second **meeting Number 22** is held two months later to discuss detailed suggestions. TLC provides a summary for planning by the city for future changes. The Highland Villager covers each meeting and the recommendations.

December-January 2014: The team ask Councilmember Russ Stark to help get the final phase of the project at Wilder completed. He meets with business owners to get feedback. (**Meetings 23-30**). A proposal to build the project with funds from Star Grants, High Winds Foundation, and Public Works is completed. Informal conversations among business owners continues.

January, 2014: Ward 4 staff send out letters outlining the proposal. Team members send out emails to neighborhood listservs.

January, 2014. The NIC hold their meeting on the proposal at Wilder. **Meeting 31!!**