

city of saint paul
planning commission resolution
file number 18-72
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Rice-Larpenteur Vision Plan

WHEREAS, Rice Street and Larpenteur Avenue is a key gateway into the Cities of Maplewood, Roseville, and Saint Paul (the three Cities); and

WHEREAS, the neighborhood adjacent to Rice and Larpenteur is one of the most densely populated area of Saint Paul, outside of downtown; and

WHEREAS, the Rice and Larpenteur intersection is located within a concentrated area of poverty based on census data of household income; and

WHEREAS, the three Cities are coordinating efforts to improve the area around the intersection of Rice Street and Larpenteur Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce has helped to coordinate efforts between the three Cities; and

WHEREAS, the Rice Street and Larpenteur Avenue intersection was identified as the highest priority planning area after a Smart Growth America assessment of Larpenteur Avenue that was sponsored by Ramsey County, the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce, and East Metro Strong; and

WHEREAS, the three Cities held a joint public input event to identify needs for the corridor, including improved public safety, better pedestrian facilities and public realm, and more community-oriented business; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County is undertaking a Rice Street corridor study to plan the future roadway cross-section; and

WHEREAS, this area was designated a Commercial Vitality Zone project in 2017, and the Saint Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority provided \$50,000 to help prepare this plan in partnership with the cities of Maplewood and Roseville; and

WHEREAS, the three Cities retained a consulting team led by Perkins & Will; and

WHEREAS, the Gateway Planning Committee was formed, which included elected officials and staff from the three Cities, and provided direction on the planning project; and

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WHEREAS, a Community Advisory Group provided insights into the area and feedback on recommendations; and

WHEREAS, two community design events were held in June 2017 and one community open house was held in November 2017 to help guide the recommendations of this report; and

WHEREAS, the study provides recommendation for:

- pedestrian, bicycle, and transit user experience enhancements;
- public realms improvements around streetscape and urban forest;
- stormwater management;
- roadway changes and intersection improvements;
- key redevelopment sites within the gateway area; and
- project implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee, on September 19, 2018, forwarded its recommendation on to the Planning Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission hereby forwards the Rice-Larpenteur Vision Plan on to the Mayor and City Council with a recommendation of approval as a foundational document for transportation improvements and the overall revitalization of that area.