

**Saint Paul Planning Commission
City Hall Conference Center
15 Kellogg Boulevard West**

Minutes May 19, 2017

A meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Saint Paul was held Friday, May 19, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Center of City Hall.

Commissioners Present: Mmes. Anderson, McMahon, Reveal, Thao, Underwood; and Messrs. Edgerton, Fredson, Khaled, Lindeke, Makarios, Ochs, Oliver, Perryman, Rangel Morales, Reich, and Vang.

Commissioners Absent: Mmes. *DeJoy, and *Mouacheupao.
*Excused

Also Present: Lucy Thompson, Acting Planning Director; Allan Torstenson, Josh Williams, Merritt Clapp-Smith, Jake Reilly, Mike Richardson, Jamie Radel, Tony Johnson, Mollie Scozzari, Savannah Simms and Sonja Butler, Department of Planning and Economic Development staff.

I. Approval of minutes April 21st and May 5, 2017.

MOTION: *Commissioner Thao moved approval of the minutes of April 21, 2017. Commissioner Lindeke seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.*

and

MOTION: *Commissioner Makarios moved approval of the minutes of May 5, 2017. Commissioner Underwood seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.*

II. Chair's Announcements

Chair Reveal announced that Commissioner McMahon is leaving the Planning Commission to be Councilmember Tolbert's legislative aide. Also, because the Planning Commission is temporarily short commissioners, the Neighborhood Planning Committee will temporarily merge with the Comprehensive Planning Committee, so that during the summer months there will be one agenda.

III. Planning Director's Announcements

Acting Planning Director Lucy Thompson presented an update on Comprehensive Plan outreach, including three focus groups co-sponsored by the Business Review Council, at their request, partnering with smaller business associations throughout the city. The first one was co-sponsored with BOMA and the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce, the second with the Midway

Chamber of Commerce and Creative Enterprise Zone, and the third with the East Side Area Business Association. Staff has also participated with subject experts in radio programs on KMOJ and WEQY to talk about how “embedded issues” can be integrated throughout the Plan. Programs will address racial equity, public health and aging in community.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING: River Balcony Master Plan – Item from the Comprehensive Planning Committee. (*Lucy Thompson, 651/266-6578*)

Chair Reveal announced that the Saint Paul Planning Commission was holding a public hearing on the River Balcony Master Plan. Notice of the public hearing was published in the Legal Ledger on May 4, 2017, and was mailed to the citywide Early Notification System list and other interested parties.

Lucy Thompson, PED staff, gave a PowerPoint presentation which can be seen on the web page at: <http://www.stpaul.gov/planningcommission>

Chair Reveal read the rules of procedure for the public hearing.

The following people spoke.

1. Patrick Hamilton, 120 W. Kellogg Blvd., Saint. Paul, MN 55102, representing the Science Museum of Minnesota. A letter from the President of the Science Museum, Alison Brown, was sent to the Planning Commission yesterday. Mr. Hamilton said the Science Museum is supportive of the River Balcony because it is a key opportunity to capitalize on the major asset of Saint Paul, the Mississippi River, and to stitch together the assets along Kellogg Boulevard. It is also an opportunity to create a signature element for the city that will increase its visibility and prominence well beyond its borders. In support of the River Balcony, the Science Museum has already been engaged in efforts to activate its public plaza along the proposed path of the River Balcony.
2. Mary Verrill, 1430 Eleanor Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55116, a member of the District 15 Council. The River Balcony could provide space for local access to the arts, such as through an arts garden.
3. Jeremy Edwards, Mississippi National River & Recreation Area of the National Parks Service (NPS), 111 E. Kellogg Boulevard, Suite 105, Saint Paul, MN 55101. Mr. Edwards read a letter from John Anfinson, NPS Superintendent. The proposed Balcony will lie completely within the boundary of the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area. Housed within the Science Museum of Minnesota, the Mississippi River Visitor Center will be a key element along the River Balcony. NPS looks forward to participating in the development of the River Balcony, and feels it has the potential to achieve many of the recreation and visitor access goals identified in their Comprehensive Management Plan. The Balcony will enhance views of downtown Saint Paul from across and on the river.
4. Josh Olson, Planner with Ramsey County, 50 West Kellogg Boulevard, Suite 250, Saint Paul, MN 55102. Over the last few years, the County has been actively engaged in the development of the River Balcony Master Plan by providing financial support for the planning process through the Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority. They applaud the

efforts of City staff in the development of the River Balcony Master Plan, and the County is pleased to support the Master Plan. The River Balcony is of particular interest to Ramsey County as they are leading the effort to redevelop a key site - the Ramsey West site - that will intersect with the Balcony. From the outset of this process, it has been the County's stated goal to integrate the River Balcony into the project to maximize the contribution of both projects to the vitality of downtown Saint Paul. The County is pleased to witness the progress that the completion of the Master Plan represents, and they are excited to continue to support the River Balcony in the years ahead.

5. Terry Mattson, President and CEO of Visit Saint Paul, 175 West Kellogg Boulevard, Saint Paul, MN 55102. The Convention and Visitors Bureau wholeheartedly supports the River Balcony project, as it is a tremendous opportunity for Saint Paul. They have seen these types of projects achieve tremendous success in other cities. Saint Paul is in a unique position, being on the bluffs of America's most iconic river, to increase the connectivity to the river, a national park and trails – essentially, a small urban wilderness. Adjacent to a very large population base, the River Balcony is a tremendous opportunity for Saint Paul to promote and capitalize on things like the Science Museum and RiverCentre. Mr. Mattson complimented those who have worked hard and done the heavy lifting to get the project off the ground. He encouraged everyone to grab hold of this opportunity and never let go.
6. Irene Jones, representing Friends of the Mississippi River, 101 South 5th Street, Saint Paul, MN 55101. Friends of the Mississippi River (FMR) is in strong support of this plan, with a few suggestions for ways that it might be improved. The Balcony is a great way to connect the bluff to the river, and FMR is pleased Saint Paul is investing in the riverfront downtown.
7. Kent Orman, 469 Ada Street, Saint Paul, MN 55107. Mr. Orman encouraged the Planning Commission to continue to “think big” about the potential for Kellogg Boulevard, tame and beautify Warner/Shepard roads, and be mindful of security and safety on the Balcony.
8. Jim Stolpestad, with Exeter Group, 332 Minnesota Street, Suite W2300, Saint Paul, MN 55101. Exeter Group developed Custom House, which is on the River Balcony. They are very supportive of the River Balcony. In fact, Exeter is holding 30,000 square feet of space on the second floor to incorporate it into the Balcony. They are anxious to continue their support, and encouraged the Planning Commission to recommend adoption by the City Council.
9. Bill Huepenbaker, representing the Minnesota Wild and Xcel Energy Center, 175 West Kellogg Boulevard, Saint Paul, MN 55102. They are very supportive of the River Balcony project. It will connect events to other parts of the city and expose more people to the Mississippi River. The River Balcony is also being incorporated into the reconstruction of the RiverCentre parking ramp.
10. Jay Severance, 350 St. Peter Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102. Mr. Severance is concerned that future development, including the River Balcony, might impede views of the river and/or restrict sunlight access to his building. Sound is an increasing issue downtown. As the River Balcony is built, it should be used as an opportunity to clean up the Lower Landing, which is a major gateway for people arriving by boat.

MOTION: *Commissioner Thao moved to close the public hearing, leave the record open for written testimony until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 19, 2017, and refer the matter back to the Comprehensive Planning Committee for review and recommendation. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.*

PUBLIC HEARING: Snelling Avenue South Zoning Study – Item from the Neighborhood Planning Committee. (*Josh Williams, 651/266-6659, and Tony Johnson, 651/266-6620*)

Chair Reveal announced that the Saint Paul Planning Commission is holding a public hearing on the Snelling Avenue South Zoning Study. Notice of the public hearing was published in the Saint Paul Pioneer Press on May 1, May 8, and May 15, 2017, was published in the Legal Ledger on May 4, 2017, and was sent to the city-wide Early Notification System list of recipients and other interested parties.

Josh Williams, PED staff gave a PowerPoint presentation, which can be seen at:
<http://www.stpaul.gov/planningcommission>

Chair Reveal read the rules of procedure for the public hearing.

The following people spoke.

1. Albert Levin, former attorney (retired), 6500 France Avenue, Suite 5208, Edina, MN 55435, said he represents property at 80 North Snelling Avenue. He referenced an article in the Highland Villager newspaper that some existing industrial and commercial zoning would be maintained, including Cooperative Plating property at Snelling and Iglehart. He contrasted this with commercial properties that are proposed for rezoning, including his property, the strip mall at Snelling and Ashland, which is fully rented out now. He is concerned about the effect of T2 zoning, and requested copies of the zoning study documents for review.

Chair Reveal said that all of these documents are available on the Planning Commission web site, and said that Mr. Levin should talk with staff if he needs additional materials.

2. Ryan Ricard, 407 Snelling Avenue South, Saint Paul, MN 55105, said he is in favor of the zoning changes proposed by the City, and thinks the plan laid out in the document is very appropriate given the current land use in the area. He noted that Snelling Avenue already has apartment buildings, mixed-use development, businesses and single-family homes, and that is what he likes about the area. He said he is excited about some of the proposed design improvements, including moving buildings closer to the streets and fewer large blank areas of concrete, which will lead to a much more vibrant, walkable, livable neighborhood. He stated that step-by-step density increases are the best way the City can ensure that it grows in a way that remains affordable, equitable, and accessible to young and old, and people who cannot drive cars. Mr. Ricard also believes the proposed traditional neighborhood zones would be appropriate for additional pedestrian safety improvements along the entire Snelling Avenue corridor, such as actuated crossing signals, medians with pedestrian refuges, narrowing lanes, etc.
3. Paul Tucci, 400 Water Street, Suite 200, Excelsior, MN 55331. Mr. Tucci owns two properties on Snelling Avenue and inquired whether, if the proposed zoning changes are enacted, the properties would be considered legal nonconforming uses and, if a building were

lost and he chose to rebuild and expand, whether the current zoning or new zoning apply. He will contact Josh Williams about this later. Mr. Tucci also referenced the recent City Council layover of the proposed rezoning of the property at St. Clair and Snelling to T3, for which the Planning Commission had recommended approval, noting that he owned the property directly adjacent. He said he did not think it made sense to recommend T3 for most of the block in question, but T2 for just his property.

Commissioner Edgerton asked if he preferred to be T3.

Mr. Tucci said that he would love to have T3 zoning for all his properties. He said that he assumes the goal is to allow for a multi-modal, high-density corridor, with more housing density above some retail on the first floor, like the Vintage on Selby. The first-floor retail space there has an 18-20 foot ceiling height, which is good for that type of retail space, and additional height is need for housing above it.

4. Joy Decker, 1606 James Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55105. Ms. Decker stated that she chose to live on James Avenue because she likes to be able to walk to a bus stop that gives her access to both downtown Saint Paul and Minneapolis. She asked about the effect of the proposed zoning change on her taxes and assessment fees for water, sewer, alley, and street maintenance. She also expressed concern about pedestrian safety on Snelling. She noted that Nelson's ice cream shop is located across from where James Avenue intersects Snelling Avenue. She said that it is a very busy place in the summer, and many residents walk across Snelling to Nelson's, but there is no crosswalk or signal, making it dangerous. The crossing lights farther north on Snelling can be seen flashing, but they don't help if drivers don't stop.
5. John Osen, 1545 Goodrich Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55105. Mr. Osen lives near property that is proposed to be rezoned. He noted that his yard already gets shadows from existing buildings. He asked why just the east side of Snelling across from Macalester is proposed to be rezoned but not the west side (College buildings). Mr. Osen referenced an existing apartment building at the corner of Brimhall and St. Clair, and said that three buildings of the same size could be built on the block of Snelling between St. Clair and Stanford, adding that this would equal 72 new housing units and could be done with T2 zoning (in comparison to the proposed T3 zoning for the properties). He also noted that at Grand and Snelling, only the corner is T3, and the remainder is T2, and wondered why the same approach isn't proposed for St. Clair and Snelling. He said he's not opposed to change and growth, but he does not want a 60-80 foot building, and feels that that it shouldn't be T3 for a whole block, but instead should be T3 just at the corner, and T2 for the remainder of the block.
6. Tom Welna, 2152 Carroll Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104. Mr. Welna said that he led the effort to build the pedestrian safety medians along Snelling Avenue near Macalester College, from St. Clair to Summit. He spoke in support of the draft recommendations for the Snelling Avenue Corridor. He said the City needs transit-oriented development, and this is a perfect place for the proposed zoning. He also said that he believes Saint Paul needs to grow its tax base and diversify housing options, especially in the Macalester Groveland neighborhood. He knows a lot of people his age and older whose children have grown up, love the neighborhood and want to stay but cannot find good housing options. He concluded by saying that a more diverse and more dense Snelling Corridor will give them those options.

7. Gena Berglund, 1516 Lincoln Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55105. Ms. Berglund's comments addressed environmental cleanup. She noted that Stoltz dry cleaners just went out of business and sold their property to a developer. The developer is bringing in some new businesses but because they are not tearing down the building, they are not required to clean up the environmental contamination on the property. She stated that there are contaminants, carcinogenic compounds, 100 times the allowable limit underneath the building. She said that it was reported a couple of weeks ago that a work crew had punctured a tank of dry cleaning chemicals on the site, and that hazmat and decontamination units were on site for about 5 hours that afternoon. She added that T3 zoning makes it more possible for a developer to come in and do the cleanup needed in the neighborhood from these contaminating businesses, and that does not happen under B2 zoning, as the Stoltz property is currently zoned. She concluded by stating that she strongly supports moving in that direction.
8. Kathy McGuire, 2203 Fairmont Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55105. Ms. McGuire noted the Comprehensive Plan "Established Neighborhood" designation, that Comprehensive Plan housing strategy 2 is to "preserve and promote Established Neighborhoods." The Housing Plan further states that substantial growth is not expected in all neighborhoods. Established Neighborhoods are residential areas of predominantly single-family housing and adjacent neighborhood-serving commercial uses where the existing character will be essentially maintained. She stated the Snelling Avenue area and the Macalester Groveland neighborhoods are established neighborhoods where people raise families, and that needs to be taken into serious consideration when planning changes of this sort. She referenced a statement by Mr. Williams at a previous meeting that the draft Snelling Avenue Zoning Study recommends T3 for all the properties proposed for redevelopment by the LeCesse Company, and asserted that the City was changing zoning to appease a development company from Florida instead of in the best interest of the community. She added that the attorney representing LeCesse and the property owners at Snelling and St. Clair said that T3 zoning is needed there so that the property owners can have enough money to retire. She thinks it is unfair to benefit one property owner over another, noting that the people who own homes in the neighborhoods need their properties protected so they can one day sell them and retire.
9. Ronald Rosemark, representing 258 Snelling Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55105, said his mother is selling the property, where his family has been running a commercial bakery for 30-35 years, because they are unable to produce their product at a reasonable price. He said the developer (LeCesse) proposing a development at St. Clair and Snelling met with the Macalester Groveland Community Council and the neighbors, and made a lot of concessions in terms of the design. He concluded by referencing earlier testimony regarding the speed of traffic on Snelling and saying that, if people are able to drive that fast, it must mean there is not a lot of traffic, and maybe a little more traffic on Snelling might be a good thing and slow drivers down.
10. Philip Jacobs, 1557 Goodrich Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55105. Mr. Jacobs stated that he lives about 200 feet from Snelling Avenue. He has lived there approximately 30 years. His neighborhood is one of the most desirable neighborhoods in Saint Paul; his family chose it because of its character. He added that solar impacts are something to be concerned about, noting that the new Macalester athletic building results in shadows at his property 30 minutes earlier in the winter. His main concern is large, tall buildings that will change the character of the neighborhood; if there is a need for increased density, the density should be spread evenly across the city.

11. Mary Verrill, 1430 Eleanor Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55116. Ms. Verrill lives near the Waters of Highland, which did not bring the impacts some feared. However, she does have concerns that added density will have impacts, including adding vehicular traffic in an area where there are a lot of schools with walking children. Her three children are millennials who cannot find affordable housing, highlighting that it is really a problem for renters to find affordable rental housing right now in Saint Paul. She concluded by stating that families need to be kept in mind, as they will leave if the area becomes too urban.
12. Julie Dincau, 394 Snelling Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55105. Ms. Dincau stated she shares the concerns raised by other people, but that her chief concern is the noise that she hears on Snelling Avenue. She stated that she likes her house, but she bought it because she wanted to be there for what the area is now, not what it might be in the future.

MOTION: *Commissioner Underwood moved to close the public hearing, leave the record open for written testimony until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 26, 2017, and to refer the matter back to the Neighborhood Planning Committee for review and recommendation. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.*

V. Commissioner Appreciation

Honoring Commissioner McMahon for her service on the Planning Commission.

Chair Reveal read a resolution thanking Commissioner McMahon for her service on the Planning Commission.

MOTION: *Commissioner Reveal moved approval of the resolution honoring Commissioner McMahon. Commissioner Thao seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.*

VI. Zoning Committee

SITE PLAN REVIEW – List of current applications. *(Tia Anderson, 651/266-9086)*

Two items came before the Site Plan Review Committee on Tuesday, May 16, 2017:

- Metro Diagnostic Imaging – New commercial development at 1094 East 7th Street. Bill Davison-Metro Diagnostic SPR #17-032550
- Royal Ready Mix – Off-street parking and site improvements at 1 Ridder Circle. Paul Bewley-Royal ready Mix SPR #17-033774

Three Items to come before the Site Plan Review Committee on Tuesday, May 23, 2017:

- Central Station Plaza – Temporary plaza for outdoor uses at 355 Minnesota Street. Laura Haynessen-St. Paul PED SPR #17-036846
- Metro Metals Auto Recycling – Parking lot redevelopment at 2576 Doswell Avenue. Randy Heiligman-Metro Auto Auctions SPR #17-035184

- Caztek Engineering – Remodel of existing Structure at 628 Pine Street. Frank Stone-Positively Central, LLC SPR #17-038190

NEW BUSINESS

#17-031-406 Viet Tran – Conditional use permit for auto repair garage with existing auto body shop. 584 Stryker Avenue, between Stevens and King. (*Jake Reilly, 651/266-6618*)

MOTION: *Commissioner Makarios moved the Zoning Committee's recommendation to approve the conditional use permit subject to additional conditions. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.*

#17-031-496 ResCare Minnesota Inc. – Conditional use permit for supportive housing facility with 16 residents. 700 Transfer Road, NE of intersection at Charles. (*Josh Williams, 651/266-6659*)

MOTION: *Commissioner Makarios moved the Zoning Committee's recommendation to approve the conditional use permit. The motion carried 14-2 (Edgerton, Lindeke) on a voice vote.*

#17-032-384 Harriet Island Paddle Share Station - Conditional use permit for location of an accessory recreational structure not elevated on fill in the FF Flood Fringe. Harriet Island Regional Park. (*Josh Williams, 651/266-6659*)

Commissioner Ochs said he likes this idea but thinks the paddle share station should be anchored so it cannot be swept away in a flood in case it is not removed in time.

Commissioner Ochs made a motion to amend the resolution to add a condition that the paddle share station must be secured in place. Commissioner Underwood seconded the motion.

Mr. Williams discussed the required flood response plan for this use and practical difficulties with the proposed added condition. He said Mississippi floods are well forecast, and Parks is good at preparing for them.

Commissioner Ochs said that anchoring the station does not have to be complicated: it could be as simple as attaching it to a post so that it doesn't move away.

The motion to add a condition failed 15-2.

MOTION: *Commissioner Makarios moved the Zoning Committee's recommendation to approve the conditional use permit subject to one condition. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.*

Commissioner Edgerton noted that, at the Zoning Committee meeting, he asked for a written statement from the DNR that a no rise certificate is not needed for the proposed paddle share stations. It has been received.

#17-032-223 Hidden Falls Paddle Share Station – Conditional use permit for location of an accessory recreational structure in FW Floodway. Hidden Falls Regional Park. (*Josh Williams, 651/266-6659*)

MOTION: *Commissioner Makarios moved the Zoning Committee’s recommendation to approve the conditional use permit subject to an additional condition. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.*

Commissioner Makarios announced the item on the agenda at the next Zoning Committee meeting on Thursday, May 25, 2017.

VII. Comprehensive Planning Committee

Central Station Block Design Guidelines – Approve resolution recommending to the Mayor and City Council for adoption as an amendment to the *Downtown Station Area Plan*. (*Lucy Thompson, 651/266-6578*)

Commissioner Lindeke asked for a clarification of the difference between a building that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as part of an historic district and one that is determined to be potentially eligible, and how this relates to the use of design guidelines to guide future development on the block.

Ms. Thompson said that the Urban Renewal Historic District was determined eligible for the National Register through the Green line environmental review process. The Planning Commission’s action today is not on the significance of the district; it is to recommend adoption of design guidelines based on the block’s location in a potential Urban Renewal Historic District. National-Register-listed or -eligible buildings or districts can be demolished; protection from demolition comes with local designation.

MOTION: *Commissioner Thao moved on behalf of the Comprehensive Planning Committee to recommend approval of the resolution and forward to the Mayor and City Council for adoption of this amendment to the Downtown Station Area Plan. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.*

Neighborhood STAR Applications: Comprehensive Plan Conformance – Approve resolution making recommendations to the Neighborhood STAR Board. (*Jamie Radel, 651/266-6614*)

MOTION: *Commissioner Thao moved on behalf of the Comprehensive Planning Committee to recommend approval of the resolution and forward to the Neighborhood STAR Board. The motion carried 15 with 1 abstention (Rangel Morales) on a voice vote.*

Ford Site Zoning and Public Realm Plan – Approve resolution initiating zoning study, release the Ford site Zoning and Public Realm Plan for public review, and set a public hearing for June 30, 2017. (*Merritt Clapp-Smith, 651/266-6547*)

Merritt Clapp-Smith, PED staff gave a PowerPoint presentation, which can be seen at: <http://www.stpaul.gov/planningcommission>

Commissioner Rangel Morales said the presentation started with an overview of how transportation would be impacted by the site redevelopment. Did design of the plan consider how it would connect to major corridors such as 494 or 94?

Merritt Clapp-Smith, PED staff, said the connections shown on the plan are the basic and logical connections, based on existing street grid and the hierarchy of streets in the area. They tried to link to where movement would happen on and off the site, so the two major streets in and out of the site are Cretin going north and Montreal going east. The transportation study looked at current travel patterns for people coming and going to the neighborhood, and predicted similar patterns for the Ford site development, including how trips would disperse and which times of day. In the most immediate area, the roads have existing capacity to absorb the additional trips; further from the site, the trips disperse in different directions, such that the added volume is minimal relative to the overall volume.

Commissioner Reich asked for clarification on the suggestion to straighten out Mississippi River Boulevard along the site.

Ms. Clapp-Smith replied “yes,” based on a recommendation that will be coming from the Ford Task Force. The Ford Task Force wants to reduce the S curve at the south end of the site to add more open space to the bluff top overlooking Hidden Falls Regional Park.

Chair Reveal asked if the feasibility of that had been evaluated.

Ms. Clapp-Smith said they are discussing with the Parks Department the idea of removing the existing bluff top parking lot and expanding the overlook open space. The idea was discussed early on, with a nearly 50-50 split in support/opposition. If the recommendation is put in the plan now and gets adopted, it is essentially a City commitment to eventually reroute or change the alignment of Mississippi River Boulevard.

MOTION: *Commissioner Thao moved on behalf of the Comprehensive Planning Committee to approve the resolution initiating a zoning study and releasing the draft zoning and public realm plan for public review, and set a public hearing on June 30, 2017. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.*

Commissioner Thao announced that the next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, May 30, 2017.

VIII. Neighborhood Planning Committee

No report. The next scheduled meeting on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 is canceled.

IX. Transportation Committee

Commissioner Lindeke announced the items on the agenda for the next Transportation Committee on Monday, May 22, 2017.

X. Communications Committee

No report.

XI. Task Force/Liaison Reports

Commissioner Underwood announced that the CP Rail Spur Task Force is having its first of three community meetings on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. This is a good opportunity to hear early thoughts, questions, and concerns.

Commissioner Edgerton reported that the Rice/Larpenteur Study had its first Community Advisory Group meeting last week. They have about 6 meetings scheduled between now and October.

Commissioner Thao announced that the Ford Task Force will meet Thursday, May 25, 2017 at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church at 6:00 p.m.

XII. Old Business

None.

XIII. New Business

None.

XIV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,



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Approved June 16, 2017
(Date)



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Secretary of the Planning Commission

