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Meeting Minutes - Approved NORTHPORT-WARNER PARK-SHERMAN NEIGHBORHOOD STEERING COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 10, 2008

6:30 PM

Packers Community Learning Center
1927 Northport Drive

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 12 -

Lydia S. Maurer; Jodi L. Hanna; Pat Steele; Benjamin C. Cashin; Lorie A. Walker; Cynthia M. Wood; Pacia J. Harper; Madeline Scherb; Diane L. Jetzer; Mary Schumacher; Karen M. Thompson and Thomas C. Blake

Excused: 4 -

Olga Cardenas; Jolena K. Presti; Donald B. Bruns and Julie A. Savidusky

City Alderpersons and Staff: Alderperson Michael Schumacher (District 18); Alderperson Satya Rhodes-Conway (District 12); Archie Nicolette and Linda Horvath (Planning & Community & Economic Development).

Others: Betty Thompson; Tim Carlisle and Julie Spears, Northside Planning Council.

2. APPROVAL OF March 27 MINUTES (5 Minutes)

Change Michael Schumacher's District to 18. Change age of homes in Whitetail Ridge to "new to 15 years old". A motion was made by Schumacher, seconded by Scherb, to Approve the Minutes with changes noted. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Julie Savidusky has withdrawn from the Steering Committee for personal reasons. She might like to be considered for next year's northside planning process Steering Committee.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. Northside Planning Council

Tim Carlisle, Facilitator of the Northside Planning Council (NPC), outlined for the Steering Committee:

- 1) NPC input and feedback - NPC can provide input and feedback to the recommended neighborhood plan goals and strategies; encourage NPC members to attend the upcoming SC Open House; invite a delegation of SC members to come with one or two members of the City staff neighborhood planning team to an upcoming NPC meeting to do a presentation on the SC's initial recommendations, and to hear feedback from NPC members.
- 2) Outreach - provide space in the Northside News for SC to publicize the key recommendations (goes out to 13,000 Northside households) and to invite public input or publicize future meetings; include SC information on NS Discuss; and co-sponsor an upcoming community-wide neighborhood plan outreach event.
- 3) Implementation - NPC will work with partner organizations to help implement some of the adopted neighborhood plan recommendations.

6. [09532](#) Open House

Reviewed information and activity stations and requested Steering Committee volunteers to run the event. Suggestion to contact Warner Park and request parking spaces be set aside for our event given American Cancer Society Run/Walk will take place concurrently.

7. [09720](#) Land Use

Presentation of residential density displays to convey concept of increasing density without necessarily increasing mass and scale. Discussion of possibilities for land use change in large areas of single-family.

- South and North of Troy Drive, areas of small single-family homes built in the WWII area - these do not necessarily serve the size and features needs of homebuyers today. Could change to different types of housing.
- Nobel Park neighborhood - maybe consider updating of existing homes.
- Maybe focus increasing density along major road corridors, although also need to consider that this would increase traffic.
- Need to be very thoughtful about possible residential density increases.
- Bring home-buyer assistance and housing rehabilitation tools to next meeting and/or email to SC ahead of time.
- Use street classification system to help guide land use planning.
- Continue discussion of possible land use changes in residential areas at the next meeting.
- Increasing density could help diversify rental and home ownership housing options.
- Provide tenant resources.
- Need to consider how density increases would increase/decrease property values.
- Example of Hanover Street, and other examples of where density increase was followed by diminished care of property.
- As neighborhoods densify, creates more opportunity for community connection in shared public spaces.
- With density increase, neighborhood associations become even more important to

help foster communication among residents helping to celebrate and enjoy closer connections and prevent problems common to higher-density areas.

Land Use Area 1

- Good neighbors but is some noise problem after meetings.
- Adding more rental units may be poorly received by neighbors.
- Condominiums might be acceptable.
- Social service use is valuable to community - if it redevelops, could become a shared use facility with other social service groups.
- Should ask neighbors what they would want if and when site redevelops.

Land Use Area 3

- Nobel Park is applying for a grant for neighborhood sign and landscaping for corner of Troy and Northport in front of Shell station.
- Garbage and storage behind Shell is unsightly.
- Retaining wall falling apart and other issues behind Brennan's.
- There is a possible buyer for Brennan's and adjacent commercial properties.
- At this commercial node, would like first floor retail, upper residential or offices.
- Locate buildings to front of lot along road with good pedestrian access.
- Area offers some great pockets of businesses that neighbors want to maintain.
- Facade improvements needed.
- Increase intensity of commercial uses that neighborhood deems valuable.
- Area works for small businesses.
- Fire occurred in small grocery/food service business; need review and upgrade of electrical fire prevention.

Land Use Area 5

5A

- Commercial with housing above.
- Greenspace.
- Provide illustrations of ideas/concepts.

5B

- Possible Airport development is 40-75 years out.
- Soccer field.
- Dog park.
- Native prairie.
- Community gardens.
- Oak Park, if ever goes up for sale, Airport may want to purchase.

8. Next Steps

- Public Infrastructure Inventories.
- Dialogue Trees.
- Next meeting agenda development:
Thursday April 24: Packers Community Learning Center, 1927 Northport Dr. 6:00 p.m.
 - Continue discussion of land use.
 - Results of Open House.
 - Invite Cam McClay.
 - Discuss expanded outreach.
 - Discuss meeting location parking arrangements.

9. Checkout

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jetzer, seconded by Walker, to Adjourn at 8:25 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote/other.