

Agenda

Near East Side Task Force & Strategy

June 14, 2011

5 PM, Metro State University, New Main building, room L 213 (second lower level)

1. Project-related updates (15 min)
 - a. Commercial Building Subcommittee meetings
 - b. Submitted: Beacon Bluff Livable Communities Demonstration Account pre-application
 - c. Submitted: Two McNeely applications
 - d. May 26th meeting with Latino/Spanish-speaking business owners
2. Branding effort (15 min)
 - a. Branding 101
 - b. Idea for the Task Force role – A few Task Force members that would like to dedicate time to work on this over the summer?
 - c. Community groups to engage – those with standing meetings or events (i.e. religious institutions; community-based clubs; places/businesses where people congregate; youth groups; sporting events; etc.)
3. Brief review of land use recommendations from previous meeting (15 min)
 - a. Major recommendations in existing adopted City plans to be carried forward
 - b. Initial recommendations for (re-)development/reinvestment
 - c. To be discussed/revised/revisited later in the Task Force process
4. Public Works/MNDOT infrastructure investments within/near study area (20 min) (Eriks Ludins)
 - a. Highway maintenance 101
 - i. Highway 61 - US Highway, but maintained by MNDOT
 - ii. Highway 5 maintenance: State Highway, but maintained by City
 - iii. City vs. MNDOT division of labor
 - b. Summary of Lafayette bridge project and I-35-E-Cayuga project
 - i. Lafayette bridge *project website*: www.dot.state.mn.us/lafayettebridge
 - ii. I-35 E-Cayuga *project website*: www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/cayuga
 - c. New public streets internal to Beacon Bluff – Reaney, Bush, Wells St extension to Phalen Blvd (Port Authority)
 - d. Average daily traffic volume report and what it may mean for the study area (Eriks Ludins)
5. Transit/multi-modal transportation planning within/near study area (20 min) (Christina Morrison, Matt Wolff)
 - a. Saint Paul streetcar feasibility work
 - b. Gateway Corridor Alternatives Analysis Study
Project website: <http://thegatewaycorridor.com/html/transit-study-gateway-corridor.php>
 - c. What is Arterial Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)?
 - d. Metro Transit's Arterial BRT feasibility study
More info at: www.metrocouncil.org/planning/transportation/transitways/TransitwayFAQ.htm
 - e. City bike/pedestrian initiatives (e.g., citywide bike plan, etc.)
6. Task Force discussion of mobility/infrastructure investments within/near the study area (30 min)
 - a. Discuss / revise the draft list of local infrastructure investment ideas (*see back of this packet*).
 - b. How might the new road infrastructure and transit projects within or near the study area be leveraged, particularly in thinking about improvements to streetscapes within the study area (E. 7th St, Arcade, Minnehaha, others)?
 - c. Of the local infrastructure investment ideas discussed, which specific ideas are priorities, and within which portions of the study area should they be prioritized?
7. Housekeeping items – Summer subcommittee meetings (5 min)

Near East Side Task Force meeting dates: March 29, April 19, May 10, June 14, September 13, October 11, November 8.