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**Hamline, Victoria, and Western
Station Area Planning Steering Committee
October 29, 2009, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

MEETING NOTES

Members Present: Brenda Bailey, Anderson Cielto, Hal Clapp, Ultan Duggan, Anthony Fernandez, Lil Leatham, Vanessa Levingston, John Mark Lucas, Heidi Myers, Patricia Ohmans, Terry Olsen, Allison Pitts, Steve Samuelson, Lisa Tabor, Terri Thao, George Younes

City Staff Present: Christina Morrison, Jessica Rosenfeld, Sarah Zorn

Others Present: Shoua Lee (CCPO)

Absent: Amber Dallman

Excused: Jeanette Blankenship, Veronica Burt, Metric Giles, Andrea Lubov, Debbie Meister

Staff opened the meetings by introducing the Committee Co-Chairs, Planning Commissioner Terri Thao, and Brenda Bailey from Model Cities. The Steering Committee members each introduced themselves and explained some of their interests and background. Staff asked that committee members check the draft contact list for any corrections before their contact info is distributed and posted on the City's website.

Shoua Lee from the Metropolitan Council's Central Corridor Project Office gave a presentation of the Central Corridor LRT Project, with a more in-depth look at the future configuration of the Hamline, Victoria, and Western station areas. Lee answered several questions from steering committee members clarifying topics such as future sidewalk widths, bus service on Hamline and the upcoming Metro Transit bus sector study, and future turning movements. Lee passed out two handouts which are available on our website (<http://stpaul.gov/index.aspx?NID=3487>).

Staff gave an overview of previous planning documents and processes including the *Central Corridor Development Strategy*, completed *Station Area Plans*, the Central Corridor Overlay Zoning District, and the *Bike Walk Central Corridor Action Plan*, and *Parking Report*. Links to these summaries and the full documents are also posted on the web.

Each member of the Steering Committee then brainstormed one issue and one opportunity they foresee within these station areas. After the list was compiled, each member was given three

votes to help identify the more important issues and opportunities to this group. The results of are as follows (asterisks denote number of votes):

ISSUES:

- Need for All 3 Stations****
- Crime and Safety***
- Workforce Inclusion and DBE (Business Development Options)***
- Green Space**
- Increased Property Taxes and Assessments**
- Public Realm/Sidewalk Width **
- Stormwater Management: Rain gardens (large scale)**
- Survival of Businesses during Construction**
- Business Mitigation*
- Walking Access*
- Attracting Commerce to Neighborhoods
- Bike Access
- Dollars? Sources?
- Land Use to Support LRT Ridership and Enhance Neighborhoods
- Public Art
- Retain and Enhance Affordable Housing
- Rezoning for Parking Lots
- Snow Removal

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Create Unique and Attractive Destinations*****
- Redevelopment Opportunities***
- Clean Solar Energy along the corridor and Small Scale Wind**
- Pedestrian-Friendly Retail Development**
- Brighter, Fresher, Warmer Businesses than currently exist*
- Capacity Building and Education of the Workforce*
- Passenger-Friendly Stations*
- Thriving businesses after construction*
- Visitors coming to the Central Corridor to spend money*
- Wilder Campus @ Lafond & Victoria*
- Community Gardens/Green Space
- Inclusionary Zoning
- Maintain Character though development in neighborhoods
- Parking Solutions to keep businesses open
- Pervious Pavement/Landscaping/Trees

The next events of interest for the Steering Committee will be the Roundtable discussions to be held on November 17 and 18. More information on the time and dates for each discussion will be provided via email and posted online. The next meeting of the HVW Steering Committee is Wednesday, December 16th from 4-6 pm at the Central Corridor Resource Center.