

City of Edina
Grandview Community Advisory Team (CAT)

September 23, 2013 Meeting Notes

Present: Jimmy Bennett, Bright Dornblaser, Co-Chair Mike Fischer, Sandy Fox, Sue Jacobson, Co-Chair Jennifer Janovy, Bill McReavy, Pat Olk, Bill Neuendorf (staff liaison)

Absent: Nancy Grazzini-Olson, Michael Schroeder, Kevin Staunton

- 1) Welcome – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Steve Elkins, Met Council Representative, introduced himself to the team.
- 2) Preparing the Request for Interest (RFI)
 - a. 9/3/13 Direction from City Council – The team reviewed and discussed the direction provided by City Council regarding the former Public Works site.
 - b. General Contents – A draft table of contents was reviewed. It was noted that the RFI can be brief but needs to include a description of the site and community vision, a potential redevelopment program, and evaluation criteria. The group discussed the importance of evaluating the Comp Plan and the zoning as part of this process.
 - c. Additional Data needed (survey, inventory, etc.) – City staff has contacted Decision Resources to discuss possible assistance in a resident survey. Decision Resources is available and needs additional direction regarding the types of questions to be asked. It was suggested that the survey also have open ended questions to allow residents to provide ideas from what they have seen in other communities. Jennifer Janovy, Jimmy Bennett and Bright Dornblaser agreed to participate with the consultant to craft the survey questions.

The team discussed the inventory of community spaces that will need to be prepared. It was suggested that the utilization rates of facilities should also be considered. There was support for both indoor and outdoor community space that would be available to the public year round. When the needs are being assessed, it was also suggested that the future needs be anticipated rather than simply looking at historical facilities.

The team also discussed specific ideas and possible needs for community space as well as the possibility of surveying civic groups to find out their specific needs. A Survey Monkey, which includes questions on both indoor and outdoor

facilities, will be sent out to the team as a preliminary step to create a baseline for the group.

- d. Evaluation Criteria & Selection Process – The team discussed a general timeline of selecting a developer in 2014 with construction complete in 2016.
- 3) Preparing an Implementation Work Plan with key dates and activities
- a. Redevelopment of Public Works Site – January 1, 2014 is the target deadline set by City Council. It was suggested that zoning codes should also be reviewed.
 - b. Broader Implementation of Framework –The co-chairs and Bill Neuendorf will work together on putting together a timeline for the work plan. It was suggested that the work plan follow a consistent format as City commissions and include preliminary infrastructure studies that are completed in time to inform the RFI.
 - c. Steve Elkins noted affordable housing will be an important scoring criteria for future Met Council grants.
 - d. Infrastructure and Transportation Survey -- The team decided to begin working on a study to understand the current infrastructure and transportation, but it does not have to be finished prior to the RFI. Future light rail and multi-use park 'n ride structures were discussed.
- 4) Administrative Items
- a. Meetings are needed to complete the work plan timeline as well as to push ahead with the determination of the preferred type of community space. The next meetings were set for the second and fourth Mondays at 7:00 p.m. for the next couple months (October 14, October 28 and November 11).
- 5) Adjourn – the group adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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