

Columbia Park Draft Meeting Minutes for Monday April 19, 2021

Board Members: Melody Devine, Joy Saengmany, Cass Markovich, Yusuf Mohamed, Rich Waryan and Bob Wielinski

Other: Staff: Liz Wielinski, Dan Karst (DLTL), Joe Mahoney (OPUS)
in attendance

6:30 - Call to Order for Board Actions

- Approval of the Agenda: moved by Cass, 2nd Joy, approved
- Approval the Minutes of Monday March 15, 2021: moved by Joy, 2nd by Bob approved
- Treasurer's Report- Receive and File: motion by Cass, 2nd Bob, approved

6:45- Open Time

Dan and Linda Karst (DLTL post fire) Working on everything. There is a temporary patch so they can operate. Will take 3-4 months before they can rebuild. Not sure if the remaining damaged structure is going to be reusable.

Cass would like to discuss neighbor's issues with power outages. There is a nearby transformer that seems to go out a lot. It makes it really difficult for her neighbor's refrigeration and she is homebound so it is an issue. They seem to be the last for repairs due to the low number of households on that grid. Many of the neighbors have generators but she can't afford one.

Rich: That is an Xcel issue and they are responsible. They need to be there within 24 hours. Xcel must handle their own infrastructure.

Cass: They contact Xcel but they are given huge timelines.

Rich: Call them when the power is fine and insist they come fix the transformer.

Brother Justus outdoor expansion: Rich stopped by and politely asked to talk to Phil. On the same day they sent us notice that they were thinking about expanding the patio, they broke ground.

Rich sent a letter to CM Reich and Justus Bros.

Concerns we sent to Justus Bros:

-Type of barriers (height, continuous) to enclose the patio and a controlled monitored single point of ingress/egress from outside?

-Code Indicated ADA Accessibility?

- Additional on-site security personnel for the patio to protect and monitor the patrons and the chance of people bringing outside alcohol to the Patio?
- Insurance to cover the exterior patio?
- Will there be a separate bar on the patio?
- Will there be music live or piped out to the exterior?
- Outdoor amplified sound that can be heard above conversation volume from beyond 50 feet of the property line requires a sound permit at any time according to City of Minneapolis noise ordinance. (Golf Course, Walking Paths etc)
- What are the parameters of use regarding amplified music, whether it be from piped in music or live music?
- Are they going to fog or use other insecticides to control the mosquito population on their patio from the newly created settling pond right across the street on the golf course?
- How much additional traffic will this cause?
- How much additional parking will be required?
- Lack of construction permits visible at this time.
- Work started before neighbors even received notification.
- Is there a design drawing of the Patio project?

There was again a discussion about the neighborhood being heavy handed towards businesses and Rich said we can add this discussion to a future meeting for Dan.

Unlike Brew56 and Indeed they are not being the good neighbors other communities have had.

- General Meeting

7:00 – New Business

MCCP would like to come present to us. Staff is asking for direction.

*MCCP is a political committee formed by members of [Twin Cities Coalition for Justice for Jamar](#) (TCC4J)

Cass would like equal time for the opposition, Joy agrees with Cass/ Bob wants both sides or no one/ Cass would like both sides at the same time. We could schedule so they are not back to back. Bob agrees that both at the same meeting. Staff is directed to contact both side and set the time limit to 20

minutes for each sides presentation and time to discuss. This discussion is being allowed because this is likely to be a ballot issue in the year's city elections.

Annual Meeting in June...suggestions?

Trivia/ virtual scavenger hunt/ ask to submit videos of neighborhood talent...can put on our new CPNA TV. Liz will float this idea to the neighborhood via Nextdoor.

Flower Fund: Should we start a fund that to send flower/will discuss later date

– Old Business

Review of OPUS project, consideration of comments/letter to the city good/bad neutral
Extra replies to questions presented to OPUS and their replies...

Q1: Hours of operation regarding trucks backing/ beeping are a concern.

Is this something you can regulate or is it regulated by the city?

The city has ordinances related to noise, and noise levels during the day/night (Article IX 535.620 Noise & Chapter 389). Back-up alarm devices on trucks are exempt, as they are a safety feature.

Q2: What environmentally friendly systems are you including in the building and surrounds? Will there be a white or green roof, is any of the parking lot permeable? Is the building going to be LEED certified?

The project will incorporate a white roof, LED lighting, efficient insulated structural wall system, a storm water management system, clerestory windows for natural daylighting, bike racks to promote alternative transportation methods, and pollinators incorporated into the landscaping. We do not intend to use permeable pavement. That would not be plausible because we don't want the storm water to infiltrate into the contaminated soils. Our storm system will capture and filter all surface storm water before it is outleted into the municipal system. While the project will meet or exceed current energy codes, we do not plan to submit for LEED certification.

Q3: Will you be requesting any of the following from the city regarding traffic flow? A left turn lane or arrow at the intersection of 37th and University? Better light timing at the intersection?

We plan to discuss these items with the City Planner.

Q4: How much stormwater will the underground system be able to hold? We wonder about the capacity during our more frequent heavy rains?

The underground stormwater system is designed to retain and slowly discharge the 100-year storm event (7.4 inches of rain in 24 hours) on site prior to discharging to the city sewer system. The City of Minneapolis requires that the development discharge stormwater runoff at rates less than the existing runoff rates in today's condition. The construction of the underground system

will improve stormwater runoff conditions for areas receiving drainage from the site and reduce the runoff demand on adjacent city sewers.

Q5: With the large exterior walls with few openings, how will you meet the city's requirement to offset this? Have you any alternative compliance suggestions?

The north elevation, facing 37th, exceeds the minimum requirement for windows and is the primary building face with pedestrian level interaction. The east and west elevations incorporate high clerestory windows to provide flexibility to potential tenants that may require racking/storage or manufacturing activities that would create safety and security concerns if windows were located closer to the floor level.

Suggestions for alternative compliance include the Public Art Zone and additional bike parking beyond the minimum required.

Motions, none offered...Liz will send a note to the planning commission letting them know OPUS made a presentation, our questions were covered and our remaining concern is that they direct their landscapers to use neonicotinoid free plantings.

Any word on speed limit signs on 5th ST NE? Liz will follow up again with MC Riech's office.

– Crime and Safety Update

Chauvin Jury was be sent to deliberate tonight (Monday 24/19/21)

National Guard Presence increased due to police involved death of Duante Wright in Brooklyn Center.

No update from 2PAC

Concerns due to how this may go.

Mental health resources

As the trial of former officer Derek Chauvin progresses, many community members may be seeking ways to cope with trauma and retraumatization.

The City has created [this list of mental health support resources](#) to help residents and their loved ones.

You can also [explore the cultural wellness directory](#), a directory of trauma informed wellness services that uses the power of community members to heal and to build community.

Additional resources from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA):

- [Coping with grief](#), a resource for survivors of community violence, including understanding grief in adults and children.
- Tips for Survivors of a Disaster or Other Traumatic Events: [Coping with Retraumatization](#)

- [SAMHSA training and educational resources](#) for response and recovery after disasters and traumatic events.

Staff directed to add this to FB page

– Announcements/ Communications.

Metro Transit will be building a restroom for their drivers on the CP land near the community gardens on 27th AV NE near 7th ST NE at the end of the line 17 route. It will NOT be available to the public.

RentHelpMN is coming soon. Please check renthelpmn.org or call 211 for updated information.

MPD establishes new tip line

The Minneapolis Police Department has established a new tip line with better technology to replace the existing one. Call 612-673-5335 to provide tips to MPD about suspicious activity not requiring an immediate response, such as vehicles driving without license plates, etc. If someone's safety is at risk and an immediate response from police, fire or medics is required, call 911.

The new 612-673-5335 tip line brings added and scalable capacity for staff and better technology to intake, manage and act upon tips that are received if necessary.

Businesses and property owners can call 612-673-2499 with questions about business operations during the trial and general information about regulations and resources.

For all other City services and questions, call 311.

612-673-5702 press the prompt to get someone on the line. (precinct desk in precinct 2)

Rich is asking for the raise hand function so we can stay on track with our meetings. Looking to keep the meetings more professional.

Yusuf: we have a time where people can say what they need to us. Yusuf suggests that Dan make use of the OPEN TIME we have available.

Dan's question was triggered by the presentation that came after open time.

Cass suggests that OPEN TIME be moved to the end of the meeting.

Rich suggests that if it was a community emergency we could interrupt, and OPEN TIME makes it easier for people to visit and not have to wait.

Melody: Suggests Dan's topic be tabled to the next meeting.

- Adjourn moved by Bob, 2nd Cass adjourned 7:59

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