

**Park Point Small Area Plan  
Plan Committee Meeting  
April 17, 2013 - 5:00 p.m.  
Lafayette Community Recreation Club**

**Participants**

John Judd, City of Duluth Planning  
John Kelley, City of Duluth Planning  
Dawn Buck, Resident  
Sharla Gardner, City Councilor  
Heather Rand  
Dick Gould, Resident  
Jan Karon, Resident  
Deb Kellner, Resident  
Sally Raushenfels, Resident  
Phil Rolle, Resident  
Thomas Beery, Parks and Recreation Commission

**Guests**

Neil Dorr  
Dave Poulin  
Burke Edgerton  
Gerald Hadland  
Travis Schwartz  
Shannon Schwartz  
Brian Nelson  
Susan Schmidt  
Mike Medlin  
Jeff Stuermer  
John Schmidt

**1. Plan Committee Q & A Updates**

Kelley provided committee members with public comment that had been received. Plan Committee member discussed the comments with Staff and others present. Kelley provided committee members with additional handouts for agenda items. Kelley apologized to the committee that he had forgotten the street end inventory for tonight's discussion at his office. Kelley was asked to email out the inventory to committee members and to post it on the City and Park Point web pages.

**2. Proposed Recommendations**

Kelley provided committee members with draft recommendation for plan objective that have been discussed at previous meetings.

- Land Use & Zoning: The committee members discussed the land and zoning recommendation. Staff was asked to include rezoning the land area by 43<sup>rd</sup> Street from Residential-Traditional (R-1) to Park and Open Space (P-1). Consensus of the committee was that the recommendation move forward with the revision discussed.
- Wayfinding: Committee members asked to have the vehicle pull out suggestion is removed. Rand asked that signage to public access be added to the recommendation. Consensus of the committee was that the recommendation move forward with revisions.
- Infrastructure-utilities: Kelley was asked to check with Minnesota Power and other utilities about burying them along Minnesota Avenue. Gardner stated that City Engineering has committed to increasing the water pump size when the pump house is upgraded. Consensus of the committee was that the recommendation move forward with clarification on burying utilities.
- Minnesota Avenue from 13<sup>th</sup> Street to Park entrance reconfiguration: Committee members discussed the schematic provided by Andy McDonald. In general the concept was well received and the committee noted that this would require education and etiquette training along with signage to allow this to function

properly. Beery suggested that the 10-foot wide recreation lane be striped. Committee members discussed having pedestrian and bike counts compiled and then consider striping. Kelley was asked to check with Park and Recreation as to why the Lakewalk was striped.

- S-Curve re-alignment 8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> Street: Kelley stated that Dennis Hoelscher had provided a concept on re-routing traffic off of Lake Avenue onto Minnesota Avenue. Committee members discussed the concept and agreed that it was the same concept that has been considered at previous meeting. Kelley provided Committee members with schematic of a re-route from Lake Avenue to Minnesota Avenue at 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Andy McDonald of the Metropolitan Interstate Council provided the drawing.

The Committee members discussed the schematic and noted concerns with property owner displacement and road construction into bay area. Committee members asked Kelley to meet with the Sola's that own property in the vicinity of the re-route and the South Pier Hotel. Committee members noted that there will be traffic concern's either way with or without road improvements. Comments were made from residents in attendance that semi-truck traffic is a concern along Minnesota Avenue by the Coast Guard and Corp of Engineering facilities.

Other scenarios discussed were opening up Minnesota Avenue at 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Judd stated that it would not be safe and not to consider this an option. Gardner asked about the schematic of the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Street concept for a one way in and out scenario. Kelley stated that he would have Andy McDonald prepare a schematic of the Streets and provide it to Committee members.

### **3. Plan Committee Meeting and Public Meeting Schedule**

- Next Plan Committee meeting to be on Wednesday May 1, 2013.
- Plan Committee meeting to continue of 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month (May 1 and May 15)

***Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with thanks to all for their participation. Notice of future meetings will be provided.***