

## Minutes from August 19, 2019 Livability Committee meeting

### Agenda

7:00 Greetings agenda review

7:05 Active project updates

Noise issues on ECP (Dane)

Update on East Calhoun Pkwy development (David/Lee)

Update on Lake and James (David/Lee)

7:20 Pedestrian Safety Committee report (Linda, Ryan). I'd like to go into a review of the specific actions we are proposing and their status.

7:45. David Wade with family Housing Fund will present and lead a discussion of affordable housing in our city and initiatives for adding rental units to existing homes.

### Summary

We had a fairly large turnout for the meeting

Active project updates.

Noise — No update

East Calhoun Pkwy development — no change. The developer is still navigating the city regulations and at last report was still looking at a December start for groundbreaking.

Lake and James — no change. They have reported they are proceeding with upgrades of the current buildings and that includes the house on Lake street which experienced the fire earlier this summer.

#### Pedestrian Safety

Many of the people attending spoke to opportunities and issues regarding our streets and traffic. It looks like we have more volunteers to work on these issues. The committee outlined their current activities and welcomed the dialogue to set priorities for near and long term solutions. In addition to coming up with a plan for specific actions we will also be looking to identify who in the city structure we should be working most closely with to generate results. Lisa Cerney who was one of the folks at Public Works we have worked with has left for a position at Hennepin County.

#### Abandoned House at 3429 Holmes

A resident asked for some help from the ECCO board/Livability about a house on her block which appears to be abandoned. She outlined the situation and history with pictures and facts. The general consensus was that we should get involved but first need to figure out what we can do. Linda Unsworth volunteered to ask a building inspector she was already meeting with for some advice as to how we can proceed most effectively and what can be done.

#### ADU (Accessory Dwelling Units)

David Wade from Family Housing Fund presented what they are doing to facilitate homeowners in adding additional dwelling units to their homes either for rent or family situations such as a senior relative apartment. They have brochures and handouts that outline the process, pitfalls and what regulatory changes are likely coming in light of the 2040 plan. The general tenor of the discussion was favorable. We will need to assess how to proceed to share this information with the neighborhood.