

Minutes from March 18, 2019 Livability Committee meeting

Agenda

7:00 Greetings agenda review

7:05. Current Activity Reports/updates

Update on ECP development (David)

Update on Lake and James development. (David/Lee)

Noise/parking/safety on ECP (Dane)

Pedestrian Safety Committee report (Linda, Ryan)

8:00 New business

1. Request for Liquor License at Graves building Holmes and 31st

2. Nice Ride expansion

Proposed new plan for ECCO. Requesting our advice for locations

Minutes

1. **ECP development.** The developers have requested a postponement of their hearing on the new design with the planning commission to the April 29th meeting. Prior to that they will meet April 18 with our livability sub committee to review and present their final 3 story proposal for review and feedback. Assuming all goes as planned we will draft a position letter for the ECCO board to send in prior to the PC meeting.
2. An extensive discussion was held regarding **Lake and James**, with many new neighbors attending and participating. New perspectives were added by neighbors who own businesses and/or live adjacent to the proposed development. The impact to the businesses raised important additional factors to be considered regarding parking, alley traffic, construction effects, building mass/shadowing and commercial viability. Two actions were taken. Add these perspectives and people to the subcommittee focused on this development and draft a neighborhood position paper for review, discussion and approval at the April ECCO board meeting. The PC hearing date for the next go with this project has not yet been set, probably late April or May. David Tompkins has written an invited article for Hill & Lake Press on the Lake and James development.
3. New business discussion was held for the Liquor license request for 31st and Holmes, to be named the Tasting Room. Discussion with the Liquor license person at the city indicated that it is for wine and strong beer, and that there will be a light restaurant menu as well. General attitude was neutral to positive. Given the zoning and the proposal we don't see this is an area for any major opposition or support required. The public hearing is scheduled for April 9, 1:30 PM city hall.
4. The Minneapolis nice ride is expanding to include scooters and is looking for new sites to house bikes. Our understanding is that Nice Ride is now owned in some fashion by Lyft. While no specific conclusion was reached it was generally agreed that this expansion and continual evolution of the business model is something that has broad city wide issues for pedestrian safety. Specific concerns exist in the domain of scooter expansion where guidelines for how scooters are integrated into the traffic flow and how that integration will be enforced, and where scooters will be housed are all contrasted with the reality of many more scooters on our roads and possibly sidewalks and yards. We are considering creating a team of interested neighbors or adding it to our existing pedestrian safety team to look at this going forward.

Announcements

- East Calhoun Parkway will be resurfaced in 2019
- Public works is recommending a 2 way slow street design for the block of Girard Ave S between Lake Street and Lagoon Ave.