

Minutes from May 20, 2019 Livability Committee meeting

Agenda

7:00 Greetings agenda review

7:05 Tasting Room request for patio service. Discussion and recommendation to the board

7:15. Noise issues on ECP (Dane)

Discuss and develop action plan for the summer.

7:35 ECP name change by Park Board

Discuss impact to residents affected.

Asses/Determine what action to take

8:00 Current Activity Reports/Updates

1. Update on ECP development (David/Lee)

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

3. Pedestrian Safety Committee report (Linda, Ryan). Follow up on walk w Jono Cowgill and Feet First

8:20 New business

Minutes

1. It was agreed that we are OK with the request from Tasting Room for outdoor service on their front sidewalk.
2. Noise issues persist along ECP from Lake to 31st. Neighbors have been in touch multiple times and have shared security cam info with police. We decided that a face to face with the new 5th Precinct Inspector was needed and took the action to recommend she be invited to the June board meeting along with a representative of the Park Police.
3. We discussed the ECP name change implications. Monica outlined the timeline for the public meetings and a finals decision which is targeted for mid-August
4. The **East Calhoun Parkway development** went before the planning commission 5/13. Several ECCO residents spoke praising the process that moved the building from 5 stories to 3 and the cooperative relationship with Basir Tareen and his team. However we expressed serious concerns about the variance for height which included the rooftop patio landing structures. This added 10' to the variance height. We are concerned that the precedent set will make any future development on ECP expect they can start at nearly 50' rather than the 35' as specified in the Shoreland Overlay. Some commissioners responded that they take each development independently. We respectfully disagreed and that should we encounter another ECP development we will be asking early and often for commission support of the 35' limit. The commission voted to approve. Final go ahead is expected June 13. Since the meeting Basir Tareen has sent us a preliminary construction schedule which Monica will put up on the web page. We are probably looking at September at the earliest
5. **Lake and James** developer has indicated they are putting things on hold temporarily. Lee will follow up with Chris Kirwan to get more details. Kirwan did respond promptly to our request that they get the damage from the fire in the Lake st alley side building cleaned up.
6. The Pedestrian Safety subcommittee presented the survey conclusions and led a discussion of what action we should assign as priorities. We arrived at a consensus that we should first start with some small high value projects. The crosswalks on 31st and Holmes and in fact all along 31st were picked as the best place to begin. Largely driven by the anticipation of both auto and pedestrian traffic upticking as a direct consequence of the Sons of Norway development. We also decided that we should establish a working relationship with the city public works department for this starting project which hopefully will help on subsequent efforts.
7. Finally, regarding joining the Feet First organization, we agreed that they are in a pretty informal state right now so the subcommittee will continue to interface with them and make a recommendation to join at the appropriate time.