

Land Use Minutes 2019-05-02

Attending:

Sherman Eagles, Karen Nelson, David Fan, Keith Hovland, Ray Bryan, Nathan Tracy

2019-04-04 Minutes and 2019-05-2 Agenda

Nate moved approval of the 2019-04-04 minutes and the draft agenda, David second - Unanimous approval

St. Paul Blend Award - Michelle Berg

Started about 12 years ago in Mpls. Reaction to tear-downs and very large houses being built. Blend award encourages and awards builders and architects who build in a way that fits with the block they are on. Both residents and commercial buildings. Judges are from the industry. They look at what works in the neighborhood. Can be a modification, not just new construction. The award only considers the outside of the building. The past 5 years of changes are considered. Started in Mpls and expanded to St. Paul. Now merged into a Twin Cities program. Award as many buildings as judges feel meet the criteria. 2018 there were 13 entries and 8 awards given in St. Paul.

www.blendaward.org

Unified Design guidelines

Roger was unable to attend the meeting. We discussed the summary document that he had sent.

Karen felt that we could consider a different term for 'green space'. We do not want this to just apply to a turf lawn. Should include native grasses and other foliage. Public accessible is a key concept.

David asked if 6 and 7 might be combined?

Sherman moved that we approve the summary in principle. Wording can be modified to address the committees questions. Walker seconded. Unanimous approval.

Land Use Committee Goals

We discussed the revisions to the draft goals with the changes suggested at the last meeting. We decided to ask Catherine Reid Day if she would lead the goal of connecting with other neighborhoods in the arts district. We also restored a goal back regarding a Farmer's Market. We will participate in planning for a Farmer's Market. Walker will be the lead on this one. Nate moved approval with changes discussed. David seconded. Unanimous approval.

St. Paul Comprehensive Plan and SAP 10-year Plan

Since there had not been time to review the comments and changes, we did not discuss. Committee members were asked to review the documents.

Other Items

Brian and Pat Arneson attended and asked about senior housing on the Luther Seminary property that is being developed. Sherman gave an update on the discussions so far and suggested that they follow the SAPCC newsletter for information about the next public meeting. Current thinking is that the next public meeting will be in July.

Phill Duff, a neighbor on Knapp Street attended and asked that neighbors along Langford Park be given time to present their thoughts regarding the proposed new Bandshell that was in an article in the Bugle. Karen told him that a discussion of this was already planned for the June meeting and that they certainly could have time during that discussion.