

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
390 Robert Street North, St. Paul, MN 55101

LIVABLE COMMUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SUMMARY NOTES
October 2, 2008

Committee Members Present: Chair Ruth Grendahl, Jim Barton, Glen Hardin, Don Jensen, Janet Jeremiah, Peggy Lucas, Dan Marckel, Lance Neckar., Doug Snyder, Blair Tremere, Charleen Zimmer

Committee Members Absent: Gina Bonsignore, Gary Fields

Others Present: Staff: Guy Peterson, Paul; Burns, Joanne Barron, Linda Milashius, Deb Jensen

Guests:

Theresa Cunningham, City of Minneapolis; Tim Solomonson, Student; Michael Schroeder, LHB, Inc; Jerry LePage, Amy Geisler, CPED, City of Minneapolis; Jay Nord, NECDC; Sarah Larson, PCNF; Gen McJilton, Ryan Companies; Ron Mehl, The Beard Group; Beth Grosen, City of Minneapolis; John Meyer, City of Centerville; Andy Madson, LHB Inc; Don Peterson, Lyndale United Church of Christ; Jen Nagel & Heidi Rathmann, Salem Lutheran Church; Gina Ciganck, Aeon; Brian Miller, Seward Redesign; Mark Garner, CPED, City of Minneapolis; Rosemary Dolata, Aeon; Matt Podhradsky, Chaska; Doug Borglund, City of Forest Lake; John Weis, Forest Oak Apartments; Christie Rock, City of Norwood Young America; John Sullivan, Carver County; Mark Sather, Jim Robinson & Gabrielle Grande, City of White Bear Lake; Monte Hilleman, St. Paul Port Authority; Sara Nelson & Jeff Cohen, Brewtown – Schmidt Brewery Redevelopment; Lucy Thompson, Cecile Bedor, Margot Fehrenbacher, Diane Nordquist, City of St. Paul; Tom Lovelace & Bruce Nordquist, City of Apple Valley, Phil Johnson, West 7th Federation; Joan Trulsen, PED – City of St. Paul; Tanya Bell and Judd Fenlon, Wellington Management

Call to Order

Chair Ruth Grendahl called the October 5 Livable Communities Advisory Committee (LCAC) meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Approve Agenda

Chair Grendahl called for the approval of the agenda, hearing no changes, stated that agenda was approved.

Conflict of Interest

Chair Grendahl noted that three members, absent at the Sept 25 meeting when conflicts of interest were declared, needed to declare any conflicts they have. Glen Hardin declared that he had no conflicts. Janet Jeremiah declared she had no conflicts. The third member yet to declare, Gary Fields, is absent today.

The table below, updated from the Sept 25 LCAC meeting notes, and reflects that Hardin and Jeremiah declared no conflicts.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATUS
LIVABLE COMMUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS
OCTOBER 2, 2008**

Committee Member Name	2008 Signed Conflict of Interest Forms Received to Date	Conflict of Interest Declarations Stated For 2008 Projects Listed (or no conflicts where noted) at the Sept. 25 and Oct. 2 meetings
Barton, James	Yes	No conflicts of interest to declare
Bonsignore, Gina	Yes	C.2 The Landing, Chaska C.3 Forest Oak Apartments, Forest Lake
Fields, Gary	Yes	Has not declared - absent at Sept. 25 and Oct. 2 meetings
Grendahl, Ruth	Yes	B.2 Cobblestone Senior Housing, Apple Valley
Hardin, Glen	Yes	No conflicts of interest to declare
Jensen, Donald	Yes	No conflicts of interest to declare
Jeremiah, Janet	Yes	No conflicts of interest to declare
Lucas, Peggy	Yes	A.5 Salem Redevelopment, Minneapolis
Marckel, Dan	Yes	No conflicts of interest to declare
Neckar, Lance	Yes	No conflicts of interest to declare
Snyder, Douglas	Yes	A.1 Bystrom Brothers/Franklin Station Redevelopment, Minneapolis A.3 Jackson Street NE Artist Affordable Housing, Minneapolis A.5 Salem Redevelopment, Minneapolis
Tremere, Blair	Yes	No conflicts of interest to declare
Zimmer, Charleen	Yes	No conflicts of interest to declare

Question & Answer Period

Chair Grendahl explained that she would welcome each group of participants for their Q&A period and ask them to introduce themselves.

Written project questions generated by members at the September 25th committee meeting were provided by staff to the applicants in advance of today's meeting, and they were notified that this meeting would be their opportunity to respond orally to those questions. The Committee decided that the Chair would ask

the questions in the order they were listed, and members could ask follow-up questions or additional questions. Ten minutes will be allowed for questions and answers; five minutes will be allowed between each group of participants to allow the committee members time to review any handouts the applicants have brought with them, and for participants to set up display boards.

In addition to the prepared questions, Chair Grendahl asked each group of participants as their first question: But for the LCDA funds, what would happen with the project or what could not happen.

The proposals discussed at today’s meeting along with the names of persons representing each project are listed below. Using a laptop computer, Linda Milashius recorded answers to the questions. Most of the applicants submitted written updates that were distributed to the Committee. Committee members with conflicts for a particular project stepped away from the table during these discussions.

A.1	Bystrom Brothers/Franklin Station, Minneapolis Representing the Project: Mark Garner, Project Coordinator, CPED, City of Minneapolis
A.2	Creekside Commons, Minneapolis Representing the Project: Jerry LePage, Project Manager, CPED, City of Minneapolis
A.3	Jackson Street NE Artists Housing, Minneapolis Representing the Project: Theresa Cunningham, Project Coordinator, City of Minneapolis
A.4	Linden Yards West, Minneapolis Representing the Project: Beth Grosen, Project Coordinator, CPED, City of Minneapolis
A.5	Salem Redevelopment, Minneapolis Representing the Project: Amy Geisler, Project Coordinator, CPED, City of Minneapolis
A.6	Arlington Jackson West, St. Paul Representing the Project: Monte Hilleman, Vice President of Re-Development, St. Paul Port Authority
A.9	Schmidt Brewery Project, St. Paul Representing the Project: Lucy Thompson, Senior Planner; Diane Nordquist, Project Manager, PED, City of St. Paul
A.10	2700 the Avenue, St. Paul Representing the Project: Joan Trulsen, St. Paul Planning and Economic Development, City of St. Paul
B.2	Cobblestone Senior Housing, Apple Valley Representing the Project: Tom Lovelace, City Planner; Bruce Nordquist, Community Development Direction, City of Apple Valley
B.5	Boat Works Square, White Bear Lake Representing the Project: Jim Robinson, Community Development Director, and Mark Sather, City Manager, City of White Bear Lake
C.1	Phase I Downtown Redevelopment, Centerville Representing the Project: John Meyer, Finance Director, City of Centerville
C.2	The Landing, Chaska Representing the Project: Matt Podhradsky, Assistant City Administrator, City of Chaska
C.3	Forest Oak Apartments, Forest Lake Representing the Project: Doug Borglund, Community Development Director, City of Forest Lake
C.4	Oak Grove Dairy Redevelopment II, Norwood-Young America Representing the Project: Christie Rock, Economic Development Coordinator, City of Norwood Young America; and John Sullivan, Director Economic Development, Carver County

Other Business

The purpose of the next meeting is to allow members time to review and discuss what was heard today in preparation for the next step of scoring the projects. Joanne Barron will send the scoring form used last year to members prior to the next meeting for review. Any changes the Committee would like to make to the form can be discussed at the next meeting.

Adjourn

Chair Ruth Grendahl adjourned the meeting at noon. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 9, 9:00 a.m. to noon, Metropolitan Council, Room LLB.