

Here is the summary of our work Wednesday night – first meeting...

We started with a list of upcoming events – Mural Celebration at Shamrock Courts October 8 noon to 2p; Candidate Forum at Harding Learning Center October 24 6-8p; Red Rock Corridor Open House and Public Hearing at Newport City Hall October 26 5:30p; BTT update on Juvenile Corrections merger talks November 1 6-8p at Battle Creek Rec; Listening Session on Women’s economic Issues November 10 6-8p at Battle Creek Rec; there will be a general discussion of Juvenile Justice issues on the East side in late November or early December (more info to come...)

We briefly introduced ourselves and where we were in the neighborhood or how we are associated with this project. We began to set ground rules for our meetings – including – Respect the speaker (one speaker at a time), Assume Good Intentions (speak up if you have questions about what has been said, but assume we are all here to bring good things to the neighborhood), Listen to Learn (listen actively and echo back what you heard when you need clarification or confirmation of a statement), Step Up/Step back (if you generally speak a lot, let others speak; if you are generally quiet, speak up about what you hear, believe or have questions about), OUCH Rule (if something hurts or offends you, say “Ouch” and conversation will stop so that meanings, intention and effect can be voiced), Cell phones off or on mute (let us know if you have emergencies to look out for)... We discussed how to communicate what we are doing to the wider community.

We discussed the tension between a fully open, public process that is required for city hearings, and the need for this group to build trust internally, respect the process that we will follow here to maximize the possibility of us reaching a true consensus about a vision for the community. This process is not a city-run process, but is meant to reach 2 specific goals:

- 1) Find a community vision for this site that has as much of a consensus behind it as possible – this will be presented to the D1 Council as the recommendation of the Task Force for the Council’s position on the site (this will draw from broader community meetings we will hold);
- 2) Build a sense of community and greater sense of trust and understanding among the different segments of the neighborhood – building community across difference, finding commonalities (this will also occur in the broader community meetings).

For the process to work effectively towards these two goals, we ask that Task Force members talk to the wider community about the process, the goals, and the facts/resources related to the site, and not about particular comments by particular members. We ask that Task Force members not speculate about motives, solutions and obstacles in reaching our vision. Task Force members should be willing to represent the group as a whole, and not focus solely on their own personal objectives when speaking with the wider community. We will have a series of on-going community meetings during which we will seek input from the community, inform the community about the process, our progress, and our interactions with the City and County. In essence, when speaking to the community, remember you are speaking for the Task Force as a whole at this point.

We had a background presentation of how we got to this point with Ramsey County and Hennepin County in discussions to merge their juvenile residential centers, who has responsibility for deciding

what happens to the land, and the degree of certainty we have about Ramsey County actually leaving the site. The official decision to merge will take place next March, at which time Saint Paul will begin its planning process for the site. This group should have a joint vision by that time. We hope that we can identify leaders among us and within the broader community to send to the City's Task Force.

We will be bringing in various resource people to talk about various opportunities and constraints on the site at each of our upcoming meetings, and will also have continuing opportunities to get to know each other, our points of view, and our potential as leaders on this issue and others.

Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, November 9 at 6:30p

The District 1 plans can be found at this location. At this location, it also still includes the Highwood Plan, which is likely to be decertified or incorporated after we complete this process and incorporate the neighborhood decision into our community plan and that amendment is formally approved by the City in ITS Boys Totem Town process.

<https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/planning-economic-development/planning/neighborhood-plans>

You can also access this information through the District 1 website. (D1 encourages you to get in the habit of visiting our website for information on a variety of neighborhood topics and encouraging neighbors to do the same)... <http://www.district1council.org/zoning.html>

Here is a link to the City's Comprehensive Plan – Please note that this plan is currently under revision.

<https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/planning-economic-development/planning/citywide-plans>

New developments have a requirement to dedicate a certain amount of greenspace. Here is a link to the ordinance about how that works. <https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/parks-recreation/design-construction/parkland-dedication-ordinance>

Here is a link to the Great River Passage Plan, which, according to the website, is under revision and public comment currently – therefore not formally approved yet.

<https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/parks-recreation/about-us/parks-recreation-commission/great-river-passage-plan>

Here is the link to the section of city code that talks about tree preservation. This came out of the Highwood Plan.

https://www.municode.com/library/mn/st._paul/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIILECO_TITVIII_ZOCO_CH67ZOCOVEDI_ARTII67.200.TPTRPROVDI_S67.202PECOUS