

Board Minutes

June 2016

In attendance: Ray Bryan, Scott Simmons, Matt Hass, Amanda Yang, Ian Luby, Max Herzberg

Staff: Cailin Rogers, Suyapa Miranda

Introductions and approve agenda	The minutes and consent agenda passed unanimously.
Chair updates	Scott shared about the Equity committee's work. Ian spoke about Land Use. Matt shared for Environment. Ray dated the group on Transportation.
Alexis Williams Fresh Energy	<p>Fresh Energy works on promoting wind and solar, less coal and fossil fuels, more energy efficiency, and cleaner and more affordable transportation.</p> <p>Community solar provides an option for homeowners who don't have the ability to put solar on their own property. They offer a community solar pledge.</p> <p>They ask the question of how solar energy can increase community resilience?</p> <p>They are working on bringing electric buses to MN. Duluth already has 6 electric buses. They have better ridership experiences, huge fuel savings and maintenance cost savings. There are also huge health equity benefits and important investments in environmental stewardship that come from electric buses. Metro Transit is working on getting the federal funds to pay for the upfront costs of these buses.</p> <p>Fresh Energy also works on energy efficient rental housing. Renters are in a difficult position of having to pay for their utilities but without ownership or the ability to make decisions about it. This is a huge issue for those with lower levels of income. Access to utility data is really important. One potential policy change could happen at the city level to release data to renters so they can take into consideration what their costs may be.</p>
Amanda Yang GIS update	<p>Amanda updated the board on her work for the Environment Committee over the last year. The map overlays old circa 1900 maps, current maps, zoning, demographics, potential contaminants, types of industry, etc.</p> <p>There will be further discussions on how to unveil it to the neighborhood and to the City.</p> <p>A huge thank you to Amanda for her work.</p>
JOTP Discussion	<p>The issue here includes whether tennis can still be played on the surface and whether the community still has access in a meaningful way.</p> <p>There may be a larger question about accountability and communication. Could there be a good neighbor agreement with them? How do you build in accountability?</p> <p>We need a copy of the contract.</p>
Staff Updates	Cailin introduced Bettsy. There will be two upcoming events: air quality

	monitoring and let's build a bridge. The Drive 25 campaign will be in the next newsletter where people can sign the pledge and sign up for a bumper sticker. There will be no closing of 280 and Raymond at the same time. Raymond construction is delayed and will go into next summer.
Other Agenda Items	Scott and Matt will meet about the personnel committee
Adjourn	Ian moved to adjourn at 9:21