

**Minutes (Approved)**  
**Community Development Committee**  
**June 12, 2018**

Attending: Sheldon Mains (co-facilitator), Ann Risch, Roma Peterson, Garrett Peterson, Barb Wilson, John Murphy, John Tripp, Susan Schefeld, Kim Hoffman, Liza Lawence, George Boody, Christine Coughlin, Erik Wickoff, Daniel Lundquist, Jenna Anderson, Marty, Patricia Koelsch, Dan Turner, Doug Cain, Jyothi Pothapragada, Kip Shane, Grant Boelter, Mary Mahoney, Winston Cavert, KJ Starr, Jan Kleinman, Fadil Santosa, Sam Graf, Dian Wagner, Pete Wagner, Greg Klave, Maria Lee, Tina Martin, Michelle Poeschel, Gayle Groebner, Pat Starr, Harvey Winje, Doug Wise (co-facilitator and SNG Housing Coordinator).

**Discussion on the Draft Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan – Meeting-in-a-Box**

Sheldon Mains described the “Meeting-in-a-Box” format and the agenda for the meeting. Meeting-in-a-Box is a tool used to share ideas and proposals for the future of the city. The purpose of the meeting is to collect feedback to help shape and refine policies and action steps to help achieve the plan goals. All comments generated at the meeting will be forwarded to the city and used to revise the draft Minneapolis 2040 plan.

Doug Wise said the Comprehensive Plan is an important citywide policy document that will provide direction for Minneapolis’ built, economic, and natural environment for the next 20 years. The City of Minneapolis is required by state law to update the Comprehensive Plan every ten years according to regional planning requirements administered by the Metropolitan Council.

Doug said the process for updating the plan began in April of 2016 and includes five phases. These are Launch, Big Questions, Policy Framework, Policy Document and Review. We are currently in Phase 5, Policy Document Review. The city will be receiving comments until July 22<sup>nd</sup>, revisions will then be made and the final plan put out for review with adoption of the Plan by the end of the year.

Doug mentioned that at the last meeting the issue of whether SNG should take a formal position and make recommendations on the plan was discussed. A majority of committee members present felt that SNG should not take a position, although no action was taken. Garrett Peterson said that he was uncomfortable taking a position because of the lack of diversity among those present. (Very few renters and people of color were at the meeting.) Doug said he didn’t agree and if there are issues of concern affecting the neighborhood, he felt SNG should take a position.

Minneapolis 2040 the draft Comprehensive Plan is available online at <https://minneapolis2040.com/>. The Plan includes Goals, Topics, Policies and Action Steps. The Goals are the broadest or most general and each succeeding category gets more specific.

Sheldon put the Plan up on the screen and explained the various sections and how to navigate through the website. Sheldon then explained how to submit comments. Comments can be submitted at meetings and by email addressed to [2040@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:2040@minneapolismn.gov). Comments can be submitted directly online at the website. There is a comment box after each item where you can type in your comments and click Submit. Sheldon said this is the best way to submit comments. According to the website, one should also be able to click on a particular parcel on the Future Land Use or Built-Form maps and submit a comment, but Sheldon said he has tried this several times and has not been successful in getting it to work.

Sheldon reviewed the topics section and suggested the meeting focus on the Future Land Use or Built-Form maps. Sheldon showed the maps and gave an overview of what is proposed for the Seward neighborhood.

The discussion focused on the area along the Midtown Greenway. The Built-Form Map shows the area north of 27<sup>th</sup> Street on both sides of 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue and on the west side of 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue as Corridor 6, which allows buildings up to 6 stories. This area is currently single family houses and the residents at the meeting strongly opposed the increased density and six story building height proposed on the Future Land Use and Built-Form Maps. It was also pointed out that with 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue designated as a Bike Boulevard and the closing of 29<sup>th</sup> over the greenway; traffic should decrease, not increased. The proposed designation is clearly in conflict with the city's Complete Streets Policy.

**Motion: The Seward Neighborhood Group (SNG) recommends the Corridor 6 area along the Midtown Greenway be limited and the other areas be changed to Interior 3.** Mary Mahoney moved and KJ Starr seconded. *Motion failed* (7 in favor and 9+ opposed).

Several committee members said they voted against the motion because it was too broad and they were not sure of what the impacts of the motion would be.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40.