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December 1, 2014

Meeting Notes

North Minneapolis Greenway Outreach Steering Committee

Sumner Library

Meeting attendees: Matthew Hendricks (Twin Cities Greenways), Laura Kling (Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition), Sam Rockwell (Center for Prevention at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota), Bill Fellows (Minneapolis Public Works), Ebony Adedayo (Alliance for Metropolitan Stability), Sarah Stewart (Minneapolis Health Department), Anthony Johnson (Minneapolis Health Department), Russ Adams (AMS metrostability), Will Lumpkins (North Mpls Resident/NRRC), G.L. Yantos (Northside Resident)

Announcements
Introductions and Greetings led by Sarah Stewart, agenda handout by Ebony Adedayo

- I. Structure of Steering Committee Moving Forward (Handouts: Bylaws North Minneapolis Greenway Steering Committee DRAFT 11/14/14; Northside Greenway Council- Quick Reference Guide DRAFT-11/26/14)
 - a. Matthew Hendricks led discussion overview on the Northside Greenway Council- Quick Reference Guide. Summary of the Bylaws and name change
 - Summary so people could be on the same page.
 - Flexibility is the extent (intent?) of the Bylaws. (Maybe sat the bylaws are intended to be flexible?)
 - Plan on things to have some level of predictability.
 - The mission and vision is committed to residents' decision-making. Creating a transparent planning process.
 - b. Discussion:
 - Why the Name Change? Suggested shortening to Northside Greenway Council or something similar so it's shorter and easier to say/remember.
 - Bylaws language should read Northside Greenway Council
 - Are we an advocacy group? Or a neighborhood healthy living advocacy group? Consensus: no, not right now; however, the group may become an advocacy group at some point. The mission, vision, and values describe the group's role as engaging Northside residents and representing their opinions, interests, and needs. **The Northside Greenway Council is people coming together working towards a resident-led decision.**
 - Is the board being the majority IN FAVOR of the concept of an advocacy council, or OPPOSED to the concept?
 - It's important for different racial and cultural groups represented at the meeting. Consider opening the board for the majority to be people of color. The Board should represent the demographics of the community. To come up with a more diverse board we should reserve seats for organizations more representative of the demographics of the community.
 - Could be advocating/ may not be at this point, but the direction is geared toward resident-led.
 - Suggestion: in the next rounds of grants, if they are awarded the funding, the expectation should be that they participate in the Greenway meetings.

- Board members should be creative, focused on representing and connecting with the community, and be open to new ideas.
- Board meetings would be required to happen at least quarterly, but it makes sense to continue to meet on a monthly basis right now.
- It may make sense to elect board members through a vote, but this was not decided.
- Formalizing the committee shouldn't be threatening to potential board members, since many are interested in participating in the process in some way.

II. Outreach to Potential Board Members

- a. Interested community partners suggested at the round table include but are not limited to:
 - The Urban League has been following this process. They are focused on health and addressing disparities in North Minneapolis.
 - Camden Lions and Venture North.
 - Appetite For Change, and North Point may be interested. Health groups makes sense. We want the impression to be more than just bike routes.
 - HAMA
 - Additional neighborhood organizations, especially Heritage Park and Harrison, but also other organizations where residents may be affected by and/or be potential users of a greenway.
- b. The agencies could be non-voting members (City of Minneapolis, Alliance for Metropolitan Stability, Center for Prevention at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota)

III. Communications Exercise (Brainstorming)

- a. Anthony led the exercise on the white board listing ideas from everyone at the round table. What on the communication messages are we trying to convey to the community partners we want to invite to join the meetings?
 - It's important to show what we did as outreach results, and survey results; putting us in a confident stage in the process of engaging these potential partners we invite to sit as board members.
 - Where we've been done community outreach with community groups. Now we would like the committee or council to be resident led vs. agency led.
 - Building off and wanting to go deeper and defining the specifics of the project details.
 - Conveying the message of community leadership, and here is why it is important for you to be here?
 - Topics of Discussion should be included in the materials to spark the informative claim of the greenway as another form of Transportation. Not just bikes but walking, exercising, running, planting/gardening, for purposes to include but not limited to:
 - Health equity
 - Transportation

- Health disparities
- Livable communities/ revitalization
- This is a nationally unique project. This is something that you can be a part of; and a project that's innovative and new
- New measure of accountability back to the community (Northside residents).
- The Greenway project is evolving. Livable communities/revitalization.

IV. Timeframe and process for moving forward with formalizing the Board

- a. Process for moving forward on the bylaws:
 - We could loosely adopt the bylaws and have the board make a formal decision.
 - Members should review the bylaws and summary documents and send comments to Matthew and Sarah
 - After the January meeting, we will make formal invitations to involve the other organizations.
 - Goal: adopt the bylaws and elect chairs in February with the new, larger board membership.
- b. Have the board chairs here within the next two months. Make a decision next month. Create communication materials, and should be in a hurry hit the ground running for January and February.

V. Report Back on Subcommittee Work

- a. Meeting should start after 5, because we are going to be inviting people who are working. Those who cannot get paid for coming to the meeting. .
- b. Circulate the bylaws around. At the next meeting we are going to take the first steps to a formal structure.
- c. Circulate notes and next meeting dates from subcommittee meetings

VI. Closing/next steps

- a. Next meeting we will have the list of community partners and setting up invitations for January and February when we reach out to community partners.
- b. Time and day should be moved into the latter part of the evening. Next meeting will still be at 3:30 at Sumner Library. Future meetings will be at 6:00 PM, location to be determined.

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Northside Greenway Council – Quick Reference Guide

Vision: The Northside Greenway Council envisions a greenway planning process in which north Minneapolis residents are fully engaged and project decisions are driven by Northside residents' interests and needs.

Mission: Working through partnerships to actively engage Northside residents and community groups in the greenway project and representing residents' opinions in the planning process.

Values

- Engagement: We value the diversity of north Minneapolis residents and believe that inclusive engagement will result in a better plan.
- Equity: We are committed to ensuring the residents of North Minneapolis are defining the project, and decision makers on moving the project forward.
- Transparency: We are committed to being clear and open about the engagement process and results
- Collaboration: We strive to work with Northside residents and organizations and build off of their wisdom of the community

How the Council Functions (The Cliff Notes version of the Bylaws):

- The purpose of the Community Board is to engage communities in a collaborative planning process that results in a North Minneapolis Greenway that meets local needs.
- Meetings will typically be monthly, and the Board can make decisions when at least 7 members are present at a meeting. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee, or by the request of at least 3 board members.
- Decisions will be made by voice vote, except for the election of officers, which will happen by ballot.
- The board will have between 9 and 17 members. See reverse of this page for organizations that will be asked to nominate representatives to serve on the board.
- After two unexplained absences, a board member's position may be offered to someone else. If you can't make a meeting, simply let the Board President know.
- Board members are not paid for their work on the Board, but may receive compensation for other work related to the Greenway, so long as they abstain from discussion and votes related to who will perform that work.
- The officers of the board are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Communications Officer, and Technical Liaison. The officers form the Executive Committee, and set the agenda for meetings.
- The Committees of the Board are: Executive, Communications, and Technical. Other committees may be created by the Board as-needed.
- Meetings of the Board are open to the public. The Council may receive donations, and Donors are not entitled to any privileges or rights beyond those shared by the general public.
- The name of the group and its Bylaws can be changed at any Board meeting by a 2/3 vote of those present.

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Why is the Steering Committee being changed?

The Steering Committee has accomplished a lot in one year. This change is more like shifting gears than changing overall direction.

The goals of the re-organization include:

- Clarify the membership of the group – several people had questions about whether they were members, and who was part of the group.
- Transfer leadership from City and AMS staff to North Minneapolis residents, while retaining strong participation roles for City and AMS staff
- Continue the connection with the Technical Advisory Committee by transitioning the TAC to a Technical Committee of the North Minneapolis Greenway Council.
- Create a Committee dedicated to Communications, which will report to the Council, and will be charged with communicating about the Northside Greenway planning efforts.

Why change the name?

The name “North Minneapolis Greenway Outreach Steering Committee” is cumbersome to say and difficult to remember. North Minneapolis Greenway Council is a shorter name, and it may make sense to shorten it further to ‘Northside Greenway Council.’ The board can change the name at any time, but for now the name should be descriptive, yet short enough to remember.

Board positions shall be reserved for representatives from the following organizations:

- Harrison Neighborhood Association
- Northside Residents Redevelopment Council
- Jordan Area Community Council
- Folwell Neighborhood Association
- Webber-Camden Neighborhood Organization
- Minneapolis Public Works Department
- Minneapolis Health Department
- Minneapolis Park Board
- Ward 4 Council Office Representative
- Ward 5 Council Office Representative
- Alliance for Metropolitan Stability
- Twin Cities Greenways
- Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition
- Major Taylor Bicycling Club

The Board shall invite additional members to join, up to a total of 17 members, with the goal of creating a board that is representative of the diversity of North Minneapolis residents.

DRAFT – 11/14/14

Bylaws of the North Minneapolis Greenway Steering Committee

ARTICLE 1 ORGANIZATION

The name of the organization is North Minneapolis Greenway Steering Committee. The organization may at its discretion by a 2/3 majority vote of the board change its name.

ARTICLE 2 PURPOSES

The following is the purpose for which this organization has been organized: to engage communities in a collaborative planning process that results in a Northside Greenway that meets local needs.

ARTICLE 3 MEETINGS

Regular Meetings:

The Steering Committee shall meet at least quarterly, at an agreed upon time and place. Seven members present and voting shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business of the corporation at all meetings of the Committee, but a smaller number may discuss business of the organization and make recommendations which may be considered when a quorum is achieved. Voting by proxy shall be permitted when necessary to achieve a quorum.

Special Meetings:

Special meetings of this organization may be called either (1) by the Executive Committee, or (2) at the request of three members of the Committee, the chair shall cause a special meeting to be called. In either case, meeting notice must be made in writing at least ten (10) days before the requested scheduled date. Notices of such meeting shall be sent to all committee members. Such notice shall state the reasons that the meeting has been called, the business to be transacted at such meeting and by whom it was called.

No other business but that specified in the notice may be transacted at a special meeting without the unanimous consent of all present at the meeting.

ARTICLE 4 VOTING

At all meetings, except for the election of officers, all votes shall be by voice. For election of officers, ballots shall be provided.

ARTICLE 5 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The business of this organization shall be managed by committee members consisting of up to seventeen (17), but no fewer than nine (9) members. Members shall serve two year terms, and may serve multiple terms.

Each members shall have one vote.

The Steering Committee may make such rules and regulations covering its meetings as it may in its discretion determine necessary.

The members to be chosen for the ensuing term, or to fill vacancies, may be nominated by any committee member and confirmed by the steering committee by a ballot vote.

A committee member may be dropped for excess absences from the committee if he or she has two unexplained absences from committee meetings in a year. A Board member may be removed for other reasons by a 2/3 vote of the remaining members.

No member shall be entitled to receive any salary or compensation for duties as a committee member, however participation in the committee does not bar a committee member from receiving compensation for paid activities related to the Greenway proposal. For example, staff of community organizations may serve on the Steering Committee and receive stipends for other work related to the Greenway.

ARTICLE 6 OFFICERS

The Chair shall convene regularly scheduled Committee meetings and shall preside or arrange for other members to preside at each meeting. The Chair shall send out meeting announcements and distribute minutes and agendas to each Committee member.

The Vice-Chair shall act in the Chair's absence at all meetings of the Steering Committee and the Executive Committee. In the event of the resignation, incapacitation, or death of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall then become Chair for the remainder of that term of office.

The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping records of steering committee actions, including overseeing the taking of minutes at all committee meetings, and assuring that records are maintained.

All Officers and Committee Chairs shall deliver to their successors all records, correspondence and other property belonging to the organization.

ARTICLE 7 SALARIES

The Steering Committee shall hire and fix the compensation of any and all employees which they in their discretion may determine to be necessary for the conduct of the business of the organization.

ARTICLE 8 COMMITTEES

The permanent committees shall be:

Executive Committee:

Except for the power to amend the Bylaws, the Executive Committee shall have all of the powers and authority of the Steering Committee in the intervals between meetings of the Steering Committee, subject to the direction and control of the Steering Committee. The Executive Committee is comprised of at least the three officers, with additional members to be assigned at the discretion of the Steering Committee.

Other Committees:

Additional committees of this organization may be appointed by the Steering Committee as needed, and their term of office shall be for a period of one year, or less if sooner terminated by an action of the Steering Committee.

The Chair appoints all committee chairs. Committee chairs must be members of the Steering Committee. Sub-committee members may include a combination of Steering Committee members and other volunteers.

ARTICLE 9 DONORS

The organization may receive donations from individuals, businesses, or other entities, at the discretion of the board of directors. Such donations do not entitle the donor to any privileges or rights beyond those shared by the general public. Meetings of the Board of Directors are open to the public and attendance of meetings is open to all, regardless of whether a donation has been made.

In the event of the dissolution of the Steering Committee all funds shall be disbursed to the entity the Steering Committee selects at the time of dissolution.

ARTICLE 10 AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Bylaws may be made at any meeting of the Steering Committee by a two thirds vote of those present.

Greenway Steering Committee; Structure subgroup meeting
11/14/14

Attendees: Sarah Stewart, Anthony Johnson, Alexis Pennie, Matthew Hendricks

- Ideas generated for articulating the goal of the committee:
 - Community is thoroughly engaged, community input is incorporated in plans; community vision is actualized.
 - Building on existing community interest in a greenway
 - Identifying and addressing community concerns, actualizing the community vision for a greenway.
 - Maximizing the benefits for the members of the community, having really robust related programs and benefits
 - Some of the committee's values:
 - Ensuring thorough community engagement and participation
 - Ensuring that all community views are represented

- Ideas for structure:
 - Community positions on the committee: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary? (Should staff take notes?), Communications Chair
 - Three subgroups – each group decides location, time, and frequency of meetings. Need notes from each subgroup meeting as well. Each group would have a chair.
 - Outreach
 - Technical
 - Communications – Communications person chairs this
 - All of above chairs would be on the executive committee
 - Every large group meeting, each committee provides a report of the subgroup's work.

- Expectations of committee members:
 - Serve on at least one subcommittee
 - Attend meeting regularly, notify chair if you're not going and read notes
 - Facilitate communications between community groups that you're a member of / that you represent (both communications to the committee and communications to the groups about what the committee is doing)

- Need to define decision-making point

- Who should be at the table:
 - Representative of Council Members (staff or an appointed member – give CM's chance)
 - Park Board commissioner rep
 - Neighborhood organizations
 - Youth
 - Seniors
 - Communities of color
 - State senator and reps – now or later?
 - Organizations that represent the Northside or have a vested interest in the greenway or Northside residents are committee members; other interested parties are welcome to attend meetings but do not vote/participate in decision-making

- Make sense to adopt formal bylaws – it’s empowering because it give people knowledge of how to get involved. Set up a process for inviting new people to be on the board. “Bylaws” sounds formal – maybe another name for them would be better. Guiding Principles?
- Generally, people didn’t think it was a good idea to ask committee members to sign an MOU – it feels to formal.

- Follow-up:
 - Draft bylaws and think about what to call them **(Matthew)**
 - Draft committee goals and values **(Sarah)**
 - In next meeting agenda, let people know that we may be selecting people for leadership positions **(Sarah/Ebony)**

Meeting Notes
N Mpls Greenway Outreach Subcommittee
11/17/14

Attendees: Ebony Adedayo, Laura Kling, Matthew Hendricks, Sarah Stewart

- I. Review previous engagement efforts (see separate attachment)
- II. Discuss ideas for 2015 engagement:
 - The engagement should address gaps, deepening engagement. Ideas:
 - Sharing info we've collected for the past 4 years; definitely results from past year
 - Based on surveys – they were scratching the surface of data – we need deeper understanding of what's behind people's opinions. Strategies for this, how to accomplish this?
 - Need to establish goals- how do we know we've finished?
 - Hitting people on both ends of spectrum (people who have participated for 4 yrs, new people) – a pilot would be a good way to involve both groups of people
 - Greenway temporary pilot in 2015
 - Southern route – maybe implement 2014 strategy on southern route to play catch-up there. (Maybe in combo with 2011 work). 2-3 routes that are reasonable and make the most sense have been ID'd by SRF and the technical committee.
 - What are possible engagement metrics?
 - Metric that Laura liked – racial/ethnic make-up by census block – within a certain percentage of representation
 - Two metrics – one for people on the route vs. representational metric
 - Feel comfortable moving forward, but also address people's concerns
 - Up to the outreach committee to narrow questions about the concerns (look at qualitative data feedback)
 - Ideas – move forward, but not necessarily building it (metrics – objectives of a larger goal) – these are specific to a pilot project.
 - Neighborhood as a whole: 60% supportive of outreach
 - On route: 70% are supportive; x% response rate among households on the route; Sarah will ask Wilder for demographic mapping on the route
 - Representative support – within 3% of demographic make-up of neighborhood (this one could be universal)
 - Set up max level of opposition later, when we're talking about permanent construction
 - Also recognize that some blocks might be harder to work with now.
 - Also measure what people want – opposed to full greenway, but accepting of something else
 - Committee's work:
 - Set up broad goals/objectives/tactics:
 - Engage Harrison and Near North south of Plymouth
 - Obj: implement 2014 strategy
 - Address gaps in outreach throughout the route: African Americans, certain blocks
 - Set objectives
 - Getting to why people support/don't support (why yes or why no?)

- Sharing what we know
- Doing a pilot
- Develop a funding strategy to support the above work (e.g., subgrants). Make sure that Nhood groups receive funding in a way that makes sense based on the goals
- Outreach to bring more people into the work – can some of this be addressed with structure. N. Mpl. Bicycle Advisory Council. They get a really interesting mix of people. Can we work with them? So that people don't have to attend both meetings. Laura could be a liaison. Demographics – 30% female, ½ people of color, ½ people are north Mpls residents. 7-10 people in the room. Reach out to neighborhood groups to ask them how they want to participate. Move meetings further north. Need to think about Webber-Camden and Folwell
 - Choose the streets that will make up the route. Good timing for this.
- Consider trusted advocates model (What Met Council did re: the greenline) – could be effective for deeper level engagement. Could help organize outreach, maybe home parties? David did a similar model with MDH – trusted people in the community do interviews with 10 families they know. Could be a way to engage more African Americans in the community, also houses on the block that are missing from participation?

III. Follow-up:

- Sarah will refine goals/objectives and send to group for feedback; reach out to Wilder
- All will think about key dates for outreach milestones (open streets, pilot, having money out to grantees)
- Ebony will send out info about the trusted advocate model and all will think how it could apply to our work
- Meeting schedule – meet more now, less later. Need to develop funding plan; need to work backwards from
- Next meeting: Dec 8, 1:00-2:30, Health Dept.

Outreach Subcommittee Handout: History of Greenway Outreach Efforts

2011

- Who: Twin Cities Greenways/Transit for Livable Communities
- How: 10 workshops with diverse community groups
- What: Gathered input on idea of greenway
- Results: 200+ participants, 171 surveys, 76% people of color, 91% thought greenway would be an asset to the community; 73% would be happy to have a greenway in front of their houses

2012

- Who: Minneapolis Health Department (MHD)/Minneapolis Public Works (MPW)/SRF Consulting, Inc.
- How: Postcards mailed; open house held; articles in community newspapers; online surveys conducted
- What: Greenway type and route preferences
- Results: 452 surveys completed; at least 53% Northside residents; no data on race/ethnicity; respondents generally supportive of idea; prefer full or 1/2 and 1/2 greenway; prefer a direct route near greenspace

2013

- Who: MHD/MPW/SRF Consulting, Inc.
- How: Postcards mailed; letters and maps mailed to all on route; open house; 5 neighborhood-level meetings; articles in community newspapers; online surveys
- What: gathered input on a specific greenway proposal with route and greenway types assigned
- Results: 368 surveys completed; 70% Northside residents, no data on race/ethnicity; majority homeowners; 73-74% support route and types; 63% living on the route support it on their blocks

2014

- Who: MHD/MPW/Alliance for Metro Stability/13 community organization partners
- How: Door-knocking, 27+ events/meetings (including open streets); articles /stories in several news sources; online surveys
- What: gather input on slightly refined greenway proposal; added questions about race/ethnicity and language.
- Results: 2,040 surveys completed; 70% Northside residents; 55% of northsiders are people of color; 25% of respondents on the route are renters; 70% of northsiders support the idea; 60% of people on the route support it on their blocks

Draft Greenway Outreach Plan (based on 11/17/14 Outreach Committee discussion)

Goals	Objectives	Tactics/strategies
<p>Educate: Share back data and information we've compiled; help people understand what a greenway would be like</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For a temporary pilot: move forward on blocks where we see 70% support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community meeting(s) Piloting a greenway via temporary construction (2-4 block stretch where residents are supportive of trying it out)
<p>Engage all: Ensure ALL groups in north Minneapolis are thoroughly engaged (race/ethnicity, age, location)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Racial/ethnic groups are represented within 3% of their actual population proportions X% of households on greenway route blocks are engaged 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify existing gaps; target groups that are underrepresented Ensure that some microgrant funding addresses these gaps
<p>Move south: Engage residents living south of Plymouth Ave to explore a southern greenway connection</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement high-level engagement similar to previous efforts (meetings, door-knocking, surveys)
<p>Deepen our understanding: Get a deeper understanding of people's opinions about the greenway, with a focus on people living on and near the route</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a funding strategy to conduct outreach with other groups, funding neighborhood organizations Hold small group/block level meetings with residents and ask residents why they do/don't support it and how concerns could be addressed; what greenway design they prefer Pilot a greenway (see Goal 1)
<p>Broaden our base: Involve a more diverse group of residents in developing and implementing the engagement work</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loop in members of the North Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Council Identify constituencies that should be represented on the committee and invite them to the table (one-on-ones, etc.) Change committee structure in order to increase participation
<p>Finalize route north of Plymouth: Choose a route for a greenway(if it's built) so we can focus outreach and planning efforts</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none">

Notes: Greenway Communications Subgroup
11/25/14

Attendees: Sarah Stewart, Anthony Johnson, Steve Kinsella

Review previous engagement efforts and results

Summary of Communications plan implementation through summer 2014

Communications plan implementation included creating several communications tools (map, project one pager, FAQ, handout describing greenway types, overhauling the project website). Several materials were translated into Spanish, Hmong, and Lao.

The City and AMS also posted announcements on their Facebook pages, both to announce the start of community outreach in March and to promote the open streets event in May. The City's first post received 16 likes, 2 shares, and 2 comments. The City's second post received 34 likes, 12 shares, and 6 comments. Over the period from Jan 1 through June 30, the City's greenway website had 3,654 unique page views from computers external to the City. The average time on site was 2 minutes and 36 seconds, and the bounce rate was 56%.

The City also put out two news releases, including one in March announcing the outreach and one in May promoting open streets (joint release with the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition). The first news release resulted in three stories (on [KSTP](#), in the [Star Tribune](#), and in [Camden News](#)). The second news release resulted in stories in [Twin Cities Daily Planet](#), [KFAI](#) (1:27:40 mark), [The Line](#) magazine, the [Star Tribune](#), and [KARE 11](#). An Op/Ed by a steering committee member also ran in the July issue of [North News](#).

Following materials developed and used (*=translated into Hmong, Spanish, and Lao): Map*, One-pager*, Greenway type explainer*, FAQ.

Following materials developed but not widely used: Hmong International Academy videos (English and Hmong); BCBS video

I. What's next in communications:

- Communications will need to be done in conjunction with outreach
- Key message, neighborhoods have been engaged, the city is listening
- Represent the data well – be clear that there was a lot of support. The opposition often speaks more loudly, and we don't want that voice to take over
- Work with spokespeople who live in north to tell the story
- See next page for phases of communication efforts going forward

	Release results (Now)	Block meetings, targeted engagement on the ground (winter-> mid-summer)	Pilot greenway (mid-summer)
Messages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall – neighbors have been engaged, city is listening • Describe the process: here’s what we did • Here’s what we learned: Significant support, some concerns to address • Here’s where we’re going: on the ground engagement, possibly trying out a temporary greenway. City and partners facilitating process for a community-defined project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share more info about the greenway/details about technical work • Ask questions: If this were on your block, what would you want it to look like? What are your concerns, and how could they be addressed (if they can be)? What do you think of a temporary pilot on your block? 	
Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • News releases • Mailing list update • Op/eds from residents (North News, Spokesman Recorder, Strib) – voices from the neighborhood should help represent this. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Block parties? • Use manipulatives for visioning (Legos, models from Twin Cities Greenways) • Focus on reaching people who are opposed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make it a big kickoff – ribbon cutting, open streets-like feel. Think about things like a neighborhood walk, a community picnic, gardening event. Work with other orgs/partners on this •

Greenway Technical Subcommittee

11/24/14

Attendees: Bill Fellows, Alexis Pennie, Matthew Hendricks, Sarah Stewart, Anthony Johnson

Brainstorm of technical work that still needs to be addressed:

- Dig more into cost
- Talk to police and fire – **Bill will contact the fire department.**
- Property values/property tax impacts; looking into ways to mitigate property tax increases (if property values go up) (example = DC, H St.)
- Assessments – would be beneficial to explain the assessment process to people, ask how it could affect support and opposition. It's city policy to assess for projects – Uniform Assessment Policy. We would need a rationale for funding this at no cost to adjacent homeowners. (~\$4,000/parcel paid over 20 years with low interest). Public Works wants to be consistent with the assessment policy. Need a very clear explanation about why there wouldn't be assessments in this place. Equity/justice perspective? Central Corridor people didn't have to pay assessments – there's an example there.
- Looking at the existing diverters in Jordan
- Intersection treatments
- Does traffic get diverted to alleys?
- Graphic work – need to make sure graphics are realistic
- Make it as grassroots as possible (stakeholders drive the technical work)
- How would the greenway be maintained? Look at O&M.
- Maintaining affordability/dealing with potential for gentrification
- We also have \$ for a consultant to help with these things
- Irving vs Humboldt between 41st and 44th. Worth exploring further, open houses in homes. Send to outreach committee.

1-page summary of technical report – **Matthew and Bill will look at Anthony's draft summary**

Southern portion of the route.

- SRF developed 6 route alternatives and weighed them against different things like driveways, etc. Needs some work to get it to a point to bring to the community.
- **How does Bottineau LRT affect this?** Karen Nikolai and Simon have been looking at bike/ped connections for this. We could send the Bottineau folks the pages of the report showing the southern route alternatives to see how those projects might affect route options. **Matthew will reach out to Simon.**
- Also need to find out where people want to go? Downtown, or the larger bike network? We need the outreach committee to connect with community members to find out where the greenway route should go. Makes sense to narrow it down before it goes to the community – 2 to 3 options. Need to be able to justify why we're selecting these southern routes – need to go back to survey results.

Blong Yang would like to see a decision made on the northern end of the route. Might make sense to firm up the northern end of the route (and call it the route), if we get a lot of push back, we can make changes then.

Temporary pilot: significant support between Lowry and Dowling. Consider a temporary demonstration between Lowry and 36th. Also use this for measuring things, test things like light levels. Would have a strong outreach component.

- What does the threshold of support for a pilot need to be? Need to bring info to public works staff. Not sure that we could get a % from policy standpoint. What's the % for block parties

permits? Threshold for enhanced lighting is 50%. What is BID threshold? **Sam will do a little research on this.**

- Would it be possible to do a resources share with the materials for other demo project on 29th St in Uptown. Sam talked to CM Bender about that, and she thought it was a good idea, and there were potential funds from business owners there. Meet with Lacy Shelby – **Sam is meeting with her anyway.** Pilot would be a full greenway pilot. Lacy worked for DOT in NYC and could probably help answer some of these questions. **Matthew, Sarah and Bill would like to attend meeting with Lacy.**
- There are a lot of logistics to figure out for a pilot – who's maintaining it? What happens if sewers need to be accessed? Etc. This may be a way to sort through the tough questions.

Next meeting – field trip to Milwaukee Ave. We'll meet in January.

September 8, 2014

Meeting Notes

North Minneapolis Greenway Outreach Steering Committee

Sumner Library

Meeting attendees: Cathy Spann (Jordan Area Community Council), Russ Adams (Alliance for Metropolitan Stability), Matthew Hendricks (Twin Cities Greeways), Jim Skoog (north Minneapolis resident), Bill Dooley (Cycles for Change), Bill Fellows (Minneapolis Public Works), Sandy Loescher (north Minneapolis resident), Ebony Adedayo (Alliance for Metropolitan Stability), Sarah Stewart (Minneapolis Health Department)

I. Announcements

- a. The date has been set for the Greenway Outreach Steering Committee retreat. It will be on October 14, from 10:00-2:00, location TBD. We're working on finding a facilitator.
- b. The north Minneapolis Greenway will be featured as part of the Rail~volution conference. On Tuesday, 9/23, a bus tour will stop at North Commons Park at about 11:30, where both the greenway and West Broadway will be featured. Cathy Spann and Sandy Loescher will attend, and others may attend if their schedules allow.
- c. The presentation about the greenway to City Council's Transportation and Public Works committee has been moved to Tuesday, 9/23 at 9:30 am.

II. Year Two Budget

- a. The Year Two Budget was reviewed (see separate document). Discussion summary:
 - We're still determining how minigrants will go out for the next round of community engagement. It will be a topic of discussion at the retreat in October. The process will likely be competitive; and minigrantees may be selected to continue to work into year 3.
 - The planning consultant for year two is to-be-determined. SRF has done a good job, but we will wait to select a consultant until we've determined what they will work on.

III. Data analysis update:

- a. Both maps have been complete (showing support on the proposed route and one block off of the proposed route)
- b. Staff are working to come up with response rates along the route.
- c. Most of the qualitative analysis has been completed (see separate summaries). The qualitative data will be summarized even further for the report. The responses to Question 6 give a good sense of how people are thinking about the greenway and show both strong support and strong opposition. Discussion summary:
 - Next step is to focus on getting a better understanding of the opposition. What are the biggest problems and concerns? How do we address the issues and concerns that people are faced with?
 - Next round of engagement won't likely be surveys, but smaller group engagement. Some ideas: block club meetings, field trips to Milwaukee Ave (although not all groups had success with this in the past). Conversations would start by focusing on where there's a level of agreement on some things, and then figure out where there's disagreement/challenges.

IV. Communications planning:

- a. Communications plans (so far) include holding a couple of public meetings, putting out press releases, reaching out to media, putting an ad in Spokesmen Recorder and other papers, getting on KMOJ (focus on health-related shows?) and attending events. It will be important to do things besides asking people to come to a meeting. Event ideas include:
- Lowry Ave Open Streets, 9/20, 11:00-6:00 – may be able to use some turf fabric from the bike coalition; could try to get on stage to talk about the greenway; volunteers needed to help with this
 - MPS BBQ 9/25, 5-7:30, MPS Nutrition Center parking lot (812 Plymouth Avenue North)
 - Family Day on Sept 28 – maybe hand out info in the parade? Also have info at Urban League and/or get on stage to talk about this? Cathy volunteered to help with this.
 - Harrison Education Center Fair, 10/15, time TBD
- b. Sarah will be drafting info posters/handouts to have for events. She will email them out for feedback in the next week, with a deadline for providing feedback. Discussion:
- We'll need to craft a clear message about this, develop key messages like last year.
 - The main message should be something like "There's lots of interest in developing something new on the Northside, but there are still concerns to address and engagement to be done."

July 7, 2014

North Minneapolis Greenway Steering Committee Meeting,
Sumner Library

Notes:

- Outreach updates
 - North High Event with NRRC– placed in class room with older age kids. Filled out surveys. Nice. Kids didn't know what it was at first, once you broke it down kids had a lot to say. More receptive then. Pros and cons. Quite impressed with people who were willing to do surveys. Really nice turnout. Gave them information and things to take home to their parents. Summer school, freedom school, and project sweetie pie and other programs going on at the school. Junior and senior students. Still gap about whether people use it for recreation or to get where they need to go. Cultural gap or difference.
 - David Kang – another round of surveys at the end of June. Still surprised that many people had not heard about the greenway. Collected 20 plus surveys in an hour or two.
 - Russ – do people fill like they have finished their outreach?
 - David – depends on what it needs by finished. Not doing more surveying but still working on the project in some ways. Still putting final touches on the video and posting things on line.
 - Ishmael – geographically focused. Safe to say that a significant portion of the community don't have a grasp of the proposed project. For consideration, see that there is a round 2 – concern that something that will affect a large portion of the community.
 - Russ – my read of the proposal and year 2 program is that there is still engagement and vision to be done. A good conversation to be done, what are the gaps we want to fill that we didn't accomplish.
 - Sarah – the whole 3 year grant period, we have funds for outreach and engagement. Need to decide what that looks like. Will have quite a few. Agree with Russ that we will be finding those gaps – what are they and how do we fill them? Not decided about what it looks like. Don't know yet.
 - Russ - Will have more info that we can look at. Small scale/ medium public meetings. Year 2, building off of year 1. Gathering input in year 2.
 - Ishmael – process of accomplishing a goal of connecting with our latino population. Outreach went well, filling out the surveys were a gap. Tradition of storytelling and dialogue and fitting it into the surveys were a struggle.
 - Chue – most of the surveys, we helped them fill out. Rephrased so that they could understand. Survey portion not as successful on our part. Seems like each time I go talk with someone, it is a new idea.
 - Diedra – barriers of language. Read the survey to them and try to explain it. Ethiopian and Somali population. Show the map and picture and that visual helped.
 - Ebony – is there a better way to collect information than the surveys?
 - David – longer conversation and dialogue. Not always efficient, but deeper meaningful conversations. Fine line
 - Chue – more recently did community engagement for MnSure – big part that made it successful, elderly people involved with promoting it. Culturally elders have more buy in. Find a pull to get elders there, more food. Way Hmong people represent their voice, ppl follow what

- David – one approach to the language issue, mobilizing young people. A lot of times, they are bilingual and have to communicate with their parents who might not be proficient in English. Making sure youth have the right information.
- Will – did surveys and that is what happened. On the spot interpreters.
- Russ – generational difference in what people wanted.
- Ishmael – outreach people bilingual. The way the questions were worded/
- Russ – when we do engagement for year 2, devices where you get instant feedback.
- David – personality and characteristics of the Asian community. Wilder research
- Makeda – have we mapped out the surveys yet?
- Sarah – not finished entering in the data. Not yet. 600 to 700 paper surveys. 1000 online surveys.
- Ishmael – when you are online, the survey does not uniquely identify who is completing the survey.
- Sarah – didn't do that. Surveys online no way to track who completed it unless people chose to share their contact information
- Ishmael – what weight will be given to online/ offline
- Sarah – run the data, show how long it took for people to complete surveys.
- Russ – online surveys separated from the paper ones.
- Sarah – have data experts
- Matthew – some analysis by address.
- Sarah – will have to run the data and look at it in different ways. What do paper and online surveys tell us? Surveys that live right on the route. Pull out in different ways and bring back to the group to make sense of it.
- Bill – how many people are filling out the surveys more than once?
- Sarah – can't say how many people. We actually do know that there are people who completed it more than once.
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- TAC updates
 - Bill - Working from BCBS grant. Felt it was important to put together a report for year 2. 50 page report that goes into the weeds. Some of the key points. Talk about the possible route and basic greenway types. Note that currently the southern terminus, different alternatives there that depend on many factors including LRT stations. Don't know the answer to that question. Something we need to get to.
 - Matthew – for the part of the route south of Plymouth, year 2 might look more like year 2. Help that part of the route catch up with the rest.
 - Bill – traffic and circulation analysis. Closing intersections and adjacent streets. Street design perspective. Will increase traffic on some side streets. Similarly with parking density in current conditions. How many people would not be able to park in front of their house anymore, we need to flesh that out. What's the parking capacity in the back yards, alley ways. Lighting, we need more feedback. Trails and sidewalk. Think it is one of the things we heard from the outreach group, gets to be expensive. Bikeways/ sidewalk well lit. Have a preliminary cost estimate of \$13 million. Started looking into the legal aspects if we closed the streets.
 - Russ – is there a terminology issue here or usage. Streets in Mpls that have blvds, greenery, trees, etc.

- Bill – could consider a bike blvd to meet transportation needs. Cant make it a park. Not definitive. Initial legal opinion. If some of the streets were condemned or purchased for other reasons, gets more complicated.
- Kenya – would be great to get a timeline moving forward. Object to it being published without feedback from the group. Get the deadline and administrative things, it is important that we have a chance to weigh in.
- Bill – being careful that we have not made any decisions. Concur that this group and TAC need to work very closely together. TAC group to support the outreach group and vice versa. In terms on schedule, want to get a report out as a milestone of June 30. Going forward, want to get input from this group about what the survey says and what it says.
- Kenya – what I am most concerned about is how the input that is happening now, will be considered in the engineering going forward. How does that get included. We are aiming to target these communities.
- Sarah – wanted to add to what Bill says in that report is very factual. Is funding going forward split between technical and engagement report. Final report from what consultant did this year. Not decisions, just information. If we can get the report out to people that would be great.
- Russ – we should have TAC and this group sit in a room together and discuss the input. Say what things come up that make us think that we should be looking at this a different way. How will you change your approach based on the findings.
- Ishmael – which route alignment does the \$13 million consider.
- Matthew – not the final actual budget, but close detailed look. Lighting based on pedestrian standard for a commercial street. Makes up 30 – 40 % of the greenway costs.
- Bill – Matthew, Sarah and Jim Skoog with Bill sit on TAC. Scheduled to sit down with barb Johnson in a week.
- Kenya – is there a political strategy here? Important moving forward that folks within the steering committee have the opportunity to participate in these settings. Are we going to approach the park board and other bodies? Get feedback from them. Interested in how we do that forward.
- Updates from Meeting on June 27 RE: BAC Recommendation
 - [Meeting notes](#)
 - Russ: Meeting called very quickly that recommendation from BAC had gone out. Public works set aside 750K for greenway. Problematic recommendation. One was that we have been going door to door, saying no decision had been made. When saw the recommendation, creates appearance, perception problem that is inconsistent. Also, trying to build a committee that is representative of the community. Body and process to move ideas through. This recommendation should have gone through this committee for them to vet. Think that everyone recognizes that people were trying to move in a way that they thought was beneficial for the process. Certain parts of the city gets very little out to the cliq process. Trying to make sure resources are spread equally. Sometimes you have to give up on pots of money to follow a process. Have to give things up to follow a process.
 - Kenya: Ishmael and myself are commissioners for the city of Mpls, district rep from NRR to Elliot Park. Came across this info at a nonrelated meeting. Saw this and immediately asked if people knew this was happening. Became problematic for me. Breached the promise of the community to do engagement before we moved forward on things. Hashed it out. Bottom line: we either are a team or not. Worth having the conversation with the team. Have to give us the opportunity to allow the community to

make the decision. We are not only creating a perception but a reality. Says to the community that you made a decision before getting the communities' input. The real bottom line and the reason for the meeting. Being inclusive about information and making decisions together.

- Ishmael: we were looking at this as a process for engagement. For being one that wears multiple hats and having accountability. Cant say we didn't know because we are at all these meetings. Things happening without transparency and disclosure.
 - Bill: Can we get the minutes to the council members?
 - Kenya: What is the city's role here since we are in this process BCBS? Moving forward would like to figure out what role the city is playing – health department. Not just pushing issue forward. Didn't discuss what we are going to do next. Changing language to North Side greenway to be more generic.
 - Bill: never really went anywhere. Public works didn't know about it.
 - Ishmael: do like the idea of notes going to public officials.
 - Russ: send draft notes to group, have a few days to look them over and then send them to elected officials. Think it would be wise for folks to have conversations with Yang and Johnson – need to know our feeling about this. Could draft a provisional statement.
- Communications moving forward

June 2, 2014

Meeting Notes

North Minneapolis Greenway Outreach Steering Committee

Sumner Library, Cargill Room, 3:30-4:30

Attendees: Sarah Stewart (Minneapolis Health Department), Ebony Adedayo (Alliance for Metropolitan Stability), Russ Adams (AMS), Bill Dooley (Cycles for Change), David Kang (Hmong American Partnership/Hana Media), Matthew Hendricks (Twin Cities Greenways), Ferome Brown (Peace Collaborative Partners), Sandy Loescher (north Minneapolis resident), Jim Skoog (north Minneapolis resident), Malik Holt Shabazz (Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition) Michelle Chavez (Neighborhood and Community Relations), Chue Feng Yang (Hmong American Mutual Assistance Association), Sam Rockwell (Center for Prevention at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of MN), Lisa Dunlap (Camden Neighborhood Center), Louis Moore (Major Taylor Bicycling Club of MN)

Also invited: Bill Fellows (Minneapolis Public Works), Chelsea Frobook (Redeemer Center for Life), Bob Carlson (Minneapolis Public Works), Rodolfo Gutierrez (HACER), Heidi Hamilton (Minneapolis Public Works), Kenya McKnight (Northside Transportation Network; north Minneapolis resident), Georgianna Yantos (north Minneapolis resident), Ishmael Israel (NRRRC), Cathy Spann (JACC), Roberta Englund (FNA and WCNO), Pastor Kelly Chatman (Redeemer Center for Life), Anthony Taylor (Major Taylor), Will Lumpkins (north Minneapolis resident), Mynikol Miller (north Minneapolis resident), Marcus Marcus (north Minneapolis resident), Shelton Johnson (Peace Collaborative Partners), Jon McGlory (north Minneapolis resident), Casey Pavek (Venture North), Denny Grace (north Minneapolis resident) **Note: meetings are open and all are welcome to attend.**

- I. Discussion of the May 31 Open Streets event
 - Ferome: The 3:30 basketball tournament had to move to North Star School and wasn't from the route. But still had over 65 kids from different gangs participating; it was a great event. Kids won trophies, gift cards; we had food (from the Lions Club). Wish it had been more of a presence. Felt isolated, but otherwise it was good, we had fun. Got way over 200 surveys completed.
 - David: couldn't work with youth because they are in their finals period. Was at 34th and Humboldt, and headed up to Folwell. Saw a great response from the vast majority of people. Would have liked to see them use all of the sod laid out on the entire block. Stacks of sod weren't used. Better informational training for the volunteers would have been good. The volunteers didn't have some of the specific information from the City. Some volunteers said that it was a done deal, even though it isn't.
 - Lisa: great event. Gave out free ice cream. Noticed that people came from outside of the neighborhood. Heard from people that they didn't want to fill out surveys, thought it a done deal. Need to do more communication about the fact that this is not a done deal. Wish more people from the neighborhood came. Got one person that came in and said they were unhappy about the greenway, were unhappy about the event. Talked to him and then he seemed to feel better.
 - Sandy: my family had a great time. Think the volunteer aspect was lacking a bit. Volunteers were not sure what they were supposed to do. A lot of hurry up and wait. The volunteers still had a great time.
 - Malik: there are 5 more events coming up. The info you're giving will apply to the projects in different ways. I was at 34th and Humboldt which was an info central area. Some volunteers were unsure – something to think about in the future. Coalition members gave a lot of presentations to people. Wanted to know what how they could participate. Did a lot of surveys. Didn't get a lot of people to draw their own greenway. People also didn't really participate in

the naming activity. Naming could help create a sense of ownership that could come out of a greenway – Nellie Stone? Felt like the event was diverse. Wish that we could have done door knocking the day of the event to invite people out. The follow up with people is key. Ferome's youth also doorknocked. Volunteers did not rush people. Spent lots of time talking with people. We can't rush going forward. We should make sure people have time to process this. If we do another one, we need to let the people know about the history of the project.

- Chue – HAMAA volunteers and youth doorknocked at Hmong houses. People didn't know about it. Some people were kind of onboard, others were against it. Concerns were about parking. It was helpful to have visuals at their disposal. People appreciated being reached out to, but people felt like it was a done deal. Will have an informational session on June 12 at HAMAA – 5:30-7:00. Open to the public. We also talked to several Somali families. Might be good to have Somali translation at the event.
- Russ – was the event diverse? Yes. Lisa – we need more adults there.
- Bill Dooley – Major Taylor led two rides, including one with Ed Ehlinger (MN Commissioner of Health). Talked with him about health disparities in North Minneapolis. He's interested in the youth drownings. Will be leading a ride from south to north Minneapolis for July music festival.
- Sam – talked with volunteers. The done deal aspect – Sam also had to correct some volunteers. North of Dowling, there was a big gap, so people thought the route ended at Dowling. So that end was really quiet. People didn't get to the top part of the route. Would have been good to have more information at the event to help people find everything.
- Ebony – the sod block party at the northern end was kind of dull, sod block party was short. Next time, either consolidate the route, or plan to have events along the whole route. Also heard from people who felt like it was done deal.
- Sarah – Blue Cross funded a film crew to film the event and interview some people. That should be available in late summer.
- Michelle – was surprised at the number of people; it was a smaller event than other open streets. Had a great time. Happy about the water stations the city provided. Would have been good to tag team with Art Crank to help promote it. Young people didn't have bikes and were looking for them. We should have a nonprofit giving out bikes at events like this. (See Daily Planet article.)
- Matthew – great day, nice to have an Open Streets event about an infrastructure project – it was the first time for this. Got a couple of comments from residents who want to see this on Humboldt. Lowry Open Streets is another good opportunity for this project.
- Louis Moore – most people thought it was pretty good, people do have concerns about parking. Saw a lot of genuine enthusiasm.

II. Outreach updates:

- We are wrapping up first round of engagement and want things in by June 30th.
 - HAP – working with youth and students at Hmong International Academy; have created informational videos. They have been working to ask friends and families to fill out surveys. Got about 100 surveys back, will have another push for surveys after finals. Yearend picnic happening soon, will be a nice opportunity to reach out to families.
 - PUC – served 466 meals in May. Served a lot of kids, but we need people over 18. People who rent are not as invested. Trying really hard to reach that population so they can share their opinion. People feel surveyed out.
 - MBC is doing 3-5 events per week. Promoting it beyond north Minneapolis. Sharing information about the survey. This will be important in terms of resourcing the

greenway. June 4 at 6:00 MBC is doing a greenway Happy Hour at Tootie's on Lowry at 5:30. Will have another happy hour to give people a time to come talk about what they want out of this project.

- Major Taylor – reaching people on bikes. Weather has not cooperated until recently. Slowly reaching people. Rides are 6:30 Thursdays from North Point. Will do rides on the greenway to introduce people to the idea. Juneteenth is happening at the river again. Major Taylor usually does a walk and ride at the event, have plans to reach people there. Trying to plan an event June 22 (Saturday). Major Taylor will post on Facebook. MBC will have a table at Juneteenth, joint with Major Taylor.

III. Technical Advisory Committee Update

- At the May TAC meeting, discussed options for extending the route further south of Plymouth. Exploring the routes that are technically feasible so this can be used in community engagement process. Also discussed preliminary cost estimates, which indicate the full route would be \$15-\$20 million in total to build (all the way to the Cedar Lake Trail). Cost estimates are being refined. SRF is also creating more detail around intersection designs. Doesn't mean that this route is set in stone. Looking at utilities under the street and areas most impacted by flooding. They are making good progress. Will be good to get community input before they get the route further.

IV. Communications and next steps

- These are some important things to communicate to people:
 - Reiterate that the 26th greenway is still happening, this is not replacing it, it's still happening. 26th Ave will be reconstructed. Georgianna has worked to get bike facility added.
 - Midtown Greenway from start to finish took 17 years. If the north greenway is build, it would also happen in phases. We should have more clear communication about the process, that the bulldozers are not showing up anytime soon.
 - Would the same rules that apply to parks apply to the greenway, like no smoking, no guns, heavier fines for crime? When questions of ownership are answered, it will be good to communicate about this.
 - Communications moving forward. We heard that people are getting some inaccurate messages, and we're trying to find ways to address that. We've been trying to write an article. In addition to this article, would be nice to hear some of the stories from the grantees to talk about what's happening and how we're making sure people are engaged. Need to go Insight News, Spokesman Recorder, Hmong Times, Asian American Times. Encourage people to get the message out there in any outlet. We have to constantly get that message out there
 - Ideas: distribute "top 10 myths", get info to partners to distribute. Get on KMOJ. Pitch as a story – HAMAA's gathering, doorknocking. Connect to Maya Rao, Star Tribune has been publishing articles about equity. Film people talking about the greenway and post online
 - It will also be important to report back and show how the input we're gathering changes plans going forward.
 - Meeting attendees agreed that it would be helpful for the City to set up a Facebook event so that people could stay in tune with the project and share info.

May 5, 2014
North Minneapolis Greenway Meeting
3.30 - 5 p.m. at Sumner Library

Present: Bill Fellows, Barbara Harris, Ebony Adedayo, Debra Stone, Chue, Matthew, Sam, Bill Dooley, Malik, Tasha, Cathy, Georgianna, Russ, Ishmael

JACC incident:

Cathy – hired 8 people to go door knocking. On April 23, doorknockers out on snowy afternoon and there were shots fired in that particular area but not where doorknockers were. Police cars surrounded them – 7 in total. Proceeded to search one of the young men. Profiling. Most of the population AA, all of the team AA. Had a witness and community meeting. Able to share how they felt, notified the media, civil rights department, gentleman not asked, proceeded to search him without giving permission. They have apologized, we have asked for additional information to bridge perception of community policing. Discovered other incidents of profiling in the neighborhood. Roofers employed by Urban Homeworkers – searched. NRRRC – Step Up Youth (SE Asian and AA) stopped by police. Past victimization to abuse. Stance clear with Tasha – if they did no longer wanted to participate we would return the money. Tasha – touchy subject. We were trying to do community work. Hurt. Not the first time it has happened. Doing a survey with a family. Saw officers, turned around. Didn't think that they would be coming to talk with us. Came to one of the workers. Officers lingered around. Cathy had been wanted to do outreach work for a while but resisted because of actions like this. Talked with the group, group made the decision to keep doing the work. Not about us but about our community. Going to continue doing the community work, community have voices – wanted to hear their voices. Wanted to get involved and feel apart of the community, but it seems like the community doesn't want to be. So we isolate ourselves, know that the population we represent doesn't count or matter and decisions get made without us. Greenway important to us and our kids. Want the greenway to be a nice space for them to enjoy without being harassed. Also apart of Appetite for Change – people more comfortable with those who look like them.

Cathy – gone from ground 0 to 10%. Officer been deployed, when he returns, wants him to come and apologize. Review their training materials. Meet with the consultant or whoever it is that trains the police department. My team wants to be trained by the police department's consultants – this is how you engage with the police department. This could be a teachable moment. Community needs to understand how to interact with them. Want to work on perception and decreasing barriers. Jordan's new task – race relations. Never imagined that my team would encounter this. Trained them on door knocking, didn't train them on this. If the police are willing to meet us.

Russ – thanks for sharing the story. Project – right for people to go to door and exchange ideas, if we cant do that, we are in serious trouble. Is there anything that the committee can do to help? Deeper conversation with mayor and police chief.

Bill Dooley– very fact of greenway is foreign to suburban police officers. Come into the community with preconceived notions. Didn't occur to them that people want to improve their community. When you put a greenway in, might have officers who still have biases. Meet with mayor and police chief. Explain that North Minneapolis is changing, people want to be here and are moving here. Officers can't have this attitude and come in with a military voice. Suburban attitudes and thinking people are often up to no good.

Ishmael – ran into the community. Ran into one of the two Step Up students who got accosted last year. Couldn't ask him if they wanted to be part of this work. First contact speaks volumes. Affecting my hiring right now. Feeling like its putting them in a potential where they could be further marginalized. Don't know what to do about it. Sickened by the safety summit. Made a pact to go, didn't want to go. Change

doesn't happen from top down. Wanting police officers to get personal liability. Only when there is personal accountability by the officers will their change. The DFL passed a resolution, trying to make it part of the platform.

Malik – thanks for sharing. Really sick about incident. Goes to show that nothing has changed. Used to get followed around HNA all of the time. Gatekeeper attitude that if you are out you are up to something. Triage approach – it's A or B. Whatever we can do to support. We have this progressive greenway, and still have same environment. Impacts health disparity – police brutality is number one. Personal liability insurance great concept. Unless there are real consequences, its not going to change. Have on of the highest city's in the nation with police lawsuit payouts. Has to change.

Barb – ongoing conversation as greenway opens, do training around that. Train the trainer – talk to the kids about how to be safe and deal with the police.

Georgianna – think we need some positive media stuff pushed out about the greenway and the people who want to commit to working with this.

Ishmael – did Q and A with channel 5 anchor, runs 10 pm. Beth McDonald.

Sam – positive publicity, get commissioners in meeting the police. Reinforces the investment in the city, it should be a city priority.

Ebony – follow up with Cathy about what they want to do.

Other outreach updates:

Malik – last week, had a Bikeways for All kickoff. Standing room only. Had a lot of people, put out a lot of information about how to get involved. Goal of 3 to 5 tabling events a week, 10 events of 500 or bigger this summer until September. Each of those tabling, had greenway information. Ppl should understand this is a city project. Lots of ppl interested in what future connections would be.

Ishmael – question: in the event that the greenway moves forward, what about the Emerson/ Fremont bike lanes.

Bill Fellows – city has not taken a position on that. Information that could be gathered from those two bikeways. Overlap of services if greenway is built

Ishmael – both slated for BRT, more supportive of greenway if had answer to those. If greenway is built, usefulness would decrease.

Bill Dooley – piggy back on existing construction

Sam – BCBS found additional funding to do some filming and sitting down next week to figure out what kinds of messaging to get out of the film.

TAC updates: (see powerpoint attachment)

Planning for Year 2

Russ: way this could role out into year 2,

Sam: good news is that we have the go ahead for 2nd year funding at the same level. Process we have to go to is to justify the money and how it will be spent. July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015. Workplan and budget to keep payments flowing. Contract as a whole roughly 150k per year. Continuing outreach and technical advisory work. Equally.

Russ: don't know how it will be divided. Technical considerations of year 1, what kinds of ramifications would it have. Year 2, feasibility study. Picking segment to dive deeper.

Ishmael: Southern end of route, messaging uncertain. What does it connect to? Future engagement should go there.

Bill Fellows: next year's outreach does need to build off of some of the questions that the Technical Advisory committee is bringing up.

Ishmael: groups working on Station area planning and zoning, have an idea of what you guys are thinking about.

Russ: How does all of the planning/ investment planning in North Minneapolis fit together?

April 7, 2014

Meeting Notes

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Sumner Library, Nellie Stone Johnson Room - 3:30-4:30

Attendees: Sarah Stewart (Minneapolis Health Department), Ebony Adedayo (Alliance for Metropolitan Stability), Russ Adams (AMS), Bill Fellows (Minneapolis Public Works), Chelsea Frobook (Redeemer Center for Life), Bill Dooley (Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition), David Kang (Hmong American Partnership/Hana Media), Matthew Hendricks (Twin Cities Greenways), Rodolfo Gutierrez (HACER) Ferome Brown (Peace Collaborative Partners), Sandy Loescher (north Minneapolis resident), Jim Skoog (north Minneapolis resident), Georgianna Yantos (north Minneapolis resident), Malik Holt (Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition)

Also invited: Bob Carlson (Minneapolis Public Works), Heidi Hamilton (Minneapolis Public Works), Kenya McKnight (Northside Transportation Network; north Minneapolis resident), Ishmael Israel (NRRC), Cathy Spann (JACC), Roberta Englund (FNA and WCNO), Pastor Kelly Chatman (Redeemer Center for Life), , Sam Rockwell (Center for Prevention at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of MN), , Anthony Taylor (Major Taylor), Will Lumpkins (north Minneapolis resident), Kathy DeKrey (NRRC), Mysnikol Miller (north Minneapolis resident), Marcus Harcus (north Minneapolis resident), Michelle Chavez (Neighborhood and Community Relations), Shelton Johnson (Peace Collaborative Partners), Jon McGlory (north Minneapolis resident), Casey Pavek (Venture North), Denny Grace (north Minneapolis resident) **Note: meetings are open and all are welcome to attend.**

Agenda item	Discussion Leader	Notes
<p>Outreach check-in (time for groups doing outreach to share notable accomplishments, concerns, and/or what they're hearing in the community)</p> <p>Includes Open Streets update (Jim)</p> <p>Include bike ride idea (Sarah S)</p>	<p>Ebony</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malik attended a Keith Ellison event last week, which went well. He had to circle back around to let people know that open streets is their event and welcome them to come. We need to address the access issues that are there – we want people to own this greenway. There was positive excitement overall about the project. • Jim – door knocked 3200 block of Girard. First two buildings were multi-unit buildings. He was surprised - he estimated that conversations would be short, but people were really interested in talking with people. Really positive feedback. Safety still rises to the top as a concern, including things like security and lighting. In order to address the issue of how long conversations are taking, they are prefacing conversations by asking if people have 5-10 minutes of time. The materials worked well and didn't seem like too much. Made it through the surveys. Spent about 10 minutes per person/per house. • Ferome is looking for a bike donation for the basketball tournament as a prize (Chelsea will check with Casey). In general, looking for donations like giftcards. He'll be working with youth to doorknock streets near the greenway on the day of open streets. • Russ: We may run into a reality that we may not finish before open streets event. Can flier every household before event. Think about how we can at least get the word. Can take our time. Turn to BCBS and let them know we need more time. • Malik is also working on MBC's Bikeways for Everyone campaign

		<p>(addressing climate action plan goals of 30 miles of protected bikeways). Met with 20 partners over last month, mentioning the greenway and places for them to get involved and know about our group. People looking for places of involvement. Tension around involvement and involving North Side community – get them involved and that there is transparency. Inviting them to attend outreach committee meetings is one way to address transparency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group discussed the desire to have a Facebook page for this project. The City does not have the capacity to manage a page right now; this could be considered for year 2 of funding. Open Streets has a Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/openstreetsmpls), as does the Friends of the Northside Trails (https://www.facebook.com/groups/294571810675475/) • Rodolfo – attended a couple of events for Mexican consulate. Leaders going to organize a couple of events where we will be distributing information. People excited about it. • Russ – looking at ways to reach out to North High and Henry. May be some movement on that, NRRC can add in to their work. Stipend model. Henry – student involved with Venture North. Might want to think about holding a meeting a couple of weeks before event and pull people in. Share what is happening and being done. Pull folks together for this. May be an opportunity after door knocking is done to pull people together to share what they heard. Need to take stock of what people are hearing. Have a feeling that folks doing doorknocking will come away with wealth of information and ideas. • Folwell and Webber Camden have decided that they will not take outreach funds. Jim is now leading this outreach with a group of residents who are doing doorknocking. Also, \$ is going to MBC to have sod events at open streets. • Sod block parties – working with Urban Homeworks, Habitat, and others to donate sod to other places in north Minneapolis • An article was published about some outreach to Hmong families that was done outside of this process – see it here: https://www.tcdailyplanet.net/news/2014/03/30/north-minneapolis-hmong-families-question-proposed-bikeway. Hmong American Mutual Aid Association – reaching out to them to invite them to the steering committee and the event. HAP is hoping to connect with these families as well. • Surveys – as of this morning, 618 people have responded to the online survey (734 accessed the survey), including 299 north Minneapolis residents, 62 people living directly on the route, and 31 people living within one block of the route. Overall, results are similar to what they’ve been in the past. About 90% of all respondents are White, as are about 85% of the north Minneapolis respondents. Only 2 renters have responded (of people living on
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		<p>or within 1 block of the route.) Hope to see the diversity of responses increase as paper surveys are conducted. To guard against people completing surveys more than once, we will look at how long it takes people to complete the survey as part of the analysis. Also, 75% of the people living on or within 1 block of the route said they were interested in closing their street for a period of time as a greenway test – this could be a real possibility moving forward. Sarah created a link to the survey for each outreach partner to use so that we can track surveys completed through each groups outreach. We expect to get more paper surveys from this outreach, however.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malik – we need to make sure people understand that they are invited to come to open streets – it’s their event. • Bill Dooley had the idea of having a bike ride along the route for this committee, the technical advisory committee, and decision-makers. Maybe do something in conjunction with our next committee meeting?
<p>Check in on communications efforts and online survey</p>	<p>Sarah</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • News release was issued March 20; articles published in the Star Tribune, Insight News, and mprnews.org; info sent to several City listservs • All communications materials developed (paper versions); translations into Spanish, Hmong, and Laotian underway. • Website updated, see www.minneapolismn.gov/health/living/northminneapolisgreenway • Blurbs written for partners to include in newsletters, social media, and other communications vehicles. Articles will be published in Health Dept. and CPED newsletters this spring • Information shared with Council Members to share with their constituents • Two spokes people identified (Sandy Loescher and Will Lumpkins; other spokespeople still sought) • Info was available at NCR conference on 3/22; registered to table at North First event on 4/28 (theme = Green) • New news release will come out in May, along with another round of social media and listserv announcements • Please continue to post information, send over listservs, etc. • Blue Cross will be taping the open streets event • Bill Dooley suggested that we reach out to Al McFarlane to get on KFAI, reach out to the Spokesman Recorder
<p>Technical Advisory Committee and planning consultant</p>	<p>Bill</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultant (SRF) came to March 26th TAC meeting. SRF look at storm water maps. At 33rd and Humboldt – that is a City flood area that needs additional mitigation. Can keep this in mind when looking at funding. • Lighting – SRF proposed a standard to address some of the safety issues.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tried to get inventory of trees on the route. • Parking –parking counts were done when we had snow emergency restrictions, when parking was only allowed on one side of the street. • The consultant is currently drafting up what a greenway would look like and fleshing out some of the details – e.g., curb lines, transitions between intersections. This info won't be available for this round of outreach. • We have utilities mapped so we can get idea of conflicts there • There are some driveways that we didn't plan for. That may mean we need to make changes to the plan. • City staff met with Council President Johnson, who is overall supportive of the project and outreach. She referenced residents in south Mpls who got mitigation from airport noise, and suggested that we should think that big. Maybe some people will need new garages, etc. in order to make the project feasible. • Handicap parking – people need to be able to get into the front of their homes in some cases. If it were a full greenway, this will need to be mitigated. Ideas from committee members: give them a permit to park in front of their house? Waivers or special considerations? With signage to bicyclists to let them know about potential cars? • Overall, we need to continue to set reasonable expectations while keeping the project moving forward positively.
Review next steps	Sarah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to spread the word about the survey, the outreach, and open streets • Send event ideas to Sarah (for tabling); we will need volunteers to table at events. • When greenway events are scheduled, send info to Sarah so she can post online. Also let her know if you are interested in inviting media to attend your event – BCBS communications consultant can help with pitching events/stories. • Next meeting we will talk about year two of the funding for this project, which begins on July 1. We will bring a proposal and get your feedback on it.

March 3, 2014

Meeting Notes

North Minneapolis Greenway Outreach Steering Committee

Sumner Library, Cargill Room - 3:30-5:00

Attendees: Bill Dooley (Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition), Louie Moore (Major Taylor), Rodolfo Gutierrez (HACER), Ferome Brown (Minneapolis Peace Collaborative Partners), Georgianna Yantos (resident), Sam Rockwell (Blue Cross), Michelle Chavez (NCR), Sandy Loescher (resident), Matthew Hendricks (Twin Cities Greenways), Jim Skoog (resident; FONT), Bill Fellows (Public Works), Russ Adams (AMS), Kathy DeKrey (NRCC), Michael Chaney (Project Sweetie Pie), Reggie Prim (Project Sweetie Pie), Sarah Stewart (Health Department)

Agenda item	Notes
<p>Outreach check-in (time for groups doing outreach to share notable accomplishments, concerns, and/or what they're hearing in the community)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach partners haven't started their efforts for the most part; they're waiting for the grant money to come through so they can hire staff. This should happen by the end of March. • Michael Chaney shared some information about Project Sweetie Pie's plans for Urban Farm Fare, which will be part of open streets. Part of their focus (in addition to gardening) will be to get people to experience the greenway as a bike path. • Jim Skoog, along with Will Lumpkins, Alicia Holder, and Marcus Harcus, has started a group that will advocate for trails and other bicycle and pedestrian facilities in north Minneapolis. The group is called Friends of Northside Trails (FONT). • Michelle Chavez passed out information about NCR's Community Connections Conference, which will take place on March 22 and is free (more information here). Nonprofit groups can apply to get free exhibitor space; applications are due March 7. The greenway could be featured at an exhibitor table.
<p>Open Streets Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Skoog provided an update; he's participating in the planning committee and will provide regular updates to the Outreach Committee. • Open streets planning meetings happen every even dated Thursday at 5:30-7 at the Cleveland Neighborhood Association (located in Lucy Laney School). All are welcome to attend. It's a resident-driven group; 8-12 people show up regularly. • Date finalized: May 31, 10-4. This date was chosen to allow for more planning time; the weather is also a little less risky. The 10-4 is the typical timeframe for open streets events. • There should be a finalized promotional flier available after this Thursday's open streets planning meeting. • The open streets route deviates from the proposed route; the route provides better opportunities for programming "nodes" • The route will start at Broadway and Girard, continue north on Girard, pass near/through the Boys and Girls Club/old Northstar School campus, and continue north on Humboldt from 25th Ave N to 42nd Ave N. • There will be several nodes of activities and programming along the route: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MPS lot, at Girard and Broadway: this is located near Kindred Kitchen,

	<p>which is an incubator for food trucks. There will likely be food trucks located here, along with a sod block party.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Boys and Girls Club/old Northstar space ○ Jordan Park/Hmong International Academy ○ Folwell Park – the basketball tournament will likely be located near here (Ferome is working to get hoops so games can be played in the street). Project Sweetie Pie’s Urban Farm Fare: A Little Bit of Country will also happen at Humboldt and Dowling ○ 42nd and Humboldt: there will likely be a second sod party here, along with an art party <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The event is still in the early planning stages – more to come at future meetings.
<p>Technical Advisory Committee and planning consultant</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bill Fellows updated the group on the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) he’s convening and on a proposed scope of service for a consultant ● The TAC is meeting monthly. Current members include Bill Fellows (representing Public Works), Matthew Hendricks and Jim Skoog (representing the Outreach Committee), Sarah Stewart (representing the Health Department), Jenifer Ringold (representing the Park Board) and Jim Voll (representing CPED), and SRF (the consultant) ● At the March meeting, the TAC discussed the consultant’s scope of service. The scope will build on things that have been done already (a traffic study, greenway graphics, intersection studies) ● The potential scope will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A summary of previous work and monthly summaries of work completed that are written so they can be easily shared with the public ○ Updates to the route map and to aerial images of the route ○ Updated traffic study, focusing on potential adverse impacts and recommended ways to mitigate those impacts ○ Traffic and parking counts, including during the open streets event (updating the traffic counts done previously). One idea: we could take advantage of the current winter parking restrictions in Minneapolis to see how that affects parking along and near the proposed route. ○ Quantifying costs, both capital costs (to construct the greenway) and long-term maintenance costs ○ A conceptual layout that people can react to that includes geometries of traffic, bikeways, pedestrian space, and intersection controls ○ Exploration of lighting and utilities ○ Room for analysis of route alternatives ● Bill has asked SRF for to estimate the cost of the scope ● The scope can be modified to address concerns raised by the outreach committee. We’ve already heard that having cost estimates is a priority, so this is included in the scope of work. ● Matthew Hendricks has developed some preliminary cost estimates for the greenway. These estimates will be sent out with the meeting minutes. The estimates are not official City estimates, which should be available later this spring.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City has not yet developed a list of potential funding sources for greenway construction, but will do so if the community engagement efforts show that the community supports the concept. Matthew developed a list of potential funding sources a couple of years ago that he can share with the group • The City has not determined if it would contract the construction of the greenway out - it's too early in the planning process. However, we have heard that residents are interested in having Northsiders receive training and employment if the greenway is constructed. Matthew included some estimates for training in his cost estimates. Russ also mentioned that there is interest in exploring economic development potential at some notes along the route.
Communications plans and materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah shared a table of communications tactics (see separate attachment). • The group suggested that the following events be considered for greenway outreach: neighborhood organization annual meetings, DFL convention (FONT will be there), NCR Community Connections Conference, North First, Bottineau Station Area Planning meetings. • Sandy volunteered to be a spokesperson for the project; Jim will ask Will Lumpkins; others are encouraged to volunteer. Michael suggested talking with an entrepreneurial young man named Brandon to be a spokesperson; Kathy will send his contact information to Sarah • When doing media outreach, consider alternative and culturally-specific media outlets; NCR has ideas for this. Sarah will work with Communications to develop a list of outlets and run this list by the Outreach Committee to see if there are any outlets missing • Add the following tactic – invite decision-makers and funders to attend the open streets event • There should also be a strong communications plan for open streets (will be done in collaboration with the Bike Coalition). The open streets event and other communications efforts should really hone in on how this is a bike path; get people to experience what it would be like to have this bike path built and lots of bikers using it. We should think big about this. Some bike-related things happening with open streets include the Bike Coalition having a tent; a bike rodeo; Nice Ride orange bike share bikes available; “Northside 6” with drawing; Venture North is leading bike trains to the event. It's early in the planning stage, so other things will also be added to the plans • Since open streets doesn't go past North, we should think about how to be sure young people are involved in this. Ferome will work with the North varsity basketball team to get the word out; Venture North is leading the “route to the route” rides.
Review final survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey has been finalized; feedback from the committee has been incorporated, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Making the contact info form and the survey two separate pages ○ Creating a separate survey for door-knocking that does not ask for private data (and therefore does not need to include a data privacy notice) ○ Asking for more detailed input from people who live on the proposed route <u>and</u> within 1 block of the route
Open Streets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew shared an idea of having “block hosts” at the open streets event.

<p>“block hosts”</p>	<p>These would be residents who live on or near the open streets route who would invite people to participate in the event and encourage their neighbors to complete surveys. Block Club leaders could be encouraged to have their own block club parties on the open streets event day.</p>
<p>Route changes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are some changes to the route map (revised map coming soon): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Including two new route options south of Golden Valley Road (Irving and James), and removing the section of the route that connects with Fremont and Emerson. This is based on resident feedback that 1) many potential users of the greenway would not feel comfortable using the bike lanes on Emerson and Fremont, and 2) residents were interested in seeing better connections at the southern end of the greenway, including connections to the Cedar Lake and Bassett’s Creek Trails. ○ On the 4100 block of Irving, changing the greenway type from a half-and-half greenway to a full linear-park greenway, as requested by residents who live on that block ○ Adding Humboldt Avenue North as a route option between 41st Avenue North and 44th Avenue North. Some residents of Humboldt Avenue North have requested the greenway route for their street, in part because there are no boulevards on this section of Humboldt. Humboldt Avenue North offers a slightly more direct (shorter) route than Irving Avenue North in this stretch of the proposed greenway route. ○ Adding a blurb to the map that makes it clear that this is a proposal, not a prescription. • The open streets route will not travel south of Broadway for two reasons 1) it’s hard to cross Broadway, and there are limited resources available for policing and traffic control on the day of the event, and 2) the greenway route south of Broadway is the most undefined route right now • It would be helpful to have maps that show the topography of the greenway route – the consultant can produce these.

February 3, 2014

Meeting Notes

North Minneapolis Greenway Outreach Steering Committee

Sumner Library (Cargill Room) - 3:30-5:00

Attendees: Ferome Brown (Peace Collaborative Partners), Bill Fellows (Minneapolis Public Works), Mike Bash (Redeemer Center for Life), David Kang (Hana Media/Hmong American Partnership), Sandy Loescher (resident), Jim Skoog (resident), Kathy DeKrey (NRRC), Sam Rockwell (Blue Cross), Colin Harris (Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition), Malik Holt (Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition), Ebony Adedayo (Alliance for Metropolitan Stability), Russ Adams (Alliance for Metropolitan Stability), Roberta Englund (FNA, WCNO), Giorgianna Yantos (resident), Matthew Hendricks (Twin Cities Greenways), Sarah Stewart (Minneapolis Health Department), Michelle Chavez (Neighborhood and Community Relations), Louie Moore (Major Taylor)

- I. Discuss possible change in meeting time/day – 3rd Wednesday, 4-5:30?
 - A meeting time change was proposed for the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 4:00, but this time did not work well for all.
 - The group agreed to move meeting times to the 1st Monday of the month at Sumner Library (because of the conference call capability).

- II. Update on micro-granting process and decisions
 - The Alliance for Metropolitan Stability convened a group of Northside residents to serve on a review committee. The committee selected 14 of the 16 applicants to receive funding.
 - The micro-grant recipients present at the meeting shared their projects (
 - Some outreach gaps may include outreach to North High
 - Ferome's project is working with North basketball team
 - Minneapolis Peace Collaborative is looking to rent 6 basketball hoops - if anyone has ideas, contact Ferome.

- III. Route tour review and discuss route changes
 - The group reviewed some possible changes to the greenway route map (see map at <https://www.google.com/maps/ms?hl=en&authuser=0&msid=000000cc0539dabb0004f184e4958ed0615b6&msa=0&ei=88MU-TABMLwoATO-oDYAQ&ved=0CAIQIDQoAA&dg=feature>).
 - The committee agreed that the old proposed route map should be used in engagement, but that engagement partners should know about these options so they can present them when doing outreach to residents.
 - We should think about connection to Humboldt Greenway – use bicycle boulevard, maybe.

- IV. Review revised survey
 - The survey will be accompanied by a literature piece that will explain the project and show images for people to comment on
 - The privacy statement is necessary data disclosure that must be used when the City collects private data, such as names, emails, and addresses

- The contact information could be collected on a separate form in order to simplify the data disclosure and to keep contact information separate from survey responses
 - For door-knocking, we would not have to have a data disclosure on the survey if the door-knockers recorded the block number on each survey.
 - Recommendation- collect contact information on a separate form and remove all private data questions from the door-knocking survey
- V. Discuss communications plans and review 1/24 communication call
- Agenda item postponed (not enough time)
- VI. Minneapolis Bike Coalition and the open streets event this spring
- Colin Harris works with the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition and organizes open streets events for them.
 - A planning committee for the Open Streets event on the greenway is meeting every even-dated Thursday (dates ending in an even number) at Cleveland Neighborhood Organization at 5:30 PM. They will likely meet more frequently closer to the date of the open streets event. All are welcome to attend.
 - Dates under consideration are May 11 (Mother's Day weekend, overlap with Bike Week) or May 31 (better likelihood of good weather)