

Smith Avenue Community Meeting

February 22, 2011



Meeting Agenda, February 22, 2011



Smith Avenue Revitalization Initiative

- 600 pm- Welcome, Overview & History of Smith Avenue Initiative, **Darlene Lewis**
- 605 pm- Participant recognition, **Darlene Lewis, Barb Wencil**
- 615 pm- Small area plan, **Kate Reilly**
- 635 pm- Next steps, **Kate Reilly & Ben Boike**
- 640- Questions?
- 700 pm- Smith Avenue Branding Guide discussion, **Tom Dobbs**
- 735 pm- Questions?
- 800 pm- Wrap up, **Darlene Lewis & Barb Wencil**

History & Two-City Collaboration



- Why did we work to replace the plan?
- First of its kind collaboration, began 2009
- Unique partnership- WSCO, NeDA, REDA, City of Saint Paul & City of West Saint Paul
- Financial support- Dakota County, West Saint Paul & City of West Saint Paul
- Steering Committee and Task Force formation

2010-11 Smith Avenue Task Force Members



- Kent Aldrich
- Jennifer Billig
- Nancy Breymeier
- Rick Casper
- Tim Faricy
- Heidi Gesell
- William Hanson
- Ed Hauck
- Steve Komula
- Glen Lucken
- Linda Olson
- Ken Paulman
- Nick Balcom Raleigh
- Linda Ruggles
- Pat Stevens
- Mark Tessmer
- Karen Zumach

Smith Avenue Revitalization Plan



The DRAFT Smith Avenue Revitalization Plan
Recommended by the Saint Paul Planning Commission on _____
Adopted by the City Council _____

Smith Avenue Revitalization Plan



- Collaborative process between Saint Paul and West Saint Paul
- Sets policies for Smith Avenue between the High Bridge and Dodd Road
- Identifies goals to be accomplished over the next 10 to 15 years
- Will be adopted as an amendment to each city's Comprehensive Plan



- **Task Force worked with several groups over the course of 18 months**
 - Humphrey School of Public Affairs
 - Carlson School of Management – Volunteer Corps
 - Center for Urban and Regional Affairs
 - Metropolitan Design Center
 - Hay Dobbs

Smith Avenue Revitalization Plan



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 - Commercial Vitality
 - Land Use
 - Transportation
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- Includes an implementation section

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Highlights

- Create and implement a community festival, shared between the two cities
- Initiate a branding guide and implementation plan
- Support and retain the current business mix
- Establish, or use existing, business association
- Maintain current patterns of development on Smith Ave.
- Establish traffic calming measures
- Increase use of and access to parks
- Maintain and improve residential properties
- Ensure that the view of the State Capitol is preserved

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Implementation and funding

- Implementation will be carried out by the two cities, NeDA, REDA and WSCO as identified in the implementation section of the plan.
- Implementation will take place as funds permit
- Funding for most projects may come from either city, grants, or a business association.

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Next steps – Saint Paul

- WSCO reviews and potentially recommends the plan to the Saint Paul Planning Commission at March 14 meeting
- The Neighborhood Planning Committee of the Planning Commission considers and potentially recommends the plan to the Planning Commission in March.
- Planning Commission holds public hearing (March/April)
- Planning Commission recommends plan to City Council (April/May)
- City Council approves plan pending Met Council approval (May/June)

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Next steps – West Saint Paul

- WSCO reviews and potentially recommends the plan to the Saint Paul Planning Commission at March 14 meeting
- West Saint Paul EDA reviews in April/May
- West Saint Paul Planning Commission reviews in May
- West Saint Paul City Council approves in May

QUESTIONS?

SMITH AVENUE RESOURCES



Project updates & info below available @ www.districtdelsol.com

LINKS TO SAINT PAUL PLANS

- [City Wide Plans](#)
- [Neighborhood Plans](#) (1984 Smith Ave Task Force Report)

- [Saint Paul Zoning Maps](#)
- [Saint Paul Zoning Code](#)

LINKS TO WEST SAINT PAUL PLANS

- [West Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan](#)
- [West Saint Paul Zoning Code](#)
- [West Saint Paul Zoning Map](#)