

# North Avenue Advisory Committee

May 30, 2012

## Committee update on ULI tour of Colfax Avenue by Kevin Bray and Dave Thornton

- ✧ Infrastructure needs to be updated on North Avenue just like it needed it along Colfax Avenue.
- ✧ Importance of correct zoning to incentivize redevelopment and to remove barriers.
- ✧ Colfax Avenue property/business owners have a plan for their corridor; they are very organized and engaged.
- ✧ North Avenue carries almost the same amount of traffic as Colfax Avenue.

### *Discussion:*

- ✧ Levi: Concerned with providing enough pedestrian facilities on North Avenue. Not sure about pulling buildings up close to the street.
- ✧ Willie: Primarily concerned with cleaning up North Avenue now. Wants the City to step up and make improvements on North Avenue.
- ✧ Kevin: Returned to Mission Statement for North Avenue Committee – What should the development standards be for the corridor? Owners should work together to seek support for improvements.

### *Other Concerns and Issues:*

- ✧ Standards should be more conducive to encouraging new business/growth.
- ✧ Need a plan to guide development for the future as well as help for now.
- ✧ It's a challenge to get business owners together to take action – they are not organized on North Avenue right now.
- ✧ Will City step in and provide for improvements?

## *Poppy Woody gave an overview of the meeting she sponsored on May 14, 2012 for North Avenue business and property owners.*

*Some property and business owners were in attendance at today's meeting to learn more about the North Avenue Advisory Committee and to share support for making changes.*

- ✧ 510 28 ½ Road – dead tree needs to be removed. Nineteen street lights along North Avenue that don't work.

### *Continued Discussion:*

- ✧ Handed out information on how to form a Business Improvement District (BID). Discussed the benefits of organization with a BID. Dave received copies of the Horizon Drive BID and was asked to scan and share the documents with the group. Talked about determining the boundary – clarified that parcels had to annex into the City in order to be included in the boundary.
- ✧ Tim Moore – Discussion regarding a possible Sidewalk Improvement District. City has \$25,000 in CDBG funds to make small repairs to sidewalks/curbs. City could possibly help facilitate or encourage a Sidewalk or Alley Improvement District.
- ✧ TAC is working on designs that could be proposed to the Committee for consideration.

### ***Vacancy Survey update for North Avenue***

- ✧ The current rate is 12.4% which shows a slight decline in the vacancy rate for North Avenue. The overall rate for the City has also declined slightly.

### ***CDGB Funds***

- ✧ CDBG funds (\$25,000) will be spent in the near future for repairs: vertical curbs that need handicap accessibility at crosswalks and bus stops.

### ***Abandoned Driveway Inventory***

- ✧ Abandoned driveway inventory was discussed and a handout was given out. There are 15 curb cuts along the four mile corridor – that doesn't include cuts that could be consolidated.

### ***Miscellaneous***

- ✧ Distributed copies of the article in the Free Press about North Avenue.

*Next meeting will be on June 27, 2012 at Department of Social Services on North Avenue (aka Health Department)*