

North Avenue Corridor Overlay Zone District

North Avenue Advisory Committee Meeting

7 November 2012 - 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM

2011 North Avenue West Corridor Plan
2007 North Avenue Corridor Plan

The Vision of the corridor as developed by the 2007 and 2011 North Avenue Corridor Plans is to create a corridor with a sense of place.

"Placemaking"

A place that people want to come back to and not just pass through it. It is a corridor that provides a vibrant mix of uses including, retail, office, residential, medical, employment centers and supportive of university, public spaces and sports facilities.

Our Collective Mission

Our charge is to do the following:

1. Create a Zoning Overlay District for the North Avenue Corridor that supports and implements the North Avenue Corridor Plans providing a framework for all future development and redevelopment.
2. With the help of the North Avenue Owners Association, establish acceptable implementation tools and funding mechanisms that will build a corridor that supports all current and future land uses being served by the corridor.
3. Through the Community and Systems Preservation Program Grant, design a streetscape which incorporates the elements of the long range vision of North Avenue as a "Complete Street". This is a corridor for all modes of transportation including vehicle, transit, bike and pedestrian. A streetscape using techniques of access management will be designed with reduced traffic conflicts and pedestrian, bike and transit friendly amenities; and aesthetic treatments that bring to the corridor a sense of place.

AGENDA

Welcome

Old Business

1. Meeting Notes from September 26th Meeting, (see attachment 1)
2. Report on last North Avenue Owners Association Meeting – Kevin Bray
3. Update on Community and Systems Preservation Program \$1.19 Federal Grant – Tim Moore
4. Xcel Energy undergrounding utility update – Tim Moore

North Avenue Overlay Zone District & Implementation Tools

1. Draft North Avenue Overlay District Review
2. Site Upgrade Point System Model
3. Sidewalk, Safety & Accessibility – Kevin Bray
4. Overlay District Adoption Schedule

Visitor Questions/Comments

Calendar - Next Committee Mtg. - ???

Adjourn

**If you plan cities
for cars and
traffic, you will
get cars and
traffic.**

**If you plan for
people and
places, you will
get people and
places.**

NORTH AVENUE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

September 26, 2012

Old Business

1. Dave Thornton briefly reviewed meeting notes from the August 22, 2012 meeting with the committee. Kevin Bray asked about accident data for hot spots on North Avenue. Dave will bring this to the Committee at their next meeting.

Implementation Tools:

1. Status update by Kevin Bray on last North Avenue Owners Association meeting held on September 10, 2012.
 - a. They have completed their application and are now have nonprofit status.
 - b. They have a board and Poppy Woody is the President.
 - c. Their goal as an Association is to be one voice and work together, working with the City and other local agencies on North Avenue issues and projects.
2. The next general meeting will be held on **November 5, 2012 @ 6:00 PM.**

North Avenue Overlay Zone District

1. Discussed briefly the open house results and comments received. There were no new issues brought up by attendees that the committee wasn't already aware of. The general feeling was the open house was successful and attendees were glad that the community was doing something for North Avenue.
2. Discussed latest draft Overlay Standards/Guidelines
 - a. Concerns were raised regarding the affect of the overlay on car lots. Discussion occurred that car lots are not a future land use that will benefit from using the overlay due to the location requirement of the building and the general desire to have the cars displayed up to the street ROW. With the proposal of the overlay being optional, future car lots would develop under the existing base zone district, typically light commercial (C-1) along North Avenue.
 - b. Concerns with the proposed signage limitations for freestanding signs to be monument signs only with no pole signs allowed that the last couple of drafts of the overlay has introduced. It was felt that since signage initially was not going to change as part of doing an overlay that we shouldn't restrict freestanding signs. It was decided that these restrictions would be removed from the proposed overlay district. Creating a possible disincentive for future development considering using the overlay district, restricting signage was not in keeping with the overlay being incentive based.

New Business/Questions and Comments

1. Handed out news articles regarding open house.
2. Reviewed the list of comments from the committee that were shared the first meeting (February 29, 2012) they met as a committee. Each person in attendance at the first meeting was asked "What would like see changed on North Avenue?" Staff was asked to email the list to committee members.

Next meeting will be held sometime in the next few weeks. Staff will send out notice of the meeting, time and location. The meeting will be scheduled after a draft of the text amendment for the overlay zone district is written and ready for discussion.