

Rochester's Neighborhood Resource Center

RNeighbors

Providing tools to grow GREAT neighborhoods

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Vision

RNeighbors works toward a future in Rochester when community life is rooted in neighborhood networks that nurture citizen involvement for positive community change.

Mission

RNeighbors empowers citizen leaders to create sustainable neighborhood networks that promote a vibrant, healthy and livable community.

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Mayor's Council on Neighborhoods (MCN) Meeting Summary

Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 5:30-7 pm • Rochester Area Foundation Board Room

Mission of the Mayor's Council on Neighborhoods

To strengthen connections between neighborhood leaders and give neighborhoods a collective voice.

Welcome and Introductions (10 mins)

- Representatives from: Sunnyside, Kutzky, Eastside, Historic SW, Washington, Homestead Trails, NW, Folwell and Slatterly.
- Successes of MCN since starting in April 2014
 - Increased communication between neighborhoods
 - Speakers Bureau
 - RNeighbors Neighborhood Grants

Background Information (5 mins)

- Heidi Mestad, Mayo Clinic Public Affairs, Division of Community Engagement, DMC
 - Agreed upon as highest priority at January 15th Fringe Neighborhood meeting
 - Development/Redevelopment (standards and quality)
 - Communication & Process (neighborhoods to be more involved in the process with an actual ability to influence or shape outcome)

Current Olmsted County Planning Process (10 mins)

- John Harford, Supervisor, Development Review Services Division, Rochester-Olmsted Planning Department
- Mitzi Baker, Director, Rochester-Olmsted Planning Department

Harford reviewed "Neighborhood Meeting Requirement Summary" (see handout)

- Large number of uses and development styles that never have to go through any public hearing process (P&Z or City Council)
 - Issues regarding this part of the ordinance would take more time
- Type 3, Phase 3 – P&Z and City Council involved and CC makes the decision rather than staff
 - There are some times when developers want to get ahead of the curve, but that is not required
 - In some cases, not all, neighborhood meetings are required (see below) – there are no specific requirements for what happens at these meetings
 - Land use plan amendments
 - Zoning map amendments (change in zoning)
 - Conditional use permits for mass grading/movement of land (wouldn't happen downtown or in old neighborhoods)
 - Offender transitional housing

Initiative Partners



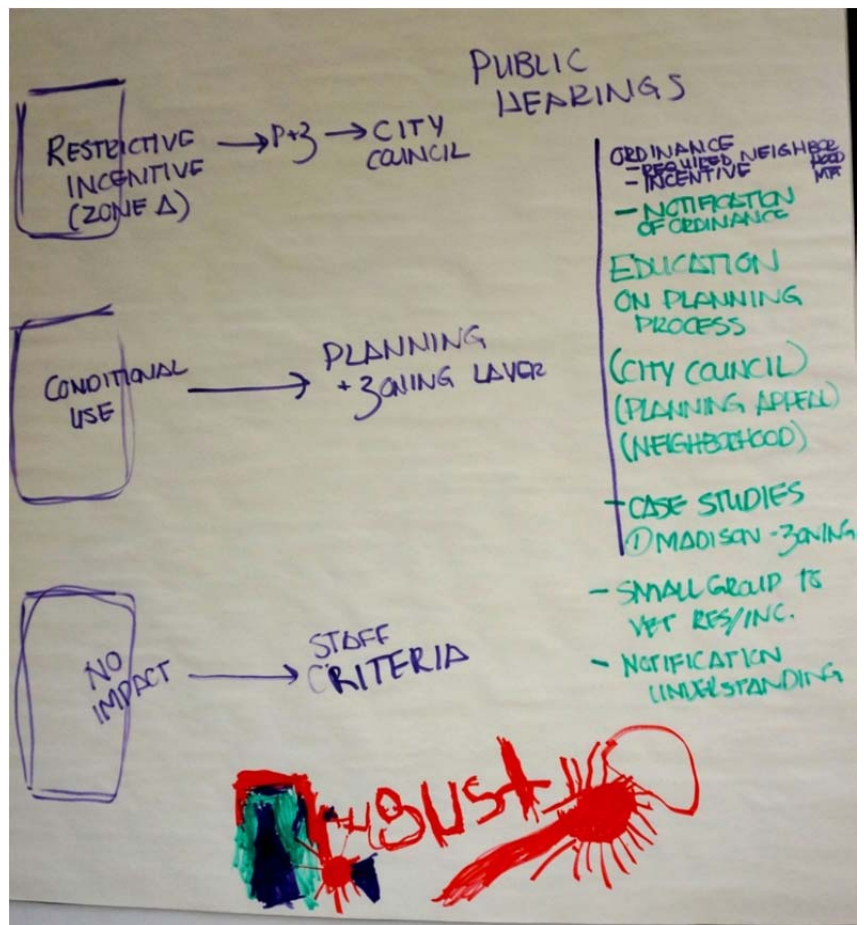
- Others (general development, site development plans, conditional use permits non land alteration) the neighborhood meetings are encouraged but not required
 - Core neighborhoods (CNNR – which has not been accepted by City Council) are indicated as always required
- Simultaneously, city staff are pulling together necessary information related to the project necessary for the official report published the Friday prior to the scheduled meeting.
- Public hearing (P&Z) is held and the recommendation is forwarded to the City Council – in few instances, involving variances, will a developer need to appeal to City Council
- City Council makes the final determination regarding the project
- Question re: when you don't have to go to P&Z
 - For example single family home to single family home (Mitzi stated that staff level review will suffice in these instances – usually permits are involved)
 - Next level is a conditional use permit level of review
 - Above that is restricted or incentive development, or zone change, review
 - “Level of review coincides with potential conflicts” – Mitzi
- Issue for neighbors is that by the time we get to the top to mitigate conflicts, there is not enough time left to talk to neighbors and give any meaningful input
 - Group should identify language to modify ordinance to require neighborhood involvement when incentive development is happening
 - Required at this time for neighborhood meetings is no fewer than 10 days and within 500 feet of the property in question – more proactive measures are on the shoulders of the neighbors
 - If public hearing is required, signs will go up on the property
- Question – what is the comprehensive plan going to adjust/address related to these issues?
 - Zoning ordinances is a tool for implementing the new comprehensive plan. Changes in the plan will result in changes to zoning.

Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals

- Mary Jo said there is a lack of training for appointed members and not required
- Lindsey Meek stated that some training is currently in the works
- Councilman Wojcik suggests that P&Z be under the City and not the County – would affect tax levies but would allow city to handle funds for training

Additional Questions and Comments

- Philosophical conflict between developers and neighborhoods?
- Requirements are so vague they are easy to get around?
- In this current state, do the neighborhoods actually matter?
- Are there champions for the neighborhoods in our current leadership?
- Neighborhoods have improved many development projects. This is not always acknowledged or seen as a positive thing. Working with neighborhoods is in the city's best interest.
- Councilman Wojcik already has some language around incentive development and he would welcome review. Encourage having a voice. Suggested looking at Madison's language.



Work Group formed to work on items listed and bring back to April MCN meeting

- Look at specific zoning language
- Mapping Out the Ideal Process
 - Points of Interception (where you can be heard)
 - Points of Communication (where you can learn information)

Relationship Building: Opening Avenues for Communication with Mayo Clinic (15 mins)

- Community Engagement Committee presentation, March 9, René Lafflam
- Mayo Clinic Facilities 5 Year Plan, Heidi Mestad

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 21, 5:30-7 pm

Dismissal

Upcoming 2015 MCN Meetings: Tuesday, April 21; Tuesday, June 16; Tuesday, August 18; Tuesday, October 20; Tuesday, December 15 (each meeting is 5:30-7 pm)



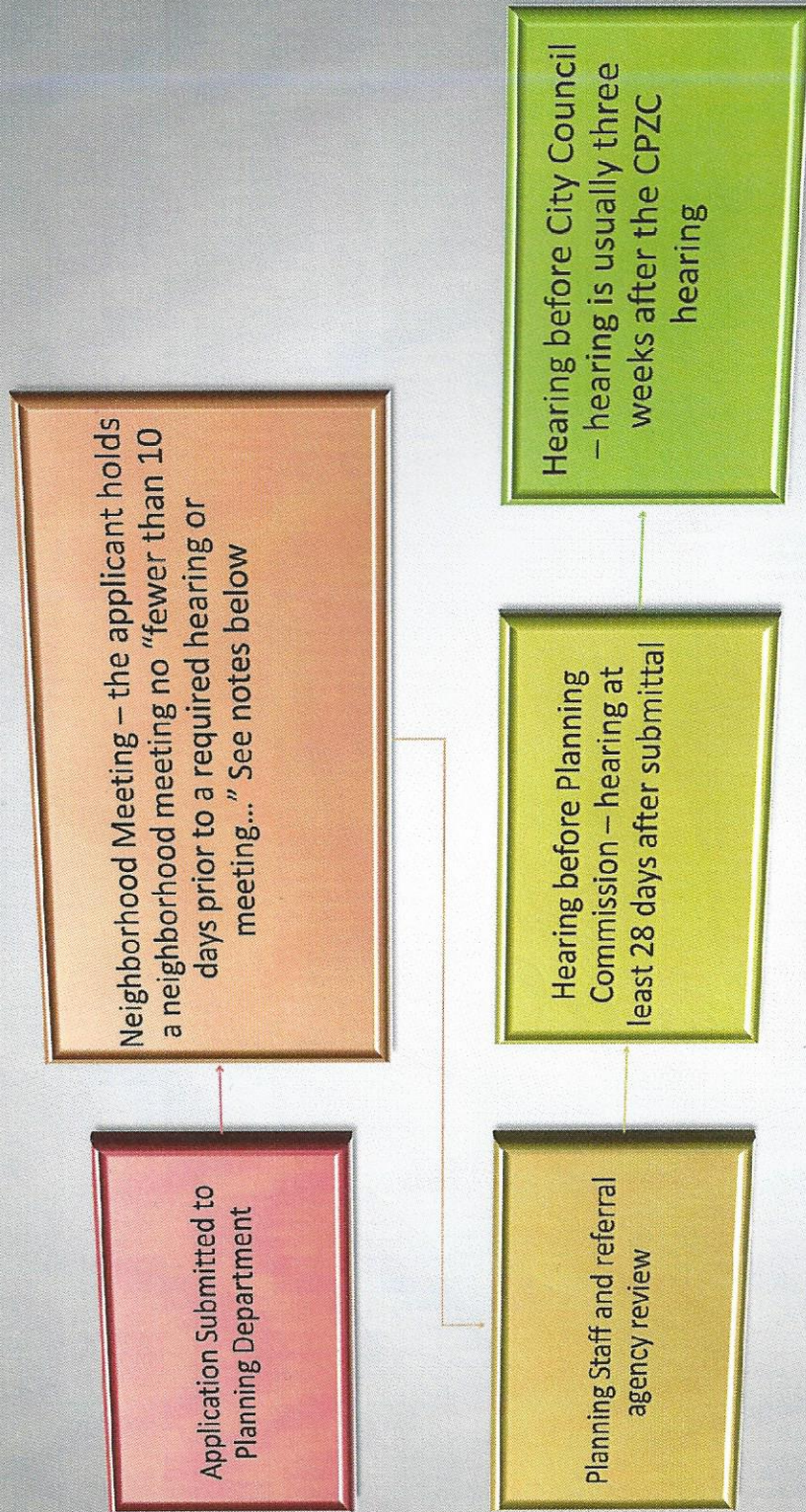
Attendees

Back row (left to right): Brittany Wilson, future DNA, Brittany@rgi-group.com; Katie Cannons, Washington, kcannons@juno.com; Richard Denny, Sunnyside, denny123@q.com; Mike LaPlante, Eastside, mlaplante@aol.com; Lyle Plumhoff, Washington, lplumhoff@msn.com; Brian Rognholt, Slatterly Park, BRognholt@charter.net; Michael Wojcik, City Coucil Ward 3, votewojcik@gmail.com; Barb Virning, NW, bvirnig@hotmail.com; April Sutor, Homestead Trails, aprilsutor@yahoo.com; Mary Kujanson, NW, mkujanson@farmersagent.com; Mary Jo Majerus, Eastside, healingtouch.rmn@gmail.com; Christine Schultze, Historic SW, ecschultze@gmail.com; Jesse Welsh, Kutzky, jessemoranwelsh@gmail.com.

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Not pictured: Duane and Deb Sauke, debsanke@gmail.com, Viking Hills; Kindsey Meek, Lindsey.e.meek@gmail.com, future DNA; John Harford, harford.john@CO.OLMSTED.MN.US, Olmsted County Planning Department; Jacque Jones, jones.jacque@mayo.edu, Kutzky; Mitzi Baker, baker.mitzi@CO.OLMSTED.MN.US, Olmsted County Planning Department.

Summary – Neighborhood Meeting Requirement



An applicant has the option to hold a neighborhood meeting prior to submittal of the application to the Planning Department. The zoning ordinance does not require that they do so.

When must a neighborhood meeting be held?

- Land use plan amendments
- Zoning map amendments
- Conditional use permits for substantial land alteration/mining, etc.
- Offender transitional housing

For GDP's, Site Development Plans, and Conditional Use Permits a neighborhood meeting is encouraged but not required.

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