

Rochester's Neighborhood Resource Center

RNeighbors

Providing tools to grow GREAT neighborhoods

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Minnesota's
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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 Minutes

Tuesday, August 18, 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

Introductions (15 mins)

- Name and Neighborhood Association/Organization you're representing
- Share a positive summer neighborhood effort

5 Year Plan of Mayo Clinic (30 min presentation, 10 min questions)

- Introduction by Heidi Mestad, Manager of DMC, Mayo Clinic
- Doug Holton, Division Chair, Facilities Department, Mayo Clinic
- Sharing public, 5 year plan, of what projects are coming up
 - Two districts – don't have to go through public hearing in the two districts
 - Overview of property Mayo owns
 - Roughly 16.5 million square feet
 - Employee distribution – 50% are on downtown, 25% at St Marys
 - Visitor parking 3k that turn over multiple times a day
 - Employee parking 13.5k across all sites
 - Distribution of subway and service docks – management of big trucks coming in and out of downtown
 - Centralized utility infrastructure
 - Urban green space
 - Potential Projects – will be in the new 5 year plan
 - Projects are designed to vertically expand
 - Questions/Ideas from attendees (answers in parentheses):
 - Height of Mayo Building
 - Lourdes High School
 - What are most common touch points with the city (5 year update, sit on taskforces, street projects)
 - Dual purpose ramps (plan on activating the first floor in future ramps)
 - Integrate DMC Plan with Mayo 5 year plan
 - Land use plans (parking lots are the "land bank" for 25 year plan)
 - Traffic engineering
 - Combine forces related to broadband
- Link to the 5 Year Plan presentation

<http://www.co.olemsted.mn.us/planning/ordinances/Documents/City%20Rochester/2011Mayo5-yearUpdateRev.pdf>



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Citizen's Guide Update (5 mins)

- Edited by City Council President, Planning Department, Minnesota League of Cities, City of Rochester's Legal & Administration and the Rochester Area Builders
- To be "finalized" by August 31, RNeighbors annual update to the Committee of the Whole
 - NA leaders encouraged to attend to support RNeighbors and to hear MCN summary in presentation

Drafts of updates to the Rochester Zoning Ordinance and Land Development Manual

Including onsite public notice signs and neighborhood informational meetings

- Heard before the Planning and Zoning Commission, August 12, Voted down
 - Timing of neighborhood meetings – proposed to hold before submitting to P&Z (failed)
 - Signage on site (approved)
- To be heard at City Council, September 9
 - Strategy discussion
 - Focus on one aspect of the ordinance at this time: early neighborhood notification
 - Engage City Council prior to the September 9th meeting
 - Aligns with strategic goal established at June MCN meeting:
"Continue to establish good conversations and relationships with city staff and leadership"
 - Mini focus groups (2-4 neighborhood leaders per ward meet with each Council member)
 - Not confrontational, should be conversational
 - Goal: To collect information to bring back to the MCN group and share why early neighborhood notification is important to Rochester neighborhoods.
 - Each meeting have similar talking points and questions
 - How do you see neighborhood involvement being constructive?
 - How can we help you get constituent feedback? (so meetings don't go until 2 am)
 - What are concerns you have?
 - How can we partner with you?
 - René will help pull together concise information about the topic, collect opinions on talking points and disseminate to the group

Dismissal

Upcoming 2015 MCN Meetings: October 20, December 15 (each meeting is 5:30-7 pm, location TBA)



Attendees

Back row (left to right): Glenn Faith, Kutzky; Ivan Idso, Northrop; Kelly Dunagan, Sunnyside; Richard Denny, Sunnyside; Sue Rain, Washington; Mike LaPlante, Eastside; Barb Hudson, Indian Heights; Lyle Plumhoff, Washington; Jesse Welsh, Kutzky; Barry Skolnick, Downtown & Historic SW.

Front row: Nancy Slocumb, Historic SW; Barb Virning, North West; Mary Kujanson, North West.

Not pictured: Doug Holton, Mayo Clinic; Heidi Mestad, Mayo Clinic; Lindsey Meek, Downtown; Mary Jo Briggs, Parkway; René Lafflam, RNeighbors.