

SW LRT CAC Meeting
23 September 2010
MPRB Board Room, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Agenda Item	Person
1. Welcome and introduction	
a. Chair welcome and thank you <p>The chair was ill and unable to attend, so MPRB Commissioner Anita Tabb served in his place.</p>	Scott Neiman
b. Park Board welcome and charge (see slide) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare recommendations to the Board on the contents of a formal Comment Letter in response to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Southwest Light Rail Transit Alternative 3A. The recommendations of the CAC shall focus on desired outcomes relative to historical, cultural, visual, recreational, social, environmental, and safety issues as they relate to lands owned or managed by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. 	Commissioner Tabb
c. Introductions d. Housekeeping e. Review agenda f. CAC work in accordance with the International Association for Public Participation Core Values (see slide)	Neiman
2. SW LRT background and DEIS process	
a. Corridor tour in MPRB van (approx 1.5 hours); tentative dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat Sept 25 8 am • Tues Sept 28 5 pm • Sat Oct 2 8 am <p>Staff will send out scheduling options to all CAC members and make a decision based on CAC member availability.</p>	Neiman
b. Presentation on SW LRT project and the DEIS process <p>Presentation by Scott Reed of HDR Consulting on behalf of the County; HDR is the lead consultant for the DEIS</p> <p>CAC requested information about any parks-related issues and formal comments submitted as part of the Hiawatha Corridor DEIS; staff will respond</p>	Hennepin County representative
3. Review role of CAC (from binder contents) (see slide)	
a. The combination of the description from the SW LRT website with the CAC charge means the following: The CAC will focus on the DEIS sections that identify the environmental and community effects of	Neiman

<p>Alternative 3A on Minneapolis parks and park users, and ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse impacts. The CAC will look at desired outcomes relative to historical, cultural, visual, recreational, social, environmental, and safety issues.</p>	
<p>4. Connection between Southwest LRT and MPRB properties and users (see PowerPoint slides)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAC requested staff check with the County for readily available information on any utilities that may intersect with park properties along the corridor; if available, staff will provide to CAC; otherwise, CAC will wait for the information in the DEIS 	MPRB Staff
<p>5. Opportunities for additional community input</p>	Neiman
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Public comment for 10 minutes at the end of each CAC meeting b. Online place for people to advise the CAC on park-specific issues and concerns: http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/default.asp?PageID=1247 c. To inform deliberations, CAC may wish to co-host a community input session on park issues at some (indoor) venue along the corridor 	
<p>6. Housekeeping and next steps</p>	Neiman
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Anticipated CAC meeting schedule: This schedule assumes a DEIS release date of November 1, but that is determined by the Federal Transit Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 23 • (corridor tour for CAC members) • October 14 • November 4 • <Once the DEIS is released the 45-day countdown begins, so CAC may need to increase meeting frequency and/or duration> • Tentative: November 11 • Tentative: November 18 • Tentative: December 2 • Tentative: December 9 • Tentative: December 16 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Documentation, communications (see website information): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting information and agenda will be posted on the website in advance • Meeting notes will be the combination of the agenda, materials, and flipcharted record of discussion • Meeting notes will be posted on the website as soon as possible following each CAC meeting • Member names and appointers, along with the chair's contact information will be on the website • Information requests to staff must be made by the full CAC, relate to the charge, and be relevant to CAC decisions 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The handout contains further details on how to get information and provide input 	
<p>7. Public comment: 10 minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hennepin County Commissioner Dorfman has made some statements about noise standards; consider linking the CAC's positions to <i>those</i> standards Cedar Lake regional trail: most continue to flow <i>freely</i> into downtown; need off-road throughway underneath LRT <Clarification: Grand Rounds intersects at Cedar Lake Avenue, and therefore will be part of this CAC's charge> South Beach and Hidden Beach: attend to flow and safety issues, especially at rush hour; potential recipe for disaster 21st St: look at access to park Must have access to trails during construction Park and ride at West Lake Street: put instead in place of Calhoun Executive Building (related to park land) Ensure unimpeded bike and pedestrian traffic on trails Don't forget about the trees as LRT comes in Sewer line near Park Siding: until DEIS comes out we don't know if rail line will be at grade or not; design must account for sewer line The grade of the LRT must accommodate the trails 	Neiman
<p>8. Adjourn</p>	

See below for photos from the meeting.

