



HOUSING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, July 26th, 2023 | 6:30pm

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Please note: this meeting is being held remotely online via Zoom and will be recorded.

Chair: Mike Moore

Secretary: Cameron Cole

Staff: Alexa Golemo

Attendance:

Committee Members - Jack Fei, Mike Moore, Meg Grove, Colleen Crenshaw, Dave Pasiuk, Catherine Plessner, Nora Ptacek, Kobie Bardouille, Art Punyko, Kensey Lipstreuer, Regina Purins, Gene Johnson, Deb Burns, Heather Huffman, Tom Dietsche, Bethany Lewis

Guests - Daniel Kennedy, Karen James, Jerome Benner, Joshua Williams, Rick Linsk, Beverly Savarin, Chris Richmond, Carri Stuhr, Jane McClure, Anthony Adams, Irene Falksen, Amy McDonough, Dean Cummings,

Staff - Alexa Golemo

MINUTES

I. Welcome Guests & New Members and HLU Introduction, *Mike Moore, Chair*

II. Agenda additions/deletions

No additions or deletions.

III. Approve June 2023 Meeting Minutes

Catherine Plessner moves to approve, Jack Fei seconds, passes 8-0 with 4 abstentions.

IV. **Awaken for Wellness (1821 St Clair Ave) Neighborhood STAR Application**, *Chris Richmond, Founder*

Awaken for Wellness is seeking a Letter of Recommendation from MGCC for their [Neighborhood STAR](#) Application.

Chris Richmond looking for a letter of recommendation from the board. Grant could award up to \$50,000 that would be used for exterior renovations. They intend to use Sagiper since removing the stucco to reveal the bricks below is not a feasible option.

Catherine Plessner makes motion to approve letter of recommendation. Regina Purins seconds. Motion passes 12-0 with 1 abstention.



V. University of St Thomas Multipurpose Arena Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW),

As the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU), the City of Saint Paul has prepared an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the University of St. Thomas Multipurpose Arena (Lee and Penny Anderson Arena at the University of St. Thomas).

The University of St. Thomas Multipurpose Arena is proposed to be located on an approximately 6 acre site located on the University of St. Thomas South Campus in Saint Paul, Minnesota. The proposed project will include a multi-purpose competition venue for the University's hockey and basketball programs with capacity for approximately 4,000 to 5,500 spectators. The project is also expected to include practice facilities, coaching offices, locker rooms, and student athlete support services and will host other university events such as commencement ceremonies, academic convocations, speakers, career fairs, and other events for the university. The new facility will be designed to meet a LEED Silver rating. There are three existing campus buildings with adjacent surface parking lots on site that will be demolished.

Please note: The purpose of the EAW process is to disclose information about potential environmental impacts of the project. It is not an approval process. The information disclosed in the EAW process has two functions: to determine whether an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is needed and to indicate how the project can be modified to lessen its environmental impacts.

The City will accept public comments on the EAW through **July 27, 2023 at 4:00 PM**, directed to:

Josh Williams, Principal Planner
25 West Fourth Street
Saint Paul, MN 55102
StThomasArena_EAW@ci.stpaul.mn.us (Please note the _ between Arena & EAW)

Resources:

City of Saint Paul EAW Notice: <https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/planning-and-economic-development/planning/current-activities/university-st-thomas>

MN Environmental Quality Board: <https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/>

St Thomas Neighborhood Relations: <https://www.stthomas.edu/neighbors/>
(Includes presentation boards from the July 12th Open House at McNeely Hall)

Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW): https://www.stpaul.gov/sites/default/files/2023-06/UST_ArenaEAW_062023.pdf

Josh Williams, City of Saint Paul; Jerome Benner, University of St Thomas

Josh presented on the purpose and process of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW), followed by comments and questions from committee and community members.

This conversation can be viewed at <https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/849509288>. No motions for resolutions were made. The consensus was that committee members are better off submitting individual statements rather than a collective MGCC statement.

- 8:25 VI. Updates/Announcements
Board and Committees are not meeting in August.
Mac-Grove Fest on September 9th. Still looking for more day-of volunteers.
- 8:30 VII. Adjourn