

Phillips West Neighborhood Organization
Community Meeting
October 7, 2021 6:00 - 7:30 PM
[Virtual Meeting](#)

6:00 PM Welcome and introductions
Meeting sign in form [here](#)

Presentations

6:10 PM Proposed Lake Street McDonalds improvements, Kevin Shay, planner - hearing from Tom Meyer, Landform Professional Services

- McDonald's on E Lake b/w 2nd and 3rd
- Site has remained unchanged for decades - zoned as C2 commercial. Zoning changes over the years have changed what you can do in that, and freestanding fast food residents no longer approved in C2 commercial
- Bringing the site into compliance with ADA requirements, modernizing the building, improving safety, and reinvesting in the neighborhood
- Major change in interior of the parking lot, revamping island and eliminating some parking, will improve flow of drive-thru
- Looking at relocating the order point a little further away from the building onto a landscaped island to improve the drive thru
- Proposing increase of footprint of building to mainly include an increase of bathroom size for ADA, relocating drive thru side entrance and bringing it closer to the sidewalk, and reconfigure the pay window of the drive-thru
- Updating the exterior of the building to modernize it
- Submitted to city staff for preliminary review, some permitting needs; city has issues with proposal to move pay window, but there are compliance needs with McDonald's standards
- Seeking support on the project and for support on the aspects the city takes issue with, and would love some advocacy
- Any plans for access for hard of hearing folks at the drive-thru window? That's part of the improvements with compliance with ADA, that there are improved additions for hearing impaired people. Goal is to be 100% ADA compliant, there will be additional signage for people to ask for support, there are mobile apps that can be used in the drive-thru; management is committed to serving all customers and to be monitoring the needs of customers as they approach
- Will the current walk-up window be incorporated in the new design? That's not currently part of the plans
- The only walk up window locally is in uptown, that's mostly for security purposes. It's not out of the question but you do lose a lot of dining capacity. Management is interested in it

- Will there be touch order windows or prefer people going up to the window, for hard of hearing folks? Could a touch order be on the outside? Touch screen kiosks will be in the restaurants. The most beneficial thing would be to go right to the window and communicate with the person there, no outdoor touch screen ability. Mobile app is also an option
- curious about any plan for customers who don't have cars and order food after hours? And how accessible for Deaf and hard of hearing order via drive thru? we will have the kiosks inside the restaurant. in DT they do have picture menu available if the guest asks at the window also yes. mobile app can order ahead of time and pick up dt or curbside
- Can't speak to sidewalk needs that are not a part of the property
- What's the timeline? Would love to start in the spring, and take 10-12 weeks
- Do Phillips West residents get hiring priority? Absolutely! Always looking for people that are close by
- Is there training for staff on how to speak to deaf communities, or hiring deaf staff a priority? Certainly could be a priority! If Lily knows professionals who could do trainings could pass that along.
- Is this location switching over to no-meat? Don't think any locations are going no-meat, but plant based options are in test and being added to the menu

6:25 PM Fall Fest & Annual Meeting, Planning Committee members
Board nominations and information

- [Presentation from Alex on fall fest + annual meeting](#)
- Happening Nov 6, 2021, at American Swedish Institute parking lot, 4-6pm
- Goals: have a fun event to bring our community together and do some organizational business while we're there
- Will have a family friendly festival and board elections
- Planning team of board members and community members, meet monday evenings, work in subcommittees
- This will be an excellent opportunity for people to get involved at the board level as we will hold elections
- Excited to get more people with new energy on the board as we move through continued transition
- Board involves attending meetings, voting on proposals, participating in committees, and upholding values
- [NOmination form](#) - deadline for applying is october 27
- Alex is having a garden party info session on 10/23!
- Would love to have you there on 11/6
- Call to action: think of 1 or 2 neighbors, friends, or family who we want to invite to the meeting and invite them right now!
- We need volunteers day-of
- Also a mailer went out today so check your mailboxes

- Sponsorship letters went out today to about 40 businesses

Discussion

6:50 PM Event brainstorming
Fall Fest recruitment exercise
Volunteer sign-ups

7:20 PM Community announcements
Closing

- Mira with announcements!
- Two upcoming events
 - This Saturday is the Phillips Clean Sweep, lots of ways to participate - could be a way to get rid of large items, or hang out with us at 24th and Oakland at 9 before heading out in teams to pick up trash, free breakfast and lunch
 - Ward 6 candidate form will be streamed, 7-8pm Monday evening
 - **Watch live on [Facebook](#) or [MCN Channel 6](#)**
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 - There are two City Council candidates vying for your Ward 6 vote this November! Hear from them both this Monday evening. You can submit questions in advance to vote@lwvmpls.org or via the Facebook live stream comments.
- Council member Osman's staff Sean is on and is aware of the recent shots and violence, including an incident that has impacted councilmember's family
- Mira and Sean and some folks from the city are working to engage with the homeless encampment on 5th
- Council member plans to be at Clean Sweep and the annual meeting; annual meeting after the election so it's all up in the air
- Council member is a no on #1, but not a super strong opinion; yes on #2, is supportive of the department of public safety, the end result of this amendment would be concentrating the public safety in one dept, and this about charter changes; yes on #3, supports working with the council on rent control but not committing to any percentages or plans
- Lily recommends an Apple+ movie called Coda!