

# THE ALLIANCE

A UNIVERSITY DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP

## Charge to a Parking Study Task Force

University District Alliance, in cooperation with the City of Minneapolis

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**Background and Purpose of the Task Force:** In 2008, following the report and recommendations from a Zoning Planning and Regulatory Review (“Zipper”) task force, a University Area Overlay District was created by city ordinance, with minimum residential parking requirements changed to .5 off-street parking spaces for each bedroom in new residential developments. This was done in consideration of the higher typical occupancy levels in residential developments in the University area as compared with other parts of the city. Experience with a surge of new residential development since that time has led to a desire to re-examine that requirement and determine if it should be modified. Also since that time, planned and new high density mixed-use development in commercial districts is displacing the shared surface parking facilities on which the “destination businesses” rely. The Alliance has been asked to work as a community engagement partner with the city to convene a task force to consider and make recommendations regarding:

- Phase One: Is the present parking requirement of .5 off-street parking stalls per bedroom for residential development still the best standard everywhere in the District?
- Phase Two: What, if anything, different should be done to address parking needs in commercial districts?

**Task force members** will be representative of the diverse interests in the University District Alliance, and viewpoints of the diverse interests in the University District will be sought in consideration of the recommendations. Meetings of the Task Force will be open, and there will be opportunities for comment as the Task Force develops its recommendations.

**Task Force accountability:** the Task Force will report to the Alliance board of directors through the Executive Committee. John Kari has agreed to chair the Task Force. Leading the staff work for the study will be Haila Maze, City of Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development.

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**Study and Task Force method:** It's anticipated that the work will consist of general steps as follows:

- Data gathering and analysis
- Consideration of the current data and refinement of the questions
- Public meeting to invite comment and perspective
- 2 - 4 meetings of the Task Force to develop recommendations
- Public meeting to present draft findings and recommendations
- Conclusion of work of the Task Force
- Report to Alliance board; recommendations to policy makers

**Task Force Phase One Schedule:** The Task Force will seek to conclude its work on Phase One and develop recommendations by end of first quarter, 2014.

**Task Force Phase Two Schedule:** To be determined.

**Recommendations of the Task Force** will be presented to the Minneapolis Planning Commission and City Council.