

Community Planning and Economic Development Media Advisory

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City of Minneapolis to Request Neighborhood Feedback on Loring Park Rezoning Study at Community Open House Wednesday, August 12, Loring Park Community Center

WHAT: The City of Minneapolis is working on the first neighborhood-wide implementation of the Loring Park Neighborhood Master Plan, a rezoning study guided by an adopted City plan that sets a vision for the Loring Park neighborhood for the next 20 years. Rezoning studies result in a recommendation to change the zoning of multiple parcels so that zoning is consistent with adopted future land use plans of the area. It is the City's goal to encourage the type of development envisioned in the adopted plan and prevent development that is inconsistent with the plan.

On Wednesday, August 12, the City of Minneapolis will host a Community Open House to request feedback from Loring Park neighborhood residents, business owners, and property owners on City staff recommendations for the Loring Park Rezoning Study. The open house will take place from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at the Loring Park Community Center (1382 Willow St, Minneapolis) with City staff presenting their draft recommendations at 6:30pm for how to best match zoning with the Loring Park Neighborhood Master Plan. Following the presentation, attendees will be able to ask questions and share comments.

Staff will use feedback gained from the August 12 meeting, an [online survey](#), and numerous small group discussions with neighborhood stakeholders to further draft their recommendations prior to submitting for City approval.

The City of Minneapolis approval process will begin on August 17 with a 45-day public comment period. It is anticipated that a public hearing will be held on the staff recommendations on October 19 at a City Planning Commission meeting with final action by the City Council in November.

For more project information, to participate in the online [survey](#), or to explore the first-ever interactive map featuring information on existing zoning, proposed zoning, and what the adopted master plan recommends on any given site, visit the City of Minneapolis [Loring Park Rezoning Study website](#).

WHERE: Loring Park Community Center
1382 Willow Street
Minneapolis, MN

WHEN: Wednesday, August 12, 2015
6-8:30pm

AGENDA

6:00-6:30pm

Social time

6:30-7:00pm

Staff presentation

7:00-8:30pm

Open house format with opportunities for individual discussions

MORE: The *Loring Park Neighborhood Master Plan* is a policy document produced by Citizens for a Loring Park Community (CLPC) to guide land use and development in the Loring Park neighborhood for the next 20 years. It was adopted by the City Council in 2013 and builds upon the policy direction of [The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth](#), the City's Comprehensive Plan. It is meant to articulate a vision for the neighborhood based on existing City policy and input from community stakeholders – both public and private - throughout the planning process. The Plan focuses on the topics of Cultural Assets & Economic Vitality, Land Use & Built Form, Protecting Historic Resources, Public Realm, and Sustainability.

The City, public partners, and community organizations are using the plan to guide their own decision-making processes, implementing incremental changes to realize the full vision. A rezoning study is a significant component of the Plan's implementation.

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