

800 West Broadway Community Meeting Notes from January 12, 2016

Attending: Shym Cook, North WFC; Stacy Olson, Lifetrack; Thant Pearson, DEED Voc. Rehab; Leona Martin, DEED NWFC; Joel Arel, DEED; Steve Johnson, DEED; George Garnett, SAOIC; Ibrahim Noor, DEED Mpls WFC; Arnise Roberson, Achieve Mpls; Shereese Turner, Twin Cities Rise; Bobbi Van Grinsven, Lifetrack; Keith Brooks, MCTC; Ashley Kalscheur; Sherrie Simpson, NorthPoint; Kaitlin Snoddy Hawthorne Neighborhood; Deb Bahr-Helgen, City of Mpls; Holly Hollister, Community Advisory Council and Carlye Peterson, Mpls Public Schools and meeting facilitator.

From Carlye: *Thank you all for attending the Community Meeting this morning; great conversation, questions and input. Most of the meeting was spent on use by others of the space, use of restroom facilities and security in and around the building.*

Update on technology in 800 West Broadway:

Have we forgotten anything in the summary of tech items?

Policy question--How does someone get a state "sponsor" as mentioned for using space? This is in reference to a current process used by the State for space usage.

Currently there is no definition of "sponsor" for our purposes.

From the beginning there has been an expectation from the community that this space could be used by community members as well as agencies. Community Advisory Committee (CAC) expressed a desire to have the ability to use the space.

Tenant space, property and data security is a concern for tenants and community.

Participants in this discussion thought it was OK (and somewhat expected) to charge for use of space for set up/clean up/having someone on site during events outside of regular hours of operation. Suggestion was made to check UROC and Urban League policies/processes as the tenant team creates those for 800.

Physical plant security--What is Sherman's security plan? Carlye to follow up and invite the developer to the next tenant and community meetings.

Use of restrooms in the building—

Currently there are public restrooms on both first and second floor along with single stall "staff" restrooms inside the WFC and up on second floor. Currently at the WFC, the restrooms are locked and someone monitors their use to limit behavior that should be avoided. Some expressed a need that there should be some control (locked) over the restrooms---how does that feel? Does it fit with doing things differently in this new space---as our charter says we should be doing?

A different model: Northpoint serves over 25,000 people a year in their space and staff and clients share the same restrooms.

If we focus on positive influences, will we get behavior that is positive?

How does this get addressed for weekends and evenings?

What happened to including a “family restroom” which could also be a gender neutral restroom? Can this still be added?

Second floor---how do we secure spaces for second floor and still maintain the welcoming feel?

Security from building to parking---

During the day it might be just fine. There is concern for times when it is dark—early morning/late afternoon/evening. The tenant team has discussed its hope not to have armed guards in the building---does that open us up to safety issues? Perhaps not a gun, but a taser? People want an escort to their cars---who would do that? The Hawthorne Crossings area is reported as one of the highest crime areas in the city. How does Sherman fit into this? Hawthorne Crossing---what will be different from that? Perception is the current strategies are not meeting the need there.

Misc Comments:

--General Contractor --doesn't live in N Mpls which would have been nice. People have been calling and not getting a response. (Carlye shared that with Will Anderson, project manager from Sherman.)

--Tenant conversation: Can we share one badge for access ? It is possible but may not be practical.

Value of badge reader is that it can be tracked. Should any space adjacent to a public space has a reader.

--How will WFC work with the community? Partner with Cub in the new building? Who will do that?

Next Community meeting:

Tuesday, Feb. 9th 8-9am at North Minneapolis WFC

Topic: Tenants report back on security discussion and get ideas for marketing the space