

Subject: Recap of Council Meeting - 5/28/19

Date: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 9:57:32 PM Central Daylight Time

From: Tom Harmening

To: Jake Spano, Thom Miller

Hello Jake and Thom – quick update for you.....

- **Future Study Session Agenda Planning** – All council members present asked staff to bring back a resolution to amend the council rules of procedure to eliminate from the agenda the reciting the pledge of allegiance. Staff indicated we would prepare such a resolution and include with it other changes relating to start times of council meetings.
- **PLACES Public Art/Southwest LRT** – The council was supportive of the initiative and contributing another \$10K to the planning effort. Only item of note is that council asked consideration/exploration be given to the Beltline Station area hosting one of the two art projects vs. Wooddale Station.
- **Historic Walker Lake** – Council was ok with the policy questions. Building height was probably discussed the most. It seemed that the council, or at least some of them, felt there should be more flexibility for taller building heights in the industrial area west of Gorham. So more discussion is required as we bring draft ordinances to the planning commission and the council.
- **Former Sam's Club Land Use Study** – In the end the council directed staff to come back with a comp plan amendment for Transit Oriented Development. There also seemed to be an interest in some kind of combination of Options B or C with housing definitely on the south side of the site. The future use on the north side of the site was still up for discussion. A lot more to come on this and there will be more council discussion. Steve was not a fan of TOD development – I think he still might be interested in the idea of a community center in the Sam's building.
- **Communications** – Council discussed the CSAH 25 report and SWLRT relative to the trail closure.

That's it – we adjourned at 9:40 pm