

Upper Harbor Terminal

City and MPRB staff update to AFCAC

July 25, 2017

- The exclusive rights agreement is on the last steps of getting executed by all parties.
- The developer's consultant team is now under contract, including Coen+Partners as lead designer.
- Kimley-Horn and Associates has been selected as the consultant to do environmental review, which is expected to be an Alternative Urban Area-wide Review (AUAR) rather than an EAW or EIS. Among the first studies to be completed will be acoustics and traffic.
- The development team continues its work to gather and analyze site information and to identify options to further evaluate. The process is taking longer than hoped.
- We have completed first five community meetings so far. We're working to gather materials and summaries of the information that was received to post on the web site. More community meetings are being scheduled.
- We're also working with Juxtaposition Arts to outreach to communities that are typically under-represented.
- A day-time meeting for the local business community is being planned for August 24, and a luncheon with Northside nonprofits also is being considered in mid-August.
- MnDOT will hold a workshop on July 26 to explore opportunities in the vicinity of I-94 and Dowling. This might include discussion of possibly adding another crossing over the freeway.
- We're exploring potential funding sources. A very preliminary 2018 State grant request that focuses on public infrastructure and park improvements was submitted. The goal is to refine that request in the fall once the planning process is more advanced. We may also ask for special legislative language to make tax increment financing work better as a tool to implement the UHT redevelopment.
- We're exploring submitting an application for part of the cost to reconstruct Dowling so that it will work better as an entry point into the site.