

Upper Harbor Terminal Redevelopment Webber Library Open Hours Session

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Meeting held at: Webber Park Library, 4440 Humboldt Ave. N.

Attended by about 15 people. All white; mix of males and females. All middle-aged to senior, except one younger man. Many, but not all, were Northside residents.

Q&A/Discussion/Input:

- Questions about percentage of overall site devoted to park space. A few felt that the parkway should remain along the river for the entire length of the site rather than swinging inland for one section. A recommendation that the site should be tied into the overall City bike plan, and another recommendation that the bike and ped paths should be separate to avoid conflicts.
- In response to a question about whether site is subject to flooding: Flooding has not been an issue on the site. As the development team and Park Board are designing their site improvements, they may do some regrading of the site to further prevent flooding.
- Questions about the CPAC included when it might be completed (tentatively spring of 2022) and who will own it (a “B corporation” affiliated with First Avenue, but with a City long-term leasehold interest as required by the anticipated State grant). Positive response to priority being given by CPAC to Northside vendors. Generally positive support for CPAC and its community programming as a community asset.
- Several noted the impact that GAF odors would have on site’s development potential.
- Recommendation that safety and lighting should be considered in the design process.
- A number noted that traffic on Dowling is an issue and that on-street bike lanes amplify that issue. Parking and access are being studied and will be further evaluated as part of the environmental review that will be done once the concept plan is approved. Acknowledgment that better transit access is needed. Support for adding an additional crossing over I-94.
- One expressed concern that the residential on the site will be isolated and might be a gentrifying influence.
- Several expressed strong support for the overall concept and moving forward with redevelopment.
- Suggestion that Northside contractors and consultants be used for project implementation as much as possible.
- Overall support for having a restaurant right along the river.
- Support for keeping the river wall, but at least one person did not think the domes or any other structures are worth saving.
- Support for seeing the aggregate piles removed.