

East Bde Maka Ska Livability Committee Meeting July 17, 2023

Lee, Kari, Adam, Thang, Molly, Bobbie (EBMSNA), David Ratner, Charlie Jacoby, Leslie Leik, Jeff Hero, Alex Behrend, et al. (16 total attendees) / Amy Barnstorff (Public Works - Vision Zero)

1. [Vision Zero Safety Improvements](#) / Amy Barnstorff, Transportation Planner - Minneapolis

Public Works

- a. Vision Zero works to reduce crashes and severity of crashes
- b. Quick-build improvements, prior to permanent improvements (bollards and paint) to gauge where permanent improvements should happen
 - i. Bumpouts and hardened centerlines are coming to 31st (Holmes-Nicollet)
- c. Qs:
 - i. How do bump outs actually help?
 1. Provide more safety for pedestrians, ease cars off the curb, not necessarily employing a right turn
 - ii. How are you handling bollards being run over?
 1. Try to keep up with this, contact 311 to replace faster
 2. Each bollard is designed to be hit X number of times, use that for data collection
 3. If bollard is hit frequently, can it be replaced with something more permanent? Generally same bollards, but we do use 1 more durable bollard (5x stronger) in frequently hit spots
 - a. Program itself not set up to make permanent improvements with concrete
 - b. City DID just submit City Safety for All grant for \$25M to upgrade our solutions
 - c. Crash data needs ~3-yr post-installation, our program is <3 yrs old, so we don't have full data - chunk of funding is for more realistic data collection
 - d. We collect data on crashes, bike accidents; 4-to-3 lanes we analyze before/after crashes, observ. cameras on areas

2. [NRP Vote Proposal](#) / Adam Olson, Treasurer - East Bde Maka Ska Neighborhood Association

- a. **Neighborhood Online Vote: July 24–27**
- b. **Info for Residents:** NRP requires EBMSNA us to neighborhood vote any amount \$25K+. Originally, Revolving Loan funds returning would be used for a legacy program of some kind. Because of funding cuts, we took \$25K into gen ops reserves (Coordinator, programs). Leaves \$51K to administer.
 - i. Radon > 1) Home Security Rebates, 2) Block Club program
 - ii. Rev. Loans > Park Improvements
 1. Safety enhancements, lighting, etc.
 - iii. Board has voted for this, City reqs 24 residents vote, with majority-for.
 - iv. Money must go into Neighborhood Strategies
- c. **Feedback:** Note
 - i. Velma: I'm in 14-unit co-op on James Ave S, would we be eligible for rebate? Yes! <https://eastbdemakaska.org/homesecurity>
 - ii. Things to make it clearer?
 1. Lee: Simply make bullet points for what we'll be spending the money on. Then say if you don't vote / vote no, we lose \$50K.

- iii. This is the fastest way to protect our pot of money without it being clawed back; it can be reallocated down the line, but it needs to be allocated to an established project first, right now. The alternative is we don't allocate anything now, and we lose access to \$50K+.

3. Safety Team Reports / Kari Krautbauer - East Bde Maka Ska Neighborhood Association

a. Safety Comm Team: Blocks Map (Thang)

- i. Thang: Create a structured system where residents can communicate alerts, concerns, construction, block parties, opportunities quickly (action-oriented)
- ii. We can set parameters around Block Leaders, support them, but Board may not be able to support; 200+ came to Safety Forum, they could also be engaged
 - 1. Lee: You still may want to seed this effort a bit. I do hope folks show up.
- iii. Keith: Folks will be more willing to step up once they know exactly what's expected of them - I don't step up, to avoid overcommitting.
 - 1. Charlie: We can take that up.
- iv. Erin Steinle: I'm at 33rd & Irving Ave S, happy to explore being a Block Capt
- v. Keith: Are we including renters?
 - 1. Thang: I think we absolutely should. Might be harder with a large apartment complex, but we can put the word out.
 - 2. Keith: Our landlord's very reluctant to step into things like this. There may be more explanation/discussion around engaging them.
- vi. Bobbie: As a former renter, we should be reaching out to renters.
 - 1. Lee: This is an ongoing effort; difficult with shifting apt mgmt, renters, staff.

b. Safety Update Emails:

- i. Thang: What does the neighborhood need? How do we cascade info to fill the need?
 - 1. Lee: This is a drumbeat. Looking forward, to put out call for volunteers/events; looking backward, to capture what's happened since the last comm.
 - 2. Funnel subcommittee to Kari/Lee > Cuyler?
 - 3. Charlie: Comm committee isn't really meeting since. Don't know how to keep the updates coming, otherwise I'd love to write it.
 - 4. Kari: Ownership of these meetings does need to be dispersed, Board is not overly able to be involved, we are residents like you
 - 5. Email Safety Team leads 1st week of month, for mid-month update

c. Walking Group:

- i. Walk Date: DoodlePoll was sent, not met with a ton of success. Meeting with Aileen Johson and Precinct on Wed - then will determine a date when MPD joins
- ii. Whistle-budget: 1400 whistles/\$550
- iii. High-vis vest: 30/\$40-100 (cheaper may be better, looser for winter wear)
- iv. Safety Tips flyer: will include website link
 - 1. Keith: Cyclists may know good safety vest options. Doorbell cams have been hacked before, safety concerns folks will want to consider before installing.

4. Latest on Fires

- a. Any updates on this in the area?
 - i. Jeff: July 1st, unused molotov cocktails were located near St. Mary's. I'm in contact with SMGOC security rep.

5. Seven Points Discussion

- a. Lee: A lot of questions around what's happening with the project. Have been in contact with Uptown Association, they don't have an update. I've reached out to a project contact to get an update, hopefully soon.