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**MEMORANDUM**

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DATE: August 23, 2012

TO: Steve Poor, Planning Manager – Zoning Administrator, Community Planning & Economic Development - Planning Division

FROM: Hilary Dvorak, Interim Planning Manager, Community Planning & Economic Development - Planning Division, Development Services

CC: Jason Wittenberg, Interim Planning Director, Community Planning & Economic Development Planning Division

SUBJECT: Planning Commission decisions of July 30, 2012

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The following actions were taken by the Planning Commission on July 30, 2012. As you know, the Planning Commission's decisions on items other than rezonings, text amendments, vacations, 40 Acre studies and comprehensive plan amendments are final subject to a ten calendar day appeal period before permits can be issued.

Commissioners present: President Motzenbecker, Cohen, Huynh, Kronzer, Luepke-Pier, Mammen, Schiff, Tucker and Wielinski – 9

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**3. Stadium Village University Ave Station Area Plan (Ward: 2), (Haila Maze). This item was continued from the July 16, 2012 meeting.**

**A. Station Area Plan:** Considering adoption of the *Stadium Village University Avenue Station Area Plan* documents.

The purpose of the small area plan document is to provide greater detail for public and private land investment and development in the areas around the Stadium Village and Prospect Park LRT stations in Southeast Minneapolis. The project area for the plan is located between the University of Minnesota East Bank Campus and the St Paul boundary, focused on the LRT corridor and station areas.

**Action:** The City Planning Commission recommended that the City Council **approve** the *Stadium Village University Avenue Station Area Plan* document and **amend** the policy guidance for the area into the City's comprehensive plan. The comprehensive plan amendment is subject to final review and approval by the Metropolitan Council.

**Aye:** Kronzer, Mammen, Luepke-Pier, Wielinski, Huynh, Schiff, Tucker and Cohen.

The motion carried 8-0.

Staff Maze presented the staff report.

**Commissioner Schiff:** Having been able to read the document, the modifications address the concerns that I had from the last time this was discussed and so I don't know if we continue the public hearing or if we just continue this last time.

**President Motzenbecker:** Since we moved it forward, we can have the public hearing. If there's anybody else that came to speak I'd like to allow them to speak. If not, it should be pretty quick I think.

**Commissioner Schiff:** Just to let you know, we don't need a long presentation since my concerns have been addressed.

Staff Maze concluded the staff report.

President Motzenbecker opened the public hearing.

**Richard Gilyard (194 Malcolm Ave):** I would like to commend the process that was used for the development of the Stadium Village Small Area Plan. It was extremely inclusionary, we were involved in the selection of the consultants, we were engaged throughout the process and we believe the staff report incorporates our concerns. I'd like to report as well that the findings and the recommendations are already being applied from the perspective of our zoning and planning committee in Prospect Park and this meshes also with the principles of the University District Alliance so we recommend its adoption.

President Motzenbecker closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Schiff moved approval (Huynh seconded).

**President Motzenbecker:** Any further discussion?

**Commissioner Tucker:** I just want to note that this was an excellent process and included so many stakeholders. I hope as another step in what was referred to many times in the document as joint planning areas because we do have the city and the university particularly have had a long history of not being able to cooperate and plan jointly and have their regulations and plans be mutually beneficial and I think this introduces a new framework for doing that and I look forward to many years of joint planning efforts, and that of course includes the neighborhoods as well.

**Aye:** Kronzer, Wielinski, Schiff, Tucker, Huynh, Mammen, Luepke-Pier and Cohen.  
The motion carried 8-0.