

University District Zoning and Planning Regulatory Review Process Summary as of 12/14/08

Background In Fall 2008, the University District Zoning and Planning Regulatory Review (ZPRR) process was initiated, under the umbrella of the University Alliance. The Alliance is a partnership among neighborhoods, institutions, and other stakeholders around the University of Minnesota's Minneapolis campus that was formed in order to "facilitate, initiate, or manage projects with the University, City, or other public or private entities that are intended to maintain the district as a viable place to study, research and live."

Purpose The purpose of ZPRR is to address land use and development concerns facing neighborhoods in the University District area, including the neighborhoods of Cedar Riverside, Marcy Holmes, Prospect Park, Southeast Como, and University. Issues include parking, occupancy, design standards, zoning, inspections, and public involvement in the development review process. The intent is to build upon existing regulations, initiatives, and plans to create a coordinated response to these issues. The focus is on what the City could do to improve its regulatory processes, but includes recommendations for others.

Timeline *August-December 2008:* task force meetings, develop draft plan
January-February 2009: neighborhood/business association meetings and review
March: incorporate comments into draft; begin work on priority recommendations
April: District-wide public meetings; incorporate changes and edits into plan
June-July: plan finalized and adopted by City and District; implementation begins

Your input The next step is to solicit broader review and input of the draft recommendations, to establish priorities and determine where more information and detail is needed. The draft report and a supporting presentation are available for review at:
http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/University_District_ZPRR_public.asp

Though all input is welcome, it would be helpful to the process to get input on the following questions:

1. Do the identified issues and recommendations address the concerns you see in the District? If not, what needs to be added?
2. What recommendations do you think are the top priorities for implementation, which would be most effective and have the biggest impact? Which ones are not priorities or would be less effective?
3. What partners and resources should be tapped for implementation?

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