



Community Planning and Economic Development Department

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Availability of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet for the Currie Park Lofts Development

May 7, 2013 (Minneapolis) - This EAW studies Phase 1 and Phase 2 (of a potential 3 phase development) of the Currie Park Lofts Development project. The total project area encompasses 2.41 acres of land along 15th Avenue S., between 4th and 6th Street S. near the Cedar-Riverside LRT station. Two new 6-story, 74 foot tall buildings are proposed to be developed as Phase 1 and Phase 2 would consist of a total of approximately 369 rental housing units, 5,650 SF of ground-level neighborhood-serving retail space with structured and enclosed parking on site that accommodates 344 spaces. The project would be developed in phases and each development parcel would be taken through the design and approval process independently. Currie Park Developments, LLC owns a building and related parking lot at 1501-1507 6th St. S., which is separated from the Currie Park Lofts development land by 6th St. S. If development of the contiguous property becomes feasible an EAW for Phase 3 will be prepared as required, consistent with the Minnesota Environmental Review Rules, Connected Actions and Phased Actions per 4410.1000, subpart 4.

Copies of the EAW will be available for review at the downtown Minneapolis Central Library located at 300 Nicollet Mall, and in the office of the City's CPED, Land Use, Design and Preservation Section at 250 S. 4th Street, Room 300 Public Service Center. Notice will be published in the EQB Monitor on Monday, May 13, 2013. Public comments on the EAW must be made within the 30-day comment period, which ends at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 2013. The Zoning and Planning Committee at its regular meeting on June 20, 2013, or at a subsequent meeting, will receive a report and recommendation from City staff, hear comment from all parties and consider the adequacy of this EAW and the need for an Environmental Impact Statement for this proposal. The City Council will act on the recommendation of this Committee at a subsequent meeting on June 28, 2013.

This EAW and supporting information will also be available for review on the City of Minneapolis web site: http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/planning/cped_eaw. Copies of this EAW can also be

provided to individuals by email. For further information or to submit comments on the EAW, contact Becca Farrar-Hughes, Senior Planner, at 612.673.3594 or via email rebecca.farrar@minneapolismn.gov.

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