Purpose of Community Members' Working Group
The CMWG is charged with becoming knowledgeable about proposed station areas, and providing input to the Planning Team regarding community perspectives on how stations can be integrated into their neighborhoods. This will include articulating community hopes and expectations, identifying issues and concerns, and working with technical experts on developing concepts that will inform City land use plans and the Southwest LRT project’s design work. The CMWG will not be voting and consensus building will not be prioritized, rather all perspectives will be heard and documented for inclusion in the Station Area Planning process, and will be subsequently used to:

- Inform the next LRT project phase, Preliminary Engineering, and
- Guide the City of Minneapolis as modifications to existing land use plans are considered.

Member Responsibilities
CMWG members will be expected to attend CMWG meetings and be actively involved in the planning process. In specific, members are asked to:
1) Raise local issues as the site, concept, and implementation plans are formulated, and
2) Act as liaisons between the station area planning process and their representative group.

Membership
In order to best represent the interests and stakeholders near the stations, members have been appointed to represent neighborhood associations, business associations, local organizations, and owners of property immediately adjacent to stations. At each CMWG meeting, the appointed member or their designee serves as the representative and liaison for their group.
CMWG meetings are open to the public, and non-member attendees will be welcome to participate in the break out portion of the meetings.

Meetings
The goal is to have the CMWG meet before each of three sets of public open houses and an additional time near the end of the planning process, for a total of four (4) meetings. The purpose of each meeting will correspond to the planning process work being done at the time. The group will meet as a whole and then will break into small groups to discuss issues specific to individual stations.
CMWG meetings will be held Tuesdays from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM on:
- June 22 (the kick off meeting will be longer, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM)
- August 24
- October 26
- December 7 or 14
The location of future meetings will be announced at each meeting, included in email communications prior to each meeting, and posted to the Southwest LRT website: southwesttransitway.org.

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Southwest LRT Station Area Strategic Planning-Minneapolis
Community Members' Working Group Meeting
June 22, 2010 6:30-8:30 pm
Metro Transit Heywood Facility
560 North 6th Avenue Minneapolis

Agenda

1. Introductions 6:30 – 6:40

2. Southwest LRT project overview 6:40 – 7:10
   • LRT project development
   • Station area strategic planning purpose and intent
   • Role of the Community Members' Working Group
   • Corridor alignment and station locations

3. Question and answer period 7:10 – 7:20

4. Small group discussion by station area 7:20 – 8:10

5. Recap small group discussion 8:10 – 8:30

6. Adjourn 8:30

The next meeting of the Community Members’ Working Group will be Tuesday, August 24, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the Metro Transit Heywood Facility.

Station Area Planning Open Houses are coming up:
• July 13th (Royalston, Van White, & Penn Stations) at 6:00-8:00 pm - Bryn Mawr Elementary School
• July 14th (21st Street & West Lake Stations) at 6:00-8:00 pm - Kenwood Recreation Center

Always check www.southwesttransitway.org for meeting details.