
Hiawatha Campus Expansion

Site Development Guidelines Advisory Committee (GAC)

Community Engagement Framework and Role

1. The Site Development Guidelines Advisory Committee (GAC) is an advisory body to the City of Minneapolis that will provide input and recommendations throughout the study process for the City's Hiawatha Campus Expansion project.
2. GAC will provide community input to the Hiawatha Campus Expansion Project that has been established by action of the Minneapolis City Council. The City has purchased 7.63 acres of property at 2717 Longfellow Avenue and 1860 28th Street East, adjacent to the existing Hiawatha Public Works Campus, and located in the East Phillips neighborhood.
3. City staff and the design team have been directed to work with community members to identify redevelopment or leasing scenarios for any portion of the property not required for municipal operations
4. The GAC process is expected to require approximately three bi-weekly two hour design meetings in April and May, resulting in one or more proposed site development concepts for the property, to be followed by a community meeting prior to formal consideration and action by the City Council.
5. The City and its design team (RSP) will work directly with the GAC throughout the study process to discuss and promote involvement in all aspects of the study process, including review of alternative solutions and scenarios. Accessible, accurate and consistent two way information will be a base-line assumption throughout this process.
6. The GAC members are respected as thoughtful and informed stakeholders in the neighborhood that will contribute important information, perspectives and observations to the study process. GAC members will participate in a spirit of openness and honesty. The GAC will operate through respectful dialogue, fact-based decision making, and strive for consensus whenever possible. The GAC process will be open and transparent.
7. The GAC will also serve as strategic partners in the community engagement process, and work to promote and expand additional diverse neighborhood participation in future public meetings. A project website is maintained by the City at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/publicworks/HiawathaCampusExpansion>, including an e-mail link to receive broader community input.