

## Transportation and Land Use Committee Minutes October 4, 2023

### Present:

Sara Fleetham, Meg Duhr, Andrew Greenle, Joe Landsberger, Nathan Zacharias, John Yust  
Julia McColley, FRF Executive Director

MPCA: Ned, Meg Muramoto Matthew, Toni  
Tom Distad  
Jane McClure, Villager

1. Representatives from Minnesota Pollution Control Agency regarding the Xcel Energy High Bridge Plant Application for Plant Upgrades

Hardware at the plant will be upgraded if approved. Upgrading will increase capacity and efficiency. Plant changed from coal in 2008. There are pollutant limits in current permit and with any upgrade.

Helpful links:

[Public Comment Link](#)

Public Comment Period open September 19 - October 19. MPCA suggests using this document to create useful public input: [Guide](#)

2. Variance application for townhome development at 1164 W 7th Street.

Tom Distad shared plans and answered questions.

Committee Discussed the project within the framework of the Development Scorecard.

More “no” answers than “yes” answers. Don’t want to alienate the developer.  
More density is important. Concerns about green space. Concerns regarding fit for the neighborhood. Want to engage developer with hopes of improving green space/amenities within the development.

Motion to oppose the development in its current iteration. (Meg Duhr)  
Seconded (Nathan Zacharias)

Motion passed

3. Open floor for community topics

Justus Ramsey House Meeting is 10/10/23