Winter 2014 Newsletter

ULI Minnesota actively engages public and private sector leaders to foster collaboration, share knowledge and join in meaningful strategic action to create thriving, resilient communities.

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We are thrilled to announce that ULI Minnesota/Regional Council of Mayors was selected as the 2014 winner of the ULI Global Impact Award, an honor given annually to a district or national council that has catalyzed an exceptional example of impact, or a positive change in the design and development of its community. Read the press release here.

"Ten years of impact! ULI MN has become a trusted convener, where private and public sector leaders come together to share knowledge and exchange ideas to create opportunity for action. It is a privilege to do this work."

– Caren Dewar, Executive Director, ULI Minnesota

ULI Minnesota/Regional Council of Mayors Impact:

- 300+ keynote speakers
- 150+ Building a Foundation graduates
- 330 Urban Plan students since 2006
- Increase in RCM Mayors from 8 in 2004 to 54 in 2014
- 50+ advisory services workshops held
- 10,000+ hours of volunteer time contributed
ULI MN members spent the day in the City of Duluth on November 3 with over 30 public officials and staff members in a 2-hour Navigating Your Competitive Future - ULI MN's public official workshop to focus on the current challenges of development and redevelopment.

Six ULI MN real estate professionals reviewed an area near Spirit Mountain to comment on and provide recommendations for collaboration related to a proposed 55-acre mixed-use development referred to as Kayak Bay. The proposal outlines initial plans for higher-density apartments and condos, single-family homes, a hotel and restaurants across from the new Duluth Spirit Mountain Chalet. A report of the Duluth Technical Assistance Panel will be provided to the City of Duluth in mid-December.

Thank you to the dedicated ULI MN volunteers who contributed their time and talent to the Duluth sessions.

NEWS

AARP Releases New Livability Fact Sheets

AARP Livable Communities has partnered with the Walkable and Livable Communities Institute to create the Livability Fact Sheet series. The 11 fast sheets include a package of comprehensive, easy-to-read livability resources, and can be used by community leaders, policy makers, citizen activists and others to learn about what makes a city, town or neighborhood a great place for people of all ages. Click here for full fact sheets.

New Housing Property Values Report Released by the Family Housing Fund

In support of a full range of housing choices, the Family Housing Fund recently released the full research report conducted by Maxfield Research entitled Affordable Rental Housing Does Not Reduce Property Values: Evidence from the Twin Cities. An update to a study conducted in 2000 this research continues to show that the construction of affordable housing has no negative effect on the market performance of neighboring single-family properties. The fact sheets are a great resource for policy leaders and developers who may be making the case that new affordable housing is a key contributor in supporting a full range of housing choices. Click here for full report.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS ULI MINNESOTA?

ULI MN members Stu Ackerberg, Aubrey Austin, Cathy Bennett, Noah Bly, Brendan Bosman, Colleen Carey, Andy Deckas, Caren Dewar, John Doan, Frank Dutke, Bob Engstrom, Kate Grutzmacher, Kevin Hackler, Anthony Iannazzo, Neal Johnson, William Katter, Joel Kaul, Mark Kunkel, Wade Lau, Daniel Levitt, Michael McElroy, Kjersti Monson, Scott Nelson, Diane Norman, Josh Olson, Mark Reiling, Elizabeth Ryan, John Shardlow and Zachary Zweifler attended the ULI Fall Meeting in New York City.
ULI MINNESOTA PROGRAM RECAPS

9th Annual Economic Outlook: Prosperity in the Age of Decline
November 12, 2014

Keynote Speaker: Brian Beaulieu, ITR Economics

TIME TO FEEL GOOD ABOUT THE ECONOMY

A positive forecast for the next few years
If you didn’t already realize that good times are here, Brian Beaulieu, an economist with ITR Economics, laid it out enthusiastically November 12 at ULI Minnesota’s 9th Annual Economic Outlook.

“The reality is that we are in a period of prosperity,” Beaulieu said. “You should be making money.”

To read the full recap click here.

TAP: West Saint Paul Signal Hills Center
November 3, 2014

"The city should be prepared to capture new opportunities and 'set the stage' in the midst of transition...but only when the time is right"

This was a key theme for the TAP panel in July 2014 as the seven member expert team reviewed the history, community aspirations, market shifts and infrastructure challenges of Signal Hills Shopping Center and surrounding parcels. The TAP began with a presentation by the City policy leaders and staff, followed by a tour of the site and City. The team then spent the next full day interviewing stakeholders to develop concrete recommendations to respond to renovation and redevelopment of the Signal Hills area.

To read the full report click here.

WHY ULI MATTERS

What will I do? What will we do together?
Read the ULI Minnesota Manifesto and Platform to Deliver.

Our members build more than just buildings. They create sustainable and thriving communities which improve the lives of people around the world, every single day. Watch video here.

ULI MN ADVISORY SERVICES PROGRAM

Supported by the Family Housing Fund and Minnesota Housing, ULI Minnesota offers the following:

- Opportunity Cities Program
- Navigating Your Competitive Future Workshop
- Technical Assistance Panels (TAPs)
  See website for more information.

To learn more, contact Aubrey Austin, ULI Minnesota Manager, or call her at 612-338-1332.
YOUNG LEADERS GROUP
Are you a young leader interested in networking with developers, planners, designers and other real estate professionals? The Young Leaders Group (YLG) is looking for you! Join great networking events such as the ever popular mentor program, brown bag lunches, happy hours and informative programs. To learn more about getting involved click here.

ULI MINNESOTA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS!
Sarah Berke, John Doan, Tom Garry, Tom Goodrum, Kate Grutzmacher, Patrick Hamilton, Shoua Lee, Jacob Saufley, D'Angelos Svenkeson, Kevin Teppen

ULI BOOKSTORE: SUPPORT ULI MINNESOTA
Next time you order a book from the Bookstore, be sure to use the ULI Minnesota code “8117”. Our district council will receive a share of the proceeds!

JOIN ULI!
Interested in becoming an ULI MN member and receiving all of the membership benefits? Click here to Join ULI!

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- Attend a Program
- Join a Committee
- Sponsor
- Become a ULI Member: Call 1-800-321-5011

GET CONNECTED
Did you know that ULI Minnesota is on Twitter AND LinkedIn? You can follow us on Twitter (@ULIMN) or link up with other District Council members on our ULI Minnesota LinkedIn group. We're working to build valuable connections among our members, but we need your help to make it a meaningful network. Please connect with us today!

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