

3/14/24 Lincoln Park Business Group

Description: MIC staff attended the regularly-scheduled meeting of Duluth's Lincoln Park Business Group, which represents the interests of this fast-growing hospitality, residential and business district.

What We Heard – Comments:

- Concerns about upcoming West Superior Street Reconstruction project:
 - The new street design will put us out of business – no plans to accommodate delivery vehicles.
 - Concerns about sidewalk snow clearing.
 - Planners are forgetting that Lincoln Park is still very industrial, one of the few manufacturing areas in Duluth. Not just entertainment and hospitality businesses, many of them are making things.
- Parking is always a problem. Concerned the project favors bikes over the many more people who drive here.
- The problem for us is not about transportation, it's about the needles all over the place. Every business owner here will tell you how they have to pick up needles every day. WLSSD is offering to place another sharps disposal unit in the area – looking for a property owner that will allow them to install it.
- The abandoned construction project is another big issue – looks bad and is accommodating the drug users and vagrants.
- Interest in sidewalk snow clearing