



BUILDING, LAND USE & HOUSING

Minutes of Committee Meeting

January 19th, 2012

Members Present: Paul Ireland, Tracy Berglund, Jerry Dustrud, Nancy Nasi, Rebecca Reed, Mohammed Nor, Larry Ligoeki, Jon High

Others Present: Anita Tabb, David Fields

Rebecca Reed, President of the Old Town In Town Cooperative, informed the committee of OTIT's plans to replace the back stairs and porches of their buildings along East 16th Street. They had applied for and received from the Heritage Preservation Commission a Certificate of Appropriateness for the project, indicating that the design and materials for the new structures meet the requirements of the historic register, on which the buildings appear. Once financing is secured for the first phase of the project, the stairs and porches behind the building at 735 E. 16th St. will begin to be replaced, likely this spring. EPNI staff had already communicated support for the project to the City in order to meet the hearing date of January 16th.

Rebecca also introduced the committee to a sidewalk bicycle rack program offered by the City that allows neighborhoods and property owners to access partial funding for placing racks in areas of high bicycle usage and parking.

The livability issues involving the block on which Old Town In Town also were discussed, especially in relation to loitering and apparent intent to commit crime. It was agreed that the EPNI Livability Task Force will continue to monitor this issue in partnership with such property owners as Aeon, Catholic Charities, Old Town In Town, and the Elliot Park Grocery store at 1600 Chicago Avenue.

Anita Tabb, the Sixth District Park Commissioner, informed the committee of funding from the Park Board for improvements to the playfield at Elliot Park. She will work with EPNI to coordinate community meeting to receive suggestions for the kinds of activities such improvements might best accommodate. Anita also informed the committee of upcoming meetings regarding proposals for how the former "Fuji-Ya" restaurant site along the river at the south end of the Third Avenue bridge might be redeveloped.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
David Fields, BLUH Committee Staff

