

**BUILDING, LAND USE & HOUSING**  
**Minutes of Committee Meeting**  
**March 15, 2012**

**Members Present:** Paul Ireland, Rebecca Reed, Jerry Dustrud, Tracy Berglund, Howard Young

**Others Present:** Matt Wolff, Terra Cole, Beth Elliott, Chris Trembath, Jill Hentges, Scott Thompson, Lynn Regnier, Susan Braun, David Fields

The meeting was convened at 6:05 PM by Chair, Paul Ireland.

The agenda was approved, as were the minutes for the February meeting.

**GIS Housing Inventory**

Matt Wolff, a CURA student at the U of M Humphrey Institute introduced himself to the committee and spoke about the Geographic Informational System mapping inventory of housing in Elliot Park Neighborhood that he and two colleagues will be conducting during the spring semester time period.

**Development Intensity Study**

Beth Elliott, Principal City Planner for Downtown Minneapolis, introduced the idea of doing a development intensity study of certain sectors of Elliot Park Neighborhood. The purpose of the study, she explained, would be to revisit the neighborhood Master Plan in light of development over the past ten years since it was done and determine what specific land uses and densities would best serve future development in Elliot Park. Beth explained that such a study would precede any rezoning of parcels that might result from it. The committee supported the idea, and Beth and BLUH staff will begin arranging the community engagement forums for beginning the initiative.

**Metro Transit Central Corridor Transit Study**

Jill Hentges and Scott Thompson of Metro Transit told the committee about a major bus alignment study affecting certain neighborhoods in relation to the coming of the Central Corridor LRT line. The discussion revealed other issues of concern about bus service in the neighborhood. It was agreed that representatives of Metro Transit will visit with the BLUH committee again either in April or May to conduct a full community forum on the transit issues.

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### **15<sup>th</sup> Street Resurfacing**

Chris Trembath of Minneapolis Public Works informed the committee of a road resurfacing project along East 15<sup>th</sup> Street to Chicago Avenue that likely will happen around the 10<sup>th</sup> of April. Chris explained that this was essentially a mill and resurfacing of the street, which badly needs it, and not a full reconstruction. Chris also announced that 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 17<sup>th</sup> Street to 8<sup>th</sup> Street also has been approved for resurfacing.

### **Finnegans**

Finnegans and its Community Fund has found a new home on the same block and street as the Hinkle Murphy mansion, in which they have been headquartered for a number of years. Jacquie Berglund, CEO of Finnegans, informed EPNI earlier in the week that they have reached an agreement to move into the space at the Baker Building, 609 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, next door to the Segue Café. The Baker Building is owned by Doug Hoskin. Finnegans lost its lease at the Hinkle Murphy when the building recently was sold to a law firm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*David Fields*

EPNI BLUH Committee Staff