

# **BUILDING, LAND USE & HOUSING**

## **Minutes of Committee Meeting**

### **April 19, 2012**

**Members Present:** Paul Ireland, Jerry Dustrud, Tracy Berglund, Mohamed Nor, Nic Puzak, Dean Jacobson, Millie Schafer

**Others Present:** Matt Wolff, Andrew Degerstrom, Ian Campbell Caroline Horton, Anne Heitlinger, Max Musicant, Katya Pilling, Noah Nordheimer, Karen Sorvaag, Jordana Whyte , Susan Braun, Lynn Regnier

The meeting was convened at 6:06 PM by Chair, Paul Ireland.

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

#### **Aeon Properties Refinancing**

Caroline Horton and Anne Heitlinger of Aeon announced Aeon's intentions to apply for Affordable Housing Trust Fund monies to invest in about \$54 million worth of renovations and improvements on ten of their oldest Elliot Park Neighborhood properties. They requested that the BLUH committee provide a statement of support for their plans. Millie advanced a motion, seconded by Tracy: *"The BLUH committee of Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc. endorses the plans of Aeon for accessing Affordable Housing Trust Fund monies to leverage investments in the renovations of ten (10) of Aeon's properties in the neighborhood."* The motion was passed unanimously, with one abstention.

#### **Madison School Apartments**

Katya Pilling, representing the Landon Group LLC, introduced the new ownership of the Madison Apartments in Elliot Park, the National Foundation for Affordable Housing Solutions, Inc (NFAHS). She and Noah Nordheimer, Senior Vice President of the NFAHS, spoke of plans to remodel and renovate the 51 units of low income rental housing in the school building itself and the townhome apartments, built in 1983. NFAHS and Landon was gauging whether there would be neighborhood support for such a project. The committee indicated such support, and the Madison will return to BLUH in May with more specific plans.

#### **GIS Housing Inventory**

The three students from an advanced Geography class at the University of Minnesota presented their preliminary findings from research they have conducted on housing varieties and patterns in Elliot Park Neighborhood. Their final report will be completed by the end of the university semester in

early May, and will consist of GIS mapping and charts that will be used to create a housing development policy and guidelines for EPNI.

**Viking Stadium**

Max Musicant, in his capacity as a consultant for the Downtown Council, announced to the committee an important hearing of the Minneapolis City Council, April 24<sup>th</sup>, on the issue of City financing and support for a new Vikings stadium.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*David Fields*

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