

BUILDING, LAND USE & HOUSING
Minutes of Committee Meeting
August 16th, 2012

Members Present: Millie Schafer, Barrett Steenrod, Jerry Dustrud, Koome Kirimi, Howard Young, Anne Snyder, Terri Stromberg

Others Present: Carina Aleckson, Steve Hirtz, Donna Bauer, Lynn Regnier, David Fields

The meeting was convened at 6:03PM by Millie Schafer, filling in for Chair Paul Ireland

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

First Covenant Homeless Shelter

Terri Stromberg of First Covenant Church and Carina Aleckson and Donna Bauer of the Salvation Army presented a proposal for opening the seasonal shelter at the church on October 1st of this year. Committee members were receptive to the proposal but expressed the need for more long-range planning on the parts of the County and City for addressing the chronic and acute problems of homelessness. Jerry advanced the motion, which Barrett seconded: ***“The Building, Land Use and Housing committee of Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc. supports the proposal by the Salvation Army and First Covenant Church to open its temporary homeless shelter on October 1st of this year.”*** The motion was passed unanimously.

Allied Parking Signage

As a City Façade Improvement grant project, Allied Parking (the ramp between Eighth and Ninth Streets on Chicago Avenue) needs a sign variance from 16 square feet to 64 square feet to install two new projecting signs. The projecting signs would be at the Eighth and Ninth Street corners of the ramp and would replace the current flat wall signage. Because the new signage would be an aesthetic improvement as well as more serviceable to motorists trying to identify clear directions into the parking facilities, the committee unanimously passed the following motion, made by Jerry, seconded by Howard: ***“The Building, Land Use & Housing committee of Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc. gives concept approval to the plans by Allied Parking for its proposed new signage on its facilities at the corners of 8th Street and 9th Street along Chicago Avenue. The committee will review Allied’s full application to the City for variances to accommodate the new signs with intention to support the increase in size of the signs contingent on Allied making certain streetscape improvements along its property.”***

After updates on the Vikings Stadium Implementation Committee and the new multispace parking meters recently installed in the neighborhood, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
David Fields

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