

BUILDING, LAND USE & HOUSING
Minutes – October 16, 2014

The meeting was convened at 7:00 PM by Chair, Jerry Dustrud.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The September 18, 2014 meeting minutes were approved as presented. **M. Winkel /Beissel**

Members Present: Elizabeth Beissel, Paula Buege, Steve Buege, Jerry Dustrud, Sue Jagodzinski, Karen Johnson, Joe Mathison, Brian Nasi, Nancy Nasi, Millie Schafer, Becca Staley, Nicole Toth, Kim Vohs, Patti Wettlin, Liza Williams, Bert Winkel, Al Yonas, Howard Young.

Others Present: Ben Johnson, Downtown Journal; Jim Stanton & Lynn Leegard, Shamrock Development; Deb Brandwick, Oertel Architects, LTD; Lynn Regnier, EPNI

Kraus-Anderson Update: Kim Vohs and KA task force members reported on activities since the last BLUH meeting. KA representatives attended the EPNI Board meeting on 10/13 and the board approved the following motion: ***Motion to approve the Kraus-Anderson building project as presented with the following conditions:***

- *The red brick will extend higher up, wrap the corner, and surround the four 3-story window columns on the south face and the same for the two 3-story window columns on the east face and wrap around the corner pillars on the 9th Street and East Side of the building.*
- *The east doorway will be redesigned to create an attractive entryway, with glass in the door and an attractive awning/covering over the door. We don't want it to look like the back door.*
- *Iron fencing, similar to that in place at the Lennox across the street, will be used along 9th Street from 5th Avenue to Portland Avenue and around the corner to the new midblock curb cut on Portland.*
- *Trees will be installed along 9th Street and along the East Side of the building.*

A number of community members attended the Planning Commission hearing on 10/14 and six people spoke. The PC voted for KA to resubmit their application for the November 10th PC meeting and advised them to meet with the neighborhood. No word yet on what KA plans to do.

Shamrock Development: Deb Brandwick, Oertel Architects, LTD., presented plans for the 'Portland Tower' project at 8th Street and Portland Avenue. The building is 17 stories with 12 floors of condominiums, 123 units, ranging in size from 1BR to 2BR+den. Prices will range from the high \$200k-\$500+. An underground garage will provide parking for the Sexton residents and four above ground parking floors will provide parking for the condos. The first floor of the building includes 2,600 square feet of commercial space on the corner with the rest of that floor providing lobby, fitness and community space. They have requested variances for parking, asking for 1.79 vs. allowed 1.6; 17 stories vs. B4N zoning allowance of 10; and a 10-12 ½ foot setback vs. 15 feet. The north wall of the parking ramp will be 4 ½ feet from the Sexton property which was questioned by Sexton residents. They expressed concern that emergency vehicles could not access the courtyard and a cherry picker could not be used for window washing. Four feet is allowed by code. They were also concerned about the parking ramp wall that would be four feet from their residential windows on the south side of their building but seemed to like the suggestion of a green wall on that face of the parking. The green wall inserts would also be added to the west face of the ramp in response to similar concerns from House of Charity.

Motion for conceptual approval for the 'Portland Tower' project as presented conditioned upon the addition of green screening on the west and north parking ramp walls and more glass insertions on the 8th Street and Portland Avenue parking ramp walls.

M. Jonas/Beissel. 2 Nays. Passed

Announcements

November 3: Livability Task Force

4 p.m., The Alliance, 719 E. 14th Street, Community Room

November 20 : BLUH Meeting

7 p.m. Recreation Center, 1000 E. 14th Street –**Winter Hours~!**

The meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Regnier October 23, 2014.