

BUILDING, LAND USE & HOUSING
Minutes – November 20, 2014

The meeting was convened at 7:04 PM by Chair, Jerry Dustrud.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The October, 2014 meeting minutes were approved as presented. **M. Winkel /Staley Passed**

Members Present: Dan Collison, Jerry Dustrud, Josh Griep, Michael Lazaretti, Becca Staley, Bert Winkel, Howard Young.

Others Present: Michael Noonan, Gary Hempeck and Nicholas Balagurchik-HCMC; Curtis Vaughan and Tyler Mang-NCU newspaper; Lynn Regnier and Kim Vohs, EPNI

HCMC Helipad Relocation: HCMC is planning to relocate their helipad from the roof of the parking ramp on Chicago and 8th to the roof of the emergency room property (purple building). Currently patients are moved from the helicopter to an ambulance which then drives around the blocks (one-way streets) to the emergency entrance. Moving the helipad allows staff to transfer patients to an elevator and proceed directly to the emergency room. The swifter patient transfer also eliminates the additional noise from ambulance sirens (276 helicopter transfers in 2013). The location change requires a building permit and the helipad is licensed by MNDot, which also approves the flight path. There will be a minor adjustment to the current flight path to accommodate the new site.

Motion to approve the relocation of the HCMC helipad as presented. M. Winkel/Griep Passed

First Covenant Church Winter Shelter: Pastor Dan Collison reported that since the winter shelter first began at the church in 2010 there have been few incidents or problems. The Salvation Army sends guests to the church for an overnight stay. The shelter closes at 7 a.m. and reopens in the evening. In 2011 the Elliot Park community approved the shelter for a five-year period and church staff and volunteers have provided regular updates.

East Downtown Council: Dan Collison, Executive Director, provided updates on East Downtown activities. The City is overseeing the selection of a firm to design and program the Commons-the new park west of the Vikings stadium-and a decision will be announced in early December. Dan stressed that this is a residential park for people and not destined to be a “tent city”. The park design will be completed in two phases: one to be ready for opening day of the 2016 football season and a second phase to be completed later as funding develops.

Shamrock Development: Kim Vohs reported on the Planning Commission hearing and the change to the ‘Portland Tower’ design as requested by the PC Committee of the Whole. The parking ramp materials and windows were changed to be vertical (vs. horizontal) and the color was changed to gray. Red brick replaced the street space exterior to tie it together with the upper floors. Discussion followed regarding changes to the plans after community approval and review of the process for future developments

Announcements

December 1: Livability Task Force

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

December 18 : BLUH Meeting

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Regnier November 30, 2014.