

BUILDING, LAND USE & HOUSING
Minutes - March 20, 2014

Members Present: Elizabeth Beissel; Jerry Dustrud; Karen Johnson; Larry Ligocki; Nancy Nasi; Howard Young;

Others Present: Aimee Robertson & Jay Pizing, Augustana Care Center; Lynn Regnier

The meeting was convened at 7:05PM by Chair, Jerry Dustrud
The agenda was approved as presented.

Augustana Care Center: Entrance Design Plans

Jay Pizings and Aimee Robertson presented the plans for a redesigned 14th Street entrance to the care center building. The redesign will change the 14th Street front entrance to accommodate a two-lane covered driveway that allows for safer pickups and drop-offs for residents, visitors and ambulatory services. Vehicles will enter on the west side and exit on the east side of the canopy. The project will also alleviate congestion on the street and provide for a safer roadway. The committee suggested that the newly designed garden area on the east side of the entrance canopy be duplicated on the west side too. They also suggested that the garden area include surfacing that would allow care center residents to utilize the garden space. The project requires city approval and Augustana needs to secure funding for the work. Augustana will return to the committee with drawings as they work to develop funding for the project and obtain city permits.

Motion to support the concept for the Augustana 14th Street drive-up entrance as presented.

M. Beissel/Nasi Passed

Livability Task Force: Adopt-A-Block

Nancy Nasi and Karen Johnson reported that the Livability Task Force is encouraging volunteers to take ownership and pride in the community by adopting a block for weekly canvassing and clean-up. The city provides gloves and bags to participants when they sign up. Nancy is maintaining a neighborhood map and the goal is to cover the entire neighborhood with volunteer block stewards. Besides improving the surroundings, a clean neighborhood discourages crime.

Tailgating Report

In response to the Vikings request last year for an expanded tailgating zone, both the City and EPNI convened task forces to review the issues. The EPNI task force was concerned about two main issues:

1. That future development of surface parking lots not be jeopardized by tailgating contracts.
2. Public drinking parties near residential areas and vulnerable populations.

The task force drafted a proposal that was presented to the EPNI Board of Directors and approved by that body at their March board meeting. The task force then met with the Vikings and presented it to Lester Bagley and Jeff Anderson. They will review the document and respond at a future date. Ultimately any expanded tailgating zone requires city council approval and a change of the city ordinance.

Announcements:

March 31: 7th Street Ramp Project

Open House 4:30-7 p.m.

Bethlehem Baptist Church-Main Hall

720 13th Avenue South

March 26: Lunch with Lisa: noon, U of St Thomas

March 27: EDC Monthly Membership Forum

11:30-1 p.m., Red Cross

April 7: Livability Task Force

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

April 10: City Park Committee

3-4:30 p.m., City Hall Room 319

April 17: BLUH Committee

7-8:30 p.m., Elliot Park Recreation Center

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Regnier March 27, 2014.