

BUILDING, LAND USE & HOUSING

Minutes of Committee Meeting

20 June 2013

Members Present: Dean Jacobson, Jerry Dustrud, Millie Schafer

Others Present: Katya Pilling, Max Musicant, Claire Fleming

The meeting was convened at 7:15PM by designated Chair, Jerry Dustrud

The agenda was approved, as were the minutes for the May 2013 meeting.

Madison School Apartments

Katya Pilling of Landon Group, locally representing the National Foundation for Affordable Housing Solutions (NFAHS), reviewed the plans for tear-down of the town-home style apartments along Portland Avenue between 15th and 16th Streets and construction of a new building for modernized affordable housing. The plans would not involve any alterations to the existing Madison School apartment building that borders on 5th Avenue South. The NFAHS is applying again this summer for Low Income Housing Tax Credits from the City and State in order to help fund the \$15 million project.

Friends of Franklin Steele Park

Complementing the Madison School Apartments project is Friends of Franklin Steele Park, which will coordinate community participation in bringing programming and physical improvements to the park adjacent south of the Madison. The NFAHS has contracted with Max Musicant, local public place-making consultant, to begin cultivating interest in the Friends of Franklin Steele Park. Max Musicant reported to the committee that the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board is collaborating with him and the Madison School project to make improvements that will bring the park more into the community and the community more into the park.

Updates

EPNI staff updated the committee on the status of the Vikings stadium plan review, the Ryan development proposal, the Elliot Park soccer field, and the City's Parking Lot Study.

Properties

EPNI also pointed out that two properties in the neighborhood are in limbo: the Troy building at 731 14th St E, which until recently housed the Elliot Park Market, is in tax forfeiture with the County; and the Legg House at 1601 Park Ave., a National Historic Register Victorian residential structure, is apparently up for sale by the owner.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Fields

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