

BUILDING, LAND USE & HOUSING
Minutes - August 21, 2014

The meeting was convened at 6:00 PM by Interim Chair, Millie Schafer.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The June 19, 2014 meeting minutes were approved as presented. **M. Nasi/Wettlin**

Members Present: Jeff Anderson, Elizabeth Beissel, Sue Jagodzinski, Michael Korsh, Amy Maldonado, Jeweleen McIntyre, Millie Schafer, Becca Staley, Carletta Sweet, Kim Vohs, Patti Wettlin, Bert Winkel,.

Others Present: Lynn Regnier, EPNI

Kraus-Anderson: Amy Maldonado, Pope Architects, presented the updated views of their headquarters building. It will be four stories with space to include a future addition on the south side of the building. There will be 45 underground parking spaces and 161 surface lot spaces. The drawings show four entrances to the surface parking, one on each street of the property. Green space is pictured on the southwest corner of the property. They hope to start construction at the end of October, early November and will be taking this plan through the city review and approval process beginning in September and ending in early October. The building will have vision glass on the main floors except for sections along 5th Avenue that are training rooms. The building entrance, located on the west side of the building, will face 8th Street. Discussion followed regarding the lack of landscaping on the 5th Avenue and 8th Street sides of the building and they reported that the City does not want buildings set back in this area and City ordinance requires they be sited within 8 feet of the property line.

Motion for the Kraus-Anderson task force to meet and then present their recommendation directly to the EPNI Board of Directors at the September 8th meeting. M. Beissel/Wettlin Passed.

Tailgating in Elliot Park: Jeff Anderson of the Vikings and Lynn presented the draft agreement that the EPNI Tailgating Task Force worked on with Jeff and Lester Bagley. Work began last year and included a review of the possible parking lot sites in the neighborhood. The task force was sensitive to residential and vulnerable community populations, care centers and churches and concerned about any long term agreements that could impede the future development of surface parking lots. The agreement allows alcohol related tailgating in only two lots, both owned by Thrivent, between 8th and 6th Streets and 5th Avenue and Portland Avenue. Family friendly tailgating is allowed throughout the neighborhood but would have to comply with the same regulations. Tailgating could not begin more than five hours preceding the start of a game and must end two hours after the end of a game. EPNI and the Vikings will work with the City to develop a plan to enforce and monitor tailgating lots. And any tailgating contracts cannot be longer than one year between the Vikings and lot owners.

Motion to approve the Tailgating proposal as presented. M. Winkel/Beissel. Passed.

Soccer Field: Anita Tabb was unable to attend this meeting but sent the following email report. The park board is moving forward on contract approvals for the full-sized soccer field to be built on the west side of Elliot Park. It will be presented to the MPRB in two weeks and following approval by that board it moves through Civil Rights review. They hope to begin construction in September and finish in December, weather permitting.

Elliot Park Repairs & Maintenance: Following a community complaint and discussion with Anita Tabb, the park is getting some much needed attention. Lawn and tree maintenance; replanting of lost trees; picnic table and grill repairs; skate park fencing and closing in the open space beneath the ramps; regular trash pickups.

Announcements

September 1: Livability Task Force—CANCELLED! (Labor Day)

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

September 18: BLUH Meeting

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

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Regnier August 25, 2014.