

BUILDING, LAND USE & HOUSING

Minutes of Committee Meeting

19 September 2013

Members Present: Dean Jacobson, Millie Schafer, Howard Young, Larry Ligocki, Dan Collison, Dan Quirk

Others Present: Anita Tabb, Carina Aleckson, Paul Mellblom, Lynn Regnier, David Fields

The meeting was convened at 6:04 PM by temporary Chair, Millie Schafer

Elliot Park Soccer Field

Anita Tabb, Fourth District Commissioner of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, reported that final negotiations on the proposed soccer field at Elliot Park are being worked through this fall. She anticipates that bids for the installation of the project will go out after January 1, 2014, with a hopeful installation date of spring 2014.

First Covenant Winter Shelter

Carina Aleckson of Salvation Army/Harbor Light reported on plans for the upcoming winter season temporary homeless shelter that has been hosted by First Covenant Church the past few years. Dan Collison, Pastor of First Covenant, described the various ways church congregation volunteers provide services to make the shelter more than just a place to bunk down.

Ending Street Homelessness in Downtown

Paul Mellblom, the East Downtown Council representative on the Downtown 2025 Plan's Committee to End Street Homelessness, reported on the activities of that group over the past year to forge alliances between the Downtown business community and social services agencies to find long-range solutions to the metro-wide challenge of a perennial homeless population.

National Association of Minority Contractors

Dan Collison announced that First Covenant Church had reached an agreement to lease space to the National Association of Minority Contractors, a non-profit trade association that represents construction businesses owned and operated by minorities. The NAMC will use its space in the church as a kind of "clearing house" and referral service for minorities and minority-owned businesses that seek contracts to work on the Vikings stadium (and very likely the proposed Ryan development) over the next couple of years.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

David Fields

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