

**ELLIOT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
EPNI office: 719 10<sup>th</sup> Street South  
**August 12, 2013**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Jenny Doyle, Jerry Dustrud, Kim Forbes, Paul Freitag, Dean Jacobson, Chris Nimmer, Millie Schafer, Tanya Schmitt, Patti Wettlin, Howard Young.

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Arthur Agnew, Julie Fries, Brian Nasi, .

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Staff: Lynn Regnier, David Fields

President Millie Schafer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm..

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**COUNCIL MEMBER LISA GOODMAN**

- Downtown traffic lights are changing and concerns should be called in to 311.
- Resurfacing of East 14<sup>th</sup> Street started this week.
- The city is seeking voter ambassadors to attend neighborhood meetings and educate communities on the new system and the November referendum.
- Lunch with Lisa begins again on 9/25 at the Univ. of St. Thomas-Program is a presentation on the Minneapolis Charter amendment.
- The City budget address is 8/15 at Thrivent.
- *Choice of Weapons* by Gordon Parks is the newest Minneapolis One Read book.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The July 8, 2013 Board Minutes were approved as presented. **M. Jacobson/Nimmer**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

*Motion to approve the June 2013 financials.*

**M. Forbes/Wettlin. Passed**

**STADIUM UPDATE:** David reported that the City Stadium Implementation Committee had approved the stadium design work and passed it on for the city process which includes review by the Planning Commission and the City Council. He also reported on the Vikings presentation at the final stadium meeting for an expanded tailgating zone that would extend deep into the Elliot Park neighborhood. The city will convene a tailgating task force and EPNI will participate. Discussion followed.

*Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc. opposes expansion of the existing authorized tailgating zone associated with the new Vikings stadium. Those undeveloped properties that may be candidates for tailgating must be prioritized, reserved and pursued for future neighborhood higher and better use. We support a thorough analysis of the urban environment this community can offer the fan experience.* **M. Forbes/Nimmer Passed**

## **PLAN MOD/BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Per procedure there was a second motion to approve the Plan Mod/Budget Amendment as presented at the June Board meeting:

***Motion to approve the Plan Mod/Budget Amendment as presented. M. Jacobsobn/Forbes. Passed***

## **BOARD RETREAT**

The board retreat on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 p.m. will be hosted by Augustana Care Center again this year. Topics for agenda: District Development and the McKnight Development Grant. Lynn will send directions with the September board packet.

## **OFFICE SPACE**

The lease is signed and EPNI officially moves Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Build out work is underway at the new space and most of the unneeded office furnishings have been claimed by nonprofits and others and will be picked up prior to the move.

## **NIGHT TO UNITE:**

Millie and Kim (and possibly Patti) volunteered to host the EPNI table at the event.

## **OFFICER ELECTION**

The Executive Committee presented the Slate of Officers:

President, Kim Forbes; Vice President, Patti Wettlin; Treasurer, Brian Nasi; Secretary, Millie Schafer.

***Motion to approve the slate as presented. M. Dustrud/Jacobson. Passed***

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLUH meeting: *The AUGUST meeting is cancelled.***

**August 24<sup>th</sup> Fellowship in the Park**

**Board Meeting: Monday, September 9 @6-8 p.m. @ Augustana Care Center**

**Night to Unite: Tuesday, September 10, 4-7 p.m. in Elliot Park**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Board meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted 8/13/13 by Lynn Regnier, Executive Director*