

ELLIOT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
EPNI 2nd Floor Conference Room
March 10, 2014

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Elizabeth Beissel, Jennie Doyle, Jerry Dustrud, Kim Forbes, Julie Fries, Paul Freitag, Brian Nasi, Chris Nimmer, Millie Schafer.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Tanya Schmitt, Patti Wettlin, Howard Young.

OTHERS PRESENT: Staff: Lynn Regnier

President Kim Forbes called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with two additions: Abdi Salah, Senior Policy Aid for Council Member Abdi Warsame-Ward 6; and, 2012 Audit Payment/NRP Contract #23124 Amendment.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABDI WARSAME-WARD 6

Abdi Salah, Senior Policy Aid, attended for the council member who was out of town and shared the following:

- Ward 6 Newsletter – which is available in three languages.
- Draft of city Vision. Discussion noted that Equity was the first priority and a new addition from the previous Vision document. Comments and suggestions regarding the document can be sent to the Ward 6 office by 3/20/14.
- Ward 6 goals: Public Safety; Zoning & Planning; Community Development; Jobs

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The February 10, 2014 Board Minutes were approved as presented.

M. Nimmer/Beissel

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Discussion regarding the NRP/NCR contracts and reimbursements vs. the McKnight grant monies that are paid up front to EPNI.

Motion to accept the January 2014 financials. **M. Nimmer/Beissel**

2012 AUDIT PAYMENT & NRP CONTRACT #23124 AMENDMENT

Each year the Office of the State Auditor (OSA) conducts an audit for EPNI that is directly paid for by NRP. Bob Cooper informed EPNI last week that there was an unresolved problem regarding the 2012 audit that was conducted in 2013. It was the customary practice to sign a Letter of Engagement each year with OSA. The city attorney decided last year, after receiving an invoice for the work that was completed, that a contract was required for payment. The OSA does not/will not do a contract and the city will not pay the invoice without one. Bob Cooper, NRP office, asked EPNI to

pay the \$13,143.72, that is due for audit work in 2013, directly to OSA. NRP will add that total to our contracts and reimburse EPNI immediately.

Motion to approve payment of \$13,143.72 to the Office of the State Auditor for the 2012 audit work that was completed in 2013. M.Frietag/Dustrud Passed

2013 NCR/COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION ANNUAL REPORT

Motion to approve the NCR/CPA 2013 Annual Report as presented. M. Beissel/Doyle Passed

BOARD ELECTION

President, Kim Forbes, discussed the board election that takes place at the May Annual Meeting. Board members with a 2014 term expiration date were encouraged to reapply. Lynn will send out board applications later that will be due at the end of April. We currently have 12 board members and can add two more residents and one non-resident.

TAILGATING PROPOSAL

Motion to approve the EPNI Tailgating Proposal as presented. M.Beissel/Schafer Passed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLUH meeting: Thursday, March 20, 7-8:30 p.m. Elliot Park Recreation Center

EDC Monthly Membership Forum: Thursday, March 20, 11:30-1 p.m. Red Cross

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

Livability Task Force: Monday, April 7, 4 p.m., Alliance Community Room

Board Meeting: Monday, April 14 @6-7:30 p.m @ EPNI 2nd floor conference room

City Park Committee: Thursday, April 10, 3-4:30 p.m., City Hall Room 319

ADJOURNMENT: The Board meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted 3/11/14 by Lynn Regnier, Executive Director