

ELLIOT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
EPNI 2nd Floor Conference Room: 6 p.m.
November 20, 2014

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Elizabeth Beissel, Jennie Doyle, Jerry Dustrud, Kim Forbes, Julie Fries, Chris Nimmer, Tanya Schmitt,

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Paul Freitag, Brian Nasi, Millie Schafer, Patti Wettlin, Howard Young.

OTHERS PRESENT: Amy Arcand, Willow Consulting; EPNI Staff: Lynn Regnier.

President Kim Forbes called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the addition of: 1. Shamrock Development update; 2) City & Park Board Steering Committee.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The October 13, 2014 Board Minutes were approved as presented.

The October 27, 2014 Board Minutes were approved as presented.

M. Dustrud/Beissel Passed. Abstentions from meeting absentees.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- ***Motion to accept the October 2014 financials. M. Doyle/Beissel Passed.***
- It was noted that the EPNI board approved the following in an E-Vote on November 10, 2014. ***Motion to approve the 2013 990 as presented by the audit firm. M. Schmitt/Dustrud Passed***
- **Annual Giving Campaign:** Kim encouraged members to contribute for 100% board participation.

SHAMROCK DEVELOPMENT

Lynn reported that at the October 30th Planning Commission Committee of the Whole (COW), Shamrock Development was instructed by COW to work with CPED on design changes, specifically to the parking ramp exterior. The following changes were made and presented at the November 10th PC meeting: Changed the tan metal panel to gray; Changed windows at the parking area to vertical orientation; Addition of more red brick at the street level; Addition of an entry canopy and some wall mounted planters at the street level. The tower portion of the building remained unchanged.

EPNI had not been involved in the discussions regarding these changes. Staff will be working on suggestions to include specific language in any future project approval letters to better insure that neighborhood approvals are recognized as associated only with the plans as presented and does not automatically expand to include subsequent changes.

STEERING COMMITTEE FOR CITY AND PARK BOARD PLANNING

Discussion followed regarding the planning process to develop a Minneapolis Downtown Public Realm Framework and MPRB Downtown Service Area Master Plan. An advisory committee will convene to work with both planning initiatives and EPNI can appoint a representative to serve on that committee. The meetings conflict with the BLUH meeting schedule. Lynn will follow up to engage a willing participant.

WHISTLE BLOWER POLICY

Motion forwarded from the Executive Committee to approve the Whistle Blower Policy as presented. 2nd Nimmer. Passed

DECEMBER HOLIDAY GATHERING

The December Board meeting will be held in the Fireside Room at Grant Park on December 8, 6 pm. It includes a potluck social (signup shared) and spouses/guests are welcome. Members are encouraged to bring a white elephant item for the gift exchange (please keep items the size, or smaller, of a shoe box).

McKNIGHT GRANT

Elizabeth reviewed the Planning Team members and the work they conducted over most of the summer. Board members posted dots on their favorite five ideas and review and discussion followed regarding the 18 scenarios. It became clear that the favored concepts separated into two distinct categories: EPNI internally focused work and collaborations with people and organizations outside of EPNI/Elliot Park.

- Marketing Plan (6 votes-86%) and an Historic Preservation Program (5 votes-71%) focused on the internal work of EPNI.
- Organizing Volunteer Resources Across Downtown Neighborhoods (6 votes); District-Wide Collaborative (5 votes); and, Political Advocacy (3 votes-43%), focused on building external relationships and collaborations with organizational partners.

Amy and Lynn are meeting with Sarah Hernandez at The McKnight Foundation next month to discuss future work associated with advancing these scenarios and the resources that might be needed to implement them.

Many of the additional scenarios were deemed worthy of incorporation into future programs and collaborations and had the potential to be absorbed into the two focus areas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Livability Task Force: Monday, December 1, 4-5 p.m., Alliance, 719 16th Street

Finance & Executive Committees: Monday, December 1, 5:30 p.m., EPNI office

Board Holiday Gathering: Monday, December 8th, 6 p.m., Grant Park

ADJOURNMENT: The Board meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted 11/21/14 by Lynn Regnier, Executive Director