

ELLIOT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
EPNI 2nd Floor Conference Room
September 8, 2014

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Elizabeth Beissel, Jennie Doyle, Kim Forbes, Paul Freitag, Brian Nasi, Chris Nimmer, Millie Schafer, Patti Wettlin Howard Young.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: . Jerry Dustrud, Julie Fries, Tanya Schmitt.

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

President Kim Forbes called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with an additional announcement and request for a volunteer to help at the Thursday NCU Volunteer Fair for Kim.

WARD 6

Abdi Salah, Senior Policy Aid for CM Warsame attended the meeting and provided these updates:

- Public Works is conducting a pedestrian and bicyclist count to better understand non-motorized traffic in the city.
- The city is conducting a garden study in five locations to determine the effectiveness of biochar which is an eco-friendly fertilizer that does not release carbon and nitrogen into the air.
- Abdi reminded the board that there are openings on city boards and commissions and that the public is encouraged to submit an application.
- The 2015 budget process is underway and public comment hearings are scheduled on November 18 and December 10, both at 6:05 p.m.--City Hall room 317.
- Ward 6 held a Public Housing Policy forum at Park Elder on September 3rd that addressed resident views on MPHA and city policy, budget issues and property conditions.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The August, 2014 Board Minutes were approved as presented.

M. Nasi/Beissel Passed

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

McKNIGHT GRANT UPDATE

AMY Arcand discussed the Individual Interviews, Think Tank and Planning Team steps that have now all been completed. The interviews and think tank discussions provided an information foundation for the planning team to work with in their sessions. The team met seven times reviewing materials and ideas and creating criteria and strategies for testing their ideas and scenarios. Individual team members created scenarios which were presented to the team for discussion and clarification. Next each team member reviewed

and rated each scenario using an online tool. Results were delivered in a 40-page report that includes graphs and charts to summarize the team assessments. The board was asked to review this document over the next month and to make note of favorite ideas and concepts. Discussion will follow at the October board retreat.

BLUH COMMITTEE MOTIONS

1. *BLUH 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.

Kim Vohs reported on the Kraus-Anderson Task Force work and the letter that was prepared for CPED. Discussion followed with particular interest in preserving the quality of the South Ninth Street Historic District and concern regarding the future development on the rest of the KA property.

Motion to approve the Task Force letter as presented. M. Schafer/Beissel Passed

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

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

BOARD RETREAT

The October meeting time was set for 6-8 p.m. and will include a meal. Details will be determined and announced later.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NCU Volunteer Fair: 9/11 @ 11 am-Noon; NCU Gym

City Park Committee: 9/11 @ 4 p.m City Hall Room 319

BLUH: Thursday, September 18, @ 7-8:30 p.m. (NOTE! Back to winter hours)

Livability Task Force: Monday, October 6, @ 4 p.m. Alliance Community Room

Finance & Executive Committees: Monday, October 6, @ 5:30 p.m. EPNI office

Board Meeting: Monday, October 13 @ 6-8 p.m. Location TBA

ADJOURNMENT: The Board meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted 9/9/14 by Lynn Regnier, Executive Director