

**BUILDING, LAND USE & HOUSING**  
**Action Minutes of Committee Meeting**  
**January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**Members Present:** Paul Ireland, Kyle Benter, Millie Schafer, Nancy Nasi, Tracy Berglund, Dean Jacobson, Jerry Dustrud, Gene Gaines, Howard Young, Ken Lawrence

**Others Present:** Charleen Zimmer, Michael Mechtenberg, Ahmed Hassan, Dan Olson, David Fields

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM by Chair, Paul Ireland

The committee approved the Agenda for the meeting.

The committee approved minutes from the last BLUH meeting in November of 2010.

Charleen Zimmer, a transportation consultant hired by the City of Minneapolis, and Michael Mechtenberg, representing the Minnesota Department of Transportation, presented on the progress of the proposed “East-West Transit Spine” improvement as an implementation of the Access Minneapolis Ten-Year Transportation Plan. They solicited comments from committee members regarding the preliminary plans for creating better connections and transit opportunities between Elliot Park and Downtown East and the Downtown Core.

There was a brief discussion of the mission and activities of the Community Livability Task Force which is in the stages of organizing. Gene Gaines and Paul Ireland reported that the task force will be meeting in upcoming weeks to finalize a mission and goals and objectives statement. The task force will bring back its suggestions to the BLUH committee in February.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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