



## **BUILDING, LAND USE & HOUSING**

### **Action Minutes of Committee Meeting**

### **November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**Members Present:** Paul Ireland, Millie Schafer, Jerry Dustrud, Jessie McClurg, Joni Babinski, Joan Bechtold

**Others Present:** David Epstein, David Fields, Susan Braun

The meeting featured a presentation by Dr. Joan Bechtold on the proposed rain garden project at the Excelen headquarters building, 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> St. Having received a Mississippi Watershed Management Organization planning grant to design the garden, Excelen is now pursuing implementation funding from the MWMO. Committee response to the presentation was very supportive, and discussion concerned how this might serve as a “demonstration project” for future neighborhood water management systems and greening.

A proposal was made from the floor by Millie, seconded by Jerry, to look into the possibility of North Central University accommodating off-street parking in the “Danny’s Lot” during neighborhood snow emergencies: *“The BLUH committee recommends that the City and North Central University be approached concerning making the Danny’s Lot site open for residential off-street parking during snow emergencies and in the event that accumulated snow disallows parking on both sides of neighborhood streets.”* The committee unanimously passed the motion, and EPNI staff will first check with Council Member Goodman on such an interim use of the parking lot.

David Fields gave updates on the status of the Vikings stadium discussion and the fate of the Metrodome, and on Hennepin County Medical Center planning.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by Chair, Paul Ireland

Respectfully submitted,

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