

BUILDING, LAND USE & HOUSING
Action Minutes of Committee Meeting
April 21st, 2011

Members Present: Paul Ireland, Diane Ingram, Rachel Malvin, Howard Young, Millie Schafer, Jerry Dustrud, Caron Ballou, Mohamed Nor, Joseph Amrhein

Others Present: Carina Ruhlandt, Steve Horsfield, Jacqui Taylor, Beth Elliott, David Fields

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

The committee approved the Agenda for the meeting. The minutes for the March meeting were approved.

Beth Elliott, Principal Planner for Downtown Minneapolis, presented the proposal she and her staff have been working on to create a new B4N zoning classification for downtown neighborhoods. Many parcels in Elliot Park Neighborhood, especially in the north and northwest sectors, would be included in this rezoning, which would help to ensure redevelopment that realizes the use, density and scale recommended in the policies of The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Development. Millie Schafer advanced a motion, seconded by Jerry Dustrud, which was passed unanimously:

The Building, Land Use & Housing committee of Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc. endorses the "B4N Downtown Neighborhood District" rezoning proposed by Minneapolis CPED Planning Division. The rezoning of particular sectors of Elliot Park Neighborhood as B4N would encourage more flexible development on parcels that will achieve the stated purpose of the proposal to "...provide an environment that promotes the development of higher density neighborhoods surrounding the Downtown Office core with a variety of goods and services to support Downtown living." This purpose is entirely compatible with the goals expressed in the Elliot Park Neighborhood Master Plan."

In response to recent developments in proposals for a new Vikings football stadium, the committee directed a task force (comprised of Centennial Commons Initiative steering committee members) to develop a "position statement" for EPNI on the prospects for the stadium in Downtown East and its impact on Elliot Park Neighborhood.

Steve Horsfield of Salvation Army/Harbor Lights updated the committee on the success of the temporary seasonal homeless shelter hosted by First Covenant Church during the winter months.

Rachel Malvin, resident of the Sexton Lofts, informed the committee about a new owner of the building, Point Capital Partners of New Jersey, whose announced intentions are to restore the project to all-condominium ownership.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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