BUILDING, LAND USE & HOUSING

Action Minutes of Committee Meeting May 19th, 2011

Members Present: Paul Ireland, Caron Ballou, Diane Ingram, Cheryl Book, Howard Young, Nancy Nasi, Tracy Berglund, Jerry Dustrud, Millie Schafer, Dan Collison

Others Present: Carina Ruhlandt, Steve Horsfield, Dennis Batty, Susan Braun, David Fields

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Chair, Paul Ireland

The committee approved the agenda for the meeting. The minutes for the April meeting were approved.

Updates on the City's B4N rezoning initiative, which the committee approved in April, and on the Vikings/Metrodome stadium situation were given.

Architect Dennis Batty reviewed the revised site plan and elevations for North Central University's "fortress" building (1425 Chicago Avenue) remodel proposal. After some suggestions regarding an apparent disparity between two different elevations of the west façade that showed two different window arrangements, the committee approved the following motion, advanced by Jerry Dustrud and seconded by Millie Schafer:

"EPNI supports the application of North Central University for a rezoning of the 1401-1425 Chicago Avenue properties from C1 to OR3 and for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a for college/university use in the OR3 District."

The motion was passed unanimously, with Cheryl Book abstaining.

Steve Horsfield and Carina Ruhlandt of Salvation Army/Harbor Lights distributed a final report on the functioning of the First Covenant Church temporary winter season homeless shelter, which officially shut down on May 1st. Dan Collison, Pastor at First Covenant, informed the committee of the success of the shelter in addressing the problem of homelessness during the last winter, as well as of the many opportunities his congregation had to engage with the population using the shelter.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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