



BUILDING, LAND USE & HOUSING

Action Minutes of Committee Meeting

August 18th, 2011

Members Present: Paul Ireland, Tracy Berglund, Mike Cappelli, Larry Ligoeki, Jerry Dustrud, Jeff Millikan, Brian Nasi, Howard Young, Millie Schafer, Joseph Arnheim, Ellie Jenkins

Others Present: Carina Ruhlandt, Steve Horsfield, Linda Donaldson

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

The committee approved the agenda for the meeting. The minutes for the June meeting were approved (there was no committee meeting in July).

Linda Donaldson of Community Housing Development Corporation (CHDC) explained CHDC's plans to purchase (buy out limited partners) the Grant Street Commons apartment building at 505 E. Grant Street. She also solicited a letter of support from EPNI for applying to the City for Affordable Housing Trust Fund monies to make improvements in some areas of the building. Discussion among committee members concerned the desire to maintain the current mix of incomes at Grant Street Commons and not to increase the number of lower income units. Also, some committee members expressed the expectation that CHDC, Grant Street Commons, and BDC, the property management company, would participate in and contribute to Elliot Park Neighborhood events and activities. Millie advanced the motion, seconded by Jerry:

"The Building, Land Use & Housing committee of Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc. supports Community Housing Development Corporation's application for Minneapolis Affordable Housing Trust Fund monies for acquisition and rehabilitation of the Grant Street Commons apartments."

The motion passed with unanimous support.

Mike Cappelli of North Central University presented a proposal to the City for the installation of all-way stop signs at the intersection of 14th Street East and Elliot Avenue. There was consensus among committee members that this intersection presents particular challenges of automobile traffic control considering the heavy NCU student pedestrian use. Brian made the motion, seconded by Millie:

“The Building, Land Use & Housing committee of Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc. (EPNI) recognizes the need for stop signs at the intersection of 14th Street East and Elliot Avenue for both pedestrian and automobile traffic safety. EPNI will collaborate with North Central University on an application to the City of Minneapolis for installation of stop signs at that intersection, as well as explore other measures to ensure better traffic and pedestrian control in the area of 14th Street East and Elliot Avenue.”

The motion was passed with unanimous support.

Steve Horsfield and Carina Ruhlandt of Salvation Army Harbor Light and Ellie Jenkins, representing the First Covenant Church, requested neighborhood support for a five (5)-year Interim Use Permit for continuing the temporary winter season homeless shelter at First Covenant Church. Some committee members questioned the need for an entire five (5)-year extension, wondering what kinds of controls the neighborhood might have should problems arise with the facility over that period of time. With agreements to report back to the BLUH committee at the end of each shelter season, following motion was advanced by Millie, seconded by Mike Cappelli:

“The Building, Land Use & Housing committee of Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc. approves of an Interim Use Permit to be granted for five (5) years to the Salvation Army Harbor Light for the operation of a temporary winter season (November 1st to April 30th) homeless shelter located in the First Covenant Church. The Salvation Army Harbor Light Center and First Covenant will abide by its “Statement of Proposed Use” agreement with the City and the neighborhood, and will report back to the BLUH committee at the end of each shelter season regarding successes and problems associated with the operation.”

The motion was passed with unanimous support.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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