



BUILDING, LAND USE & HOUSING

Action Minutes of Committee Meeting

September 15th, 2011

Members Present: Paul Ireland, Tracy Berglund, Jerry Dustrud, Brian Nasi, Nancy Nasi, Millie Schafer, Dean Jacobson, Brad Arthur, Mohammed Nor

Others Present: Lynn Regnier and David Fields, EPNI Staff

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

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

Updates were given on the August meeting action items, with those concerning Grant Street Commons and the First Covenant Interim Use Permit for hosting the Salvation Army's temporary winter season homeless shelter generating committee discussion about what kind of consistent standards the neighborhood should apply when dealing with "affordable housing" and social services issues.

Brad Arthur, head of facilities at Bethlehem Baptist Church, informed the committee of the church's plans to demolish two dilapidated residential structures adjacent to their campus at 1205 S. 7th Street. He said the parcels would be converted to green fields and received suggestions from committee members that perhaps sponsoring a community garden on the site might be something church could pursue.

It was decided that in upcoming BLUH meetings the issues surrounding housing in the neighborhood (maintaining present housing and attracting new residential development) would be a featured topic. The strategic planning just being finished by the EPNI Board of Directors prioritizes the development of more housing choices in Elliot Park as a goal of the neighborhood organization.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32.

Respectfully submitted,

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