

BUILDING, LAND USE & HOUSING
Action Minutes of Committee Meeting
February 18, 2010

Members Present: Howard Young, Kathryn Grafsgaard, Millie Schafer, Caron Ballou, Tracy Berglund, Paul Ireland, Jerry Dustrud, Brian Nasi, Ibrahim Mohammed

Others Present: Lynn Regnier, David Fields, EPNI staff

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by interim Chair, Millie Schafer

Doug Hoskin gave an update on his purchase of the properties at 1010 Park and his plans to recruit retail tenants for the Baker Building.

The rest of the agenda consisted of other updates on the Property Owners Engagement task force, Chicago Avenue reconstruction and streetscape improvements, Branch III Opportunity Center, and the 17th Street redesign workgroup.

David Fields explained that EPNI was applying for a Great Streets Neighborhood Business District grant from the City in collaboration with the East Downtown Council. The \$50,000 grant would continue the work of economic development as part of EPNI's Downtown East/Elliot Park 2100 District Redevelopment Action Plan. A motion of support for the application was made and approved:

“The Building, Land Use & Housing committee of Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc. (EPNI), through its various planning initiatives task forces, has been promoting redevelopment in Elliot Park and Downtown East as an integral part of the neighborhood Master Plan’s vision for community revitalization. The committee therefore supports EPNI’s proposal to apply for Minneapolis Great Streets Neighborhood Business District program funding to help advance these planning efforts to a phase of project development initiatives through the Downtown East/Elliot Park (DEEP) District 2100 Action Plan. EPNI will partner with the East Downtown Council to create the leadership and seek the resources necessary to bring new economic and housing development into the neighborhood and the district by applying the Great Streets program funding to the DEEP initiative.”

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Fields

EPNI Staff

