

**ELLIOT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

EPNI office @ 719 10th Street South, Minneapolis, MN

MINUTES: August 8, 2011

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Arthur Agnew, Gene Gaines, Mike Harristhal, Paul Ireland, Dean Jacobson, Jeff Millikan, Brian Nasi, Millie Schafer, Barrett Steenrod, Shabir Walji, Patti Wettlin, Howard Young

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Kim Forbes

OTHERS PRESENT: Susan Braun, David Fields and Lynn Regnier-EPNI staff

President Millie Schafer called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda approved as presented.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The July 11th Board Minutes were approved as presented. **M. Gaines/Millikan**

COUNCIL MEMBER LISA GOODMAN

- Lisa introduced her new aide, Patrick Sadler, a former resident of Elliot Park.
- The city is repaving 52 downtown streets over the next few months.
- The city is replacing parking meters with a new system that does not have individual meters at each space but one main meter station per block.
- There is a public meeting on August 23 or 24 regarding the 35W construction and additional northbound lane.
- A number of bike lane projects are underway that benefit downtown riders.
- Lunds is breaking ground on September 1st for their store at 12th and Hennepin.
- The city has announced a twenty-three million dollar reduction in LGA.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- The June Financials were reviewed.
The June financials were approved. M. Nasi/Gaines. Passed
- ***Motion to approve an EPNI credit card from Wells Fargo with a \$500 monthly purchase limit with the Executive Director as the only authorized user. 2nd Gaines. Passed***
- ***Motion to approve an additional \$1,200 for consultant fees in 2011. 2nd Gaines. Passed***

OFFICER ELECTIONS: Slate: President, Millie Schafer; Vice President, Kim Forbes; Secretary, Patti Wettlin; Treasurer, Dean Jacobson.

Motion to approve the slate as presented. M. Gaines/Ireland. Passed

AUDIT:

Motion to approve the State of Minnesota Charitable Organization Annual Report.

M. Ireland/Steenrod. Passed

STRATEGIC PLANNING: Lynn noted that she had added contract end dates to the flip chart work sheets that were used during the strategic planning process and they were on the wall for review. Staff is developing a work plan and success milestones for board review and will integrate possible work agenda items for EPNI committees and volunteers. A draft of these plans will be presented for review and discussion at the September board meeting with a goal of finalizing the plan at the October board meeting.

FUND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (FDC): Dean reported that Tez is working with the committee to plan the 2011 Annual Giving Campaign. They will seek funding to seed the campaign from four ‘cornerstone’ partners for a total challenge grant amount of \$10,000. The Grant Park Outreach Committee has agreed to host a launch party for the campaign in the Fireside Room on Thursday, September 29th.

TOWN HALL & SOCIAL: This event has been rescheduled for October 27th. EPIC will help to coordinate the event to be held at the Elliot Park Recreation Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Next Board Meeting:** Monday, September 12, 2011 at 6-7:30 p.m. at EPNI.
- **Annual Giving Campaign Launch at Grant Park, September 29th.**
- **Town Hall & Social: October 27th.**

ADJOURNMENT: The Board meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted 8/11/11. Lynn Regnier, Executive Director