

ELLIOT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD, INC.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
EPNI Office**

**MINUTES
February 14, 2011**

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Gene Gaines, Brian Nasi,

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

President Schafer called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented. M. Steenrod/Ireland.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 10th Board Minutes were approved as presented. M. Agnew/Forbes

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Dean presented the December Financials noting that there were no unusual expenses. He introduced and reviewed the Contract Balance report that is now included in the monthly board packet.

The December financials were approved. M. Forbes/Agnew

COUNCIL MEMBER LISA GOODMAN:

- Lisa reported that at the recent **East Downtown Council** meeting Mike Christenson, CPED Director, praised the work that produced the enhanced Chicago Avenue streetscape and noted that these enhancements would not have happened without the passion and advocacy of EPNI—Lisa thanked the board and the staff for their work, particularly recognizing David Fields for his leadership in this effort.
- **Lunch with Lisa** is February 23. Topic: The new city internal auditor will speak on the new city internal audit process and controls.
- **Tax Assessment:** Two public meetings are scheduled for public response: February 23 at the Pearl Park Neighborhood Center and February 24 at the North Regional Library. Both meetings are held from 4:30 p.m.-7 p.m.
- Lisa encouraged downtown neighborhood organizations to become involved in the redistricting process. There will be a nine-member commission and opportunities for public testimony.
- Lisa distributed copies of the Ward 7 E-news and the City of Minneapolis 2011 Budget in Brief.

NEW BOARD MEMBER:

Motion forwarded by Executive Committee to approve the appointment of Shabir Walji to the Board of Directors. M./Millikan. Approved

NRP UPDATE: No additional news beyond the reports that were included in the board packets. Budget Amendments are in process to contract available funds.

2011 BUDGET: Treasurer Dean Jacobson presented the 2011 Draft Budget. Discussion followed regarding city contracts and the reimbursement process (some income budgeted for 2010 will not be received until 2011 due to the timing of the reimbursement submissions). It was noted that the 2011 liability insurance is being paid by NRP as part of a new group policy opportunity.

Motion to approve the 2011 Budget as presented. M. Forbes/Steenrod. Approved

STRATEGIC PLANNING: The planning Design Team reported that the board survey was conducted and the time extended through today for board members to respond. Work is underway on a community survey which will be mailed to 400 random addresses in Elliot Park; selected landlords will be contacted to distribute surveys to their residents; Aeon will be contacted to distribute to property residents and Aeon employees; surveys will be emailed to EPNI contacts; and there will be postings at area computer labs and the public library encouraging Elliot Park residents/employees/property owners to access the survey on the EPNI website. The community survey responses will be collected prior to the first board session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Annual Meeting is Monday, May 9th and includes a board meeting at 4:30 p.m., business meeting 5-6:30 p.m.; and 35th Anniversary celebration 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Next Board Meeting & Strategic Planning Session: Monday, March 14, 2011 @ 4-9 p.m., at the EPNI office. Dinner will be served.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted 2/17/11.

Lynn Regnier, Executive Director