

**ELLIOT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD, INC.**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
EPNI office, 719 10<sup>th</sup> Street South – 6 p.m.

**MINUTES**  
**October 11, 2010**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Arthur Agnew, Kim Forbes, Gene Gaines, Paul Ireland, Dean Jacobson , Jeff Millikan, Brian Nasi, Millie Schafer, Barrett Steenrod, Patti Wettlin

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Jean Cole, Mike Harristhal, Howard Young

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

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

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda approved with the following addition: Board selection of an elector and alternate for the NRP Neighborhood Representation Election. It was also noted that Lisa Goodman may not be attending due to teaching conflicts.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The September 13th Board Minutes were approved as presented with one abstention. M. Millikan/Ireland.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Dean presented the August Financials, noting:

- That there was no unusual activity.
- The October 4<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee Minutes refer to two columns in the financial reports that do not accurately reflect the finances and that these columns will be removed from the 2011 budget in order to decrease confusion in the future.
- There was some concern regarding new banking rules at Wells Fargo and whether or not the EPNI accounts would appear online with the signers' accounts (as is the case for personal accounts). So far this has not been an issue with EPNI business accounts and we will continue to monitor this.

*The August financials were approved.* M. Forbes/Gaines

**ANNUAL AUDIT:**

The Finance Committee met today with the staff specialist of the Office of the State Auditor to review the audit documents. Board approval is required to finalize signatures and to file the reports.

**MOTION:** *The Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc. Board of Directors on October 11, 2010 acknowledges that the Annual Audit Report is executed on behalf of the organization and approves the content and all attachments (including the 2009 IRS 990) of the 2009 Charitable Organization Annual Report to the State of Minnesota – Office of the Attorney General for fiscal year 2009.* M. Wettlin/Steenrod. **Approved.**

## **COMMITTEE BUSINESS & MOTIONS:**

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

Millie announced that Andrea Christianson has resigned from the Board as she is moving out of the neighborhood.

- **BLUH & BLUH TASK FORCES:**

Paul Ireland reported that he is the new chair of the BLUH Committee and he is interested in increasing opportunities for people to connect with one another at BLUH. He would like to see increased discussion/brainstorming opportunities. Discussion followed noting that some BLUH agendas are quite full and it would be hard to fit all of this in at every meeting. Also mentioned was the Thursday meeting day of the BLUH and whether or not it should change. Agreement that the BLUH Committee poll its members and determine if they wish to change the meeting day.

- **DEEP:**

Susan shared copies of handouts that were made available to the CCI/DEEP Task Force that provided the background of the Centennial Commons Initiative as an ongoing implementation of the Elliot Park Neighborhood Master Plan. Documents included:

1. NRP Contract #23124 Scope of Services: 2006 Mixed Use Housing, Community and Economic Development-Section 1: Housing and Community Development.
2. NRP Contract #23124 Scope of Services, Interim Review: July 2008 Centennial Commons Initiative-Continuation of NRP Phase II Plan.
3. City of Minneapolis, Great Streets Grant Scope of Services 2010-2011

Susan and David also provided an update on stakeholder meetings with NCU, Minnesota Vikings and the Strutware/Control Data property owners. Each meeting was productive and encouraging for advancing the work of CCI and for strengthening relationships with neighborhood partners.

- **FUND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

Dean reported that this committee is continuing to meet, plan and prepare for future fundraising work.

## **NRP NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATION:**

Eleven candidates have filed to serve on the NRP Policy Board. EPNI needs to select an elector, and an alternate, to attend the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting and vote on behalf of the neighborhood.

*Motion to select Brian Nasi to serve as an elector.* M. Forbes/Ireland. Approved.

Gene Gaines volunteered to serve as the alternate.

## **COUNCILMEMBER LISA GOODMAN:**

- Newsbites will be sent electronically in the future to contain expenses.
- Lunch with Lisa is October 27 at the University of St. Thomas, downtown campus. Program: School Board candidate debate.
- Doug Kress will be leaving in June to continue his education plans.

- The city has Home Energy Audit grant monies for single family homes and for older multi-family buildings.
- Lisa will not be attending the November EPNI Board meeting as she is out of town. She may be able to attend the December Holiday meeting after her city budget meeting.
- MNDOT has made some substantial improvements to the problem spot at the 35w exit ramp. Grant Park residents are credited with working with MNDOT and soliciting their help with this issue and for the implementation of a beautiful landscape solution.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Next Board Meeting: Monday, November 8, 2010 @ 6 p.m., at the EPNI office.
- Neighborhood residents from Grant Park have collaborated with NCU and they are organizing a Halloween celebration Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Contact Gene Gaines to volunteer.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Board meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted 10/12/10.*

*Lynn Regnier, Executive Director*