

**ELLIOT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
EPNI office, 719 10<sup>th</sup> Street South – 6pm  
**September 13, 2010**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Jean Cole, Gene Gaines, Mike Harristhal, Paul Ireland, Dean Jacobson, Jeff Millikan, Brian Nasi, Millie Schafer, Barrett Steenrod, Patti Wettlin, Howard Young.

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Arthur Agnew, Andrea Christenson, Kim Forbes

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

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

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda approved, noting that Lisa Goodman is unable to attend but sent handouts.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The August 9, 2010 Board Minutes were approved as presented with one abstention. M. Gaines/Wettlin

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Lynn presented the July Financials, noting:

- \$400 income was from EDC for program presentation work.
- Question regarding the negative difference between 2010 budget income and actual income YTD is partially explained by the reimbursement process as defined in our NRP contracts. EPNI staff records the work that is being done under city contracts, salaries are paid from the checking account, and then EPNI periodically submits reimbursement requests to the city for the work.

*The July financials were approved.* M.Steenrod/Ireland

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS & MOTIONS:**

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

This committee forwarded the following motion to change check signers:

*The Executive Committee moves to add new Executive Director, Lynn Regnier, to the list of people eligible to sign EPNI checks and also moves to have former Executive Director, Susan Braun, removed as a check signer. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Wettlin. Approved.*

- **BLUH** meets Thursday September 16<sup>th</sup> with visits/reports from the First Precinct Inspector, the new owner of Skyscape, and information about Aeon's grand opening Alliance Addition celebration in October.
- **DEEP:** Due to scheduling issues the DEEP Task Force will not meet until October 5<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30pm at the EPNI office. Their first task will be to concentrate on the broader initiative, stakeholder interviews and efforts to engage the leadership to participate in the upcoming Forum. David will soon have copies of the EDC Great Streets report for the board and for committee members.

- **FUND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

Dean Jacobson reported that the committee met for the first time last month and is making efforts to add members to this committee who can help do the work and grow the resources of EPNI. The next meeting is September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**NCEC UPDATE:** The Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission has completed the first draft of the Community Participation Program Guidelines. Susan prepared a summary of this report for board review which addresses the formula and process for allocating \$3 million annually for administrative purposes to neighborhood organizations. It includes variables with formulas attached for determining the allocation amounts. Additionally, while organizations will be required to apply for the first year funding, thereafter the funding will be allotted in three-year cycles with a report due annually. David reported that he met with two NCEC commissioners the previous week and they noted that EPNI was a much more savvy and sophisticated working organization as compared to other NRP neighborhoods. Board discussion noted that the past track record of an organization's ability to manage and leverage NRP funding is not included in the formula for these administration dollars but may be reviewed for the discretionary funds that will later be allocated for development and programs. Also, there is concern as to the large number of homeless people that are particularly prevalent in the downtown neighborhoods and a question as to whether or not there might be additional funding to help the downtown organizations. EPNI meets regularly with the downtown neighborhood organizations and this will be discussed at their meeting next week.

***Motion to support the formula and guidelines as presented and to send a letter to the NCEC Commission from the board demonstrating that support.***

M..Jacobson/Gaines. Approved.

**COUNCILMEMBER LISA GOODMAN:**

Lisa was not able to attend but she did send along copies of the *Newsbites* and information regarding city board commission vacancies. Lisa is unable to attend the EPNI board meetings in November and December due to conference travel and a city budget meeting. She will try to attend the October meeting after her class which meets until 7pm on Monday evenings.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Next Board Meeting: Monday, October 11, 2010 @ 6pm, at the EPNI office.
- Night to Unite is Tuesday, September 14th in Elliot Park, 4-8 pm. and is sponsored by NCU with support mainly from Aeon and House of Charity.
- Neighborhood residents from Grant Park are organizing a Halloween celebration, details to follow. Anyone interested in planning or donating support to this event should contact Norma Shuh.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Board meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm

*Respectfully Submitted 9/17/10.*

*Lynn Regnier, Executive Director*