

ELLIOT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
EPNI office, 719 10th Street South – 6pm
May 10, 2010

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Arthur Agnew, Jean Cole, Kim Forbes, Paul Ireland, Dean Jacobson, Jeff Millikan, Brian Nasi, Millie Schafer, Howard Young.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Mike Harristhal, Patti Wettlin

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

President Schafer called the meeting to order at 5:07pm.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda amended and accepted to include staff comments and a report regarding crime and safety.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 12, 2010 Board Minutes were approved: M. Forbes/Ireland

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Treasurer, Dean Jacobson presented the March Financials.

The March financials were approved. M.Agnew/Nasi

STAFF COMMENTS:

Susan urged the board to be sure and review monthly staff reports as the work of the organization is at a significant point for implementing the vision of the community as developed in the EPNI Master Plan. Also, in response to board planning and direction over the last few years, we are currently initiating a fund development committee. Dean Jacobson has agreed to chair this committee and we will be recruiting additional participation from the board and the community.

NCEC (Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission) is replacing NRP (Neighborhood Revitalization Program) and the commission is hosting a series of community meetings to engage citizens in the development of their new guidelines. A meeting for the downtown neighborhoods is scheduled for June 3, 6-8 pm at the Elliot Park Recreation Center. NCEC staff will also meet at another time with neighborhood organization staff.

David distributed copies of the newly designed DEEP marketing materials. One piece is a three-fold brochure that provides a brief introduction to DEEP. The second piece is a large 8 page pamphlet that will be used during key stakeholder meetings to introduce the work of DEEP and to encourage their participation. This marketing piece will be

changed as stakeholders opt in to be included on the map. The CCI Task Force meets this Thursday and is reconvening as the DEEP Steering Committee to facilitate the work of DEEP.

CRIME AND SAFETY:

Susan shared a recent email from a community member who is concerned about an increase in crime in the neighborhood and requested that the board make this a priority issue at this time. The writer also requested that staff allocate funds for this work. Susan reminded the board that staff cannot allocate funding and the board needs to decide if it wants to address resources to this. Board discussion followed with the consensus that the goal of decreasing crime and increasing safety underscores all of the work of EPNI as exemplified in the recent EPNI task force work with Catholic Charities. Board members praised the work of EPAC and wondered why they seem to have disappeared recently. It was suggested that this discussion be continued at BLUH or through one of the BLUH task forces as appropriate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Board Meeting: Monday, June 14, 2010 @ 6pm, at the EPNI office.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted 5/11/10

by Lynn Regnier, Finance & Communications Coordinator