

ELLIOT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
EPNI office, 719 10th Street South – 6pm
August 9, 2010

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Arthur Agnew, Jean Cole, Kim Forbes, Gene Gaines, Mike Harristhal, Dean Jacobson, Brian Nasi, Millie Schafer, Barrett Steenrod, Patti Wettlin, Howard Young.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Andrea Christenson, Paul Ireland, Jeff Millikan

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 additional announcements. M. Forbes/Steenrod.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The July 12, 2010 Board Minutes were approved with a correction to the Finance Committee report to read: *Contract Balances: The remaining small amounts in Column 5014 will be balanced in the final citizen participation report and reimbursement request.* M. Harristhal/Gaines, 1 abstention.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Treasurer Dean Jacobson presented the June Financials, noting:

- Professional Fees reflect the final payment to Close Landscape Architecture for work as previously contracted for DEEP.
- Printing expenses were up due to printing costs for DEEP materials.
- Computer expenses reflect fees for correcting server problems.
- Contract Balances: The remaining small amounts in Column 5014 will be balanced in the final citizen participation report and reimbursement request.
- The contract balance sheet does not yet reflect the \$103,000 from the Plan Modification or the additional \$60,000 that has been allocated to EPNI from NRP Phase II funding. With these additional monies EPNI now has approximately 2 ½ years of sustainable funding.

The June financials were approved. M.Gaines/Cole

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE & STAFF RESTRUCTURING

Staff members were not present for this discussion and returned to the meeting after the motion.

Motion: We, the EPNI board, accept the resignation of Susan Braun as Executive Director, as of 8/30/10, and based upon the Personnel Committee recommendation, move that Lynn Regnier be appointed as the new Executive Director. We also move that the Personnel Committee conduct a 90 day review of the new Executive Director and report back to the board of the results/outcome. M.S/P 10 yes, 1 no

OFFICER ELECTIONS:

The current officers expressed a willingness to serve for another one-year term.

Move to approve the slate of existing officers to serve one more year.

M. Gaines/Steenrod. Approved.

FUND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Dean Jacobson reported that he and Lynn have been meeting to organize a fundraising committee. The goal of the FDC is to raise money to sustain the organization. Gene Gaines and Jeff Millikan have agreed to serve on this committee and we will be seeking out additional members to work on developing broad financial support for EPNI.

Motion to approve the Fund Development Committee as a standing committee of Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc. M. Executive Committee/Nasi. Approved.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS & MOTIONS:

- **BLUH:** David gave a review of BLUH activities as presented in his staff report.
- **DEEP:** David is in the process of coordinating a meeting time for the DEEP Task Force. Last Friday he and Susan, Bob Close and Bruce Jacobson met with County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin. Peter understood the essence of DEEP and appeared to be strategizing ways to connect DEEP to transportation initiatives and potential planning funding. (Southwest Corridor, Central Corridor and Hiawatha). David shared copies of *DEEP: The Imperative*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Board Meeting: Monday, September 13, 2010 @ 6pm, at the EPNI office.
- Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church is holding its annual Fellowship Without Walls event in Elliot Park, August 28-29. Hours: Saturday 11-6 and Sunday begins at 11. Last year they served 1600 pieces of chicken plus hamburgers and hot dogs. The activities and food are free. Currently Augustana and NCU are supporting this event and Bethesda would appreciate additional help.
- Night to Unite is Tuesday, September 14th in Elliot Park. Lynn has emailed a flyer to everybody which includes a website link for more information.
- Brian Nasi provided a follow-up to the board discussion at the last meeting and reported that the new construction street sign on 15th has greatly reduced the traffic that was heading into the dead end on 17th street.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted 8/10/10.

Lynn Regnier, Finance & Communications Coordinator