

BUILDING, LAND USE & HOUSING
Minutes – January 15, 2015

The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. by Chair, Jerry Dustrud.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The December, 2014 meeting minutes were approved as presented. **M. Purcell/Johnson Passed**
Members Present: Dan Collison, Jerry Dustrud, Karen Johnson, Larry Ligoeki, Rick Purcell, Millie Schafer, Howard Young.

Others Present: Ginger Kranz, Webster Elementary School; John Miller, Mill City High School; Lynn Regnier and Kim Vohs, EPNI

Webster Elementary School: Ginger Kranz reported on the progress of the school building. The interior is being gutted and the first floor work will be completed in July in time for the beginning of the new school year. Second floor work will continue into November with minimal disruption planned for the students. The second floor is not needed the first year. The school will open with grades K-2 with a new grade level added each year through 5th grade. Ginger will initiate a ‘literacy hour’ for students, family and community members to participate in interactive reading time. She has currently scheduled a number of Coffee Chats throughout the downtown neighborhoods to answer questions and encourage enrollment. www.webster.mpls.k12.mn.us

Mill City High School: Dan Collison, Senior Pastor, First Covenant Church presented information about their education building and its suitability to house the proposed Mill City High School. The building includes over 33,000 square feet with access to a 1,500 seat auditorium; three quarter size gymnasium; a large foyer; and a fellowship hall that seats 300 people. They see this as a high level and innovative partnership that maximizes use of the property for church (weekends) and students (weekdays). The interior space requires some adaptive work which is expected to be undertaken within a five-year plan.

John Miller, Start-Up Director, presented plans for the public charter school. They anticipate being operational on July 1st with classes beginning in Fall, 2015. They plan to start with 150-200 students and grow to a maximum enrollment of 400. As stated in their materials, “Diversity is a core value at Mill City, supported by our Global Classical curriculum, by the cooperative learning and peer mentoring that students experience daily through Mastery Learning...”. www.millcityhigh.org

Motion to support the formation of a charter high school located in the First Covenant Church property. Schafer/Purcell. Passed. One abstention.

Announcements

January 22: Town Hall Meeting/Elected Officials 6-8 p.m. UROC, 2001 Plymouth Avenue North

January 24: Fancy Pants Winter Dance 3-6 p.m. ElseWarehouse, 703 Washington Avenue North

February 2: Livability Task Force 4 p.m., The Alliance, 719 E. 14th Street, Community Room

February 19 : BLUH Meeting 7 p.m. Recreation Center, 1000 E. 14th Street –**Winter Hours~!**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Regnier January 19, 2015.