

BUILDING, LAND USE & HOUSING

DRAFT--Minutes - January 19, 2017

The meeting was convened at 6:05 p.m. by Millie Schafer

Members Present: Elizabeth Beissel, Jerry Dustrud, Sue Jagodzinski, Michael Lazaritti, Brian Nasi, Nancy Nasi, Millie Schafer, Rebecca Thomas, Bert Winkel, Howard Young.

Others Present: Paul Glaser-HBTB; Steve Hay-Mpls. Public Works; Tom Erickson and Chris Palkowiydvh - BKV Group; Dan Collison ETBP; Lynn Regnier, EPNI.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The November 2016 meeting minutes were approved as presented. M. Dustrd/Beissel.

New Recreation Center Director

Newmann Thomas signed on as the new director in December. He has worked in youth development programs with Mpls. Parks & Recreation for ten years and is enthusiastic about working with the Elliot Park community.

Elliot Park Homework Health Program

EPNI Intern Rebecca Thomas is working with Newmann Thomas to develop a mentor program at the center, pairing North Central University students with neighborhood youth to offer homework help once a week. The program begins February 21st at the center.

8th Street Reconstruction Project: Steve Hay, Public Works

Steve presented plans for reconstruction of 8th Street from Hennepin Avenue to Chicago Avenue. It is a full reconstruction prioritizing pedestrian and transit amenities. No bike facilities are proposed. The project will improve lighting and streetscape greening with additional amenities planned. Most parking will be eliminated and special drop-off and unloading stations are planned in specific areas. They are completing the layout phase of the project for City Council approval in late February, followed by a final design process. Utility work will commence in late 2018 with the construction phase ending in 2020.

Park and Portland Vision: Chris Palkowitsch, Paul Glaser, Tom Erickson, BKV Group; Dan Collison, East Town Business Partnership

Work on re-envisioning the Park and Portland corridors began a few years ago. A small group of city staff are working with the BKV Group to identify plans and relevant guidelines that are

already in place that can help define a more vibrant public realm. Both streets are county roads. Elliot Park residents volunteered to work with this group as plans continue to create an implementation plan that can activate the project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EPNI Livability Task Force: February 6, 4-5 p.m. Segue on 11th Avenue
EPNI Finance & Executive Committees: February 6, 5:15 pm, EPNI Office
EPNI Board meeting: February 13, 6- at STLf Office across hall from EPNI
BLUH Committee: February 16 15, 6 p.m., Elliot Park Recreation Center

NEW EVENT IN THE WORKS!!!

ELLIOT PARK EARTH FEST: Bike It. Hike It. Green It. Live It.
April 20th, 4-7 p.m. in Elliot Park.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Regnier: January 31, 2017.