

## **BUILDING, LAND USE & HOUSING**

### **DRAFT--Minutes - November 17, 2016**

The meeting was convened at 6:05 p.m. by Jerry Dustrud.

**Members Present:** Lynn Burnm, Jerry Dustrud, Ryan Eckmann, Sue Jagodzinski, Tamir Ali Mohamud, Brian Nasi, Millie Schafer, Linnae Nelson-Seys, Jim Watson, Howard Young.

**Others Present:** Nick Balagurchik & Tom Hayes, HCMC; Tilahun Hailu, Allan Klugman, Steve Mosing, City-Public Works; Michael Margulies, St. Paul Development; Amanda Wigen, The Commons; Lynn Regnier, EPNI.

**The agenda was approved as presented.**

**The October 2016 meeting minutes were approved as presented. M. Mohamud/Watson.**

#### **The Commons: Updates and programming ideas**

Amanda Wigen, Park Coordinator for The Commons provided updates on the park development. For the first six months the Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District (DID) is under contract to provide for ongoing maintenance. In January the city will transfer the park to a nonprofit conservancy, Green Minneapolis. More improvements will be installed in the park as monies are available and it is expected that the space will be programmed year-round. Wigen will return to the community in March or April with further updates. A website is in place for connecting to the The Commons at: [commonspmpls.com](http://commonspmpls.com)

#### **Aberdeen Micro-unit Housing Development**

Mike Margulies presented an update from a previous visit with the community and following a meeting with the EPNI Development Review Task Force. The exterior materials remain the same; the fencing will be installed inside of the hedgerow; a bike repair area has been added to the underground parking level that includes parking for 18 vehicles plus bicycles. They expect to begin the PDR process on November 23.

***Motion to approve the Aberdeen micro-housing unit development as presented on 11-17-2016. M. Schafer/Nasi. Passed.***

#### **HCMC Sign at 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Park Avenue**

Nick Balagurchik presented a new slim-lined design for the wayfaring sign in the park area. The previous sign, rejected by the community, was 4 feet wide and 8 feet tall with a foot of iron work at the bottom. The new sign is one foot ten inches wide and three feet tall and sits at the top of a 9'6" post. It features a blue circled "P" at the top to designate parking and 'Specialty Center' in the center with an arrow below. The HCMC hands logo is at the bottom. It is a reflective sign to direct people to the parking ramp. The same sign may be used at the corner of 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Chicago Avenue as well. HCMC will return to BLUH in January with a specific site diagram for the sign.

### **7<sup>th</sup> Street/Pedestrian Safety -Community Discussion**

Tom Hayes, HCMC, presented concerns regarding the lack of safe pedestrian crossings on 7<sup>th</sup> Street specifically between Chicago Avenue and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The street has always been heavily travelled but even more so now that the new I-94 7<sup>th</sup> Street ramp has opened up. The Elliot Park community addressed these concerns as well several years ago when the new ramp exit was being proposed. Public works will do an analysis on the volumes of vehicle and pedestrian traffic and return to BLUH in a few months with that information and for more community input. Traffic signals are a substantial investment and the data and input will be reviewed as safety options are considered. Tilahun Hailu, Transportation Engineer, is in charge of this project and will keep EPNI informed.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Historic Preservation Commission hearing: November 29, 4:30 p.m., City Hall Room 317, (Armory Application for Certificate of Appropriateness)**

**EPNI Finance & Executive Committees: December 5, 5:15 pm, EPNI Office**

**EPNI Livability Task Force: December 5, 6-7 p.m. Segue on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

**EPNI Board meeting: December 12, 6- at Grant Park Fireside Room**

**BLUH Committee: December 15, 6 p.m., Elliot Park Recreation Center**

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Regnier: November 28, 2016.