

**BUILDING, LAND USE & HOUSING
DRAFT--Minutes – November 19, 2015**

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

Members Present: Elizabeth Beissel, Jerry Dustrud, Bill Emory; Sue Jagodinski, Michael Lazaretti, Shelby Maidl, Millie Schafer, Tanya Schmitt, Becca Staley, Natalie Westberg;

Others Present: Michele Kelm-Helgen, MSFA; Billie Langenstein and Patrick Tally, SMG-US Bank Stadium; Steven Hay, Mpls Public Works; Lynn Regnier, EPNI.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The September 2015 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

5th Street Ramp

Steven Hay, Minneapolis Public Works presented the plans for the I94 5th Street Ramp project. The ramp will close in August of 2016 when the new 7th Street ramp opens. At that time construction will begin on the 5th Street ramp site to connect it to the Cedar Riverside neighborhood. The new roadway creates a parkway from 11th Avenue to 15th Avenue on the West Bank. It includes enhanced sidewalks, protected bikeways and a lot of landscaping. Work is expected to be completed by the end of the summer in 2017. A special public meeting will be scheduled in December.

Minnesota Stadium Facilities Authority

Michele Kelm-Helgen presented a Power Point update on the plans and progress for the new stadium. They were able to surpass their initial equity workforce goals and the project is on schedule to open in July of 2016.

SMG-US Bank Stadium Events

SMG has been contracted to manage events at the US Bank Stadium. They have considerable experience in this field and Patrick Tally and Billy Langenstein updated the community on plans that are underway. Of greatest interest is the attention directed at transportation and pedestrian safety and movement to, from, and around the stadium. Multi-agencies are collaborating on this project and SMG will be attending BLUH meetings throughout 2016 to keep the neighborhood involved and updated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EPNI Livability Task Force: Monday, December 7, 4-5 p.m., Alliance, 719 16th Street

EPNI Finance & Executive Committees: Monday, December 7, 5:30 p.m., EPNI

Later with Lisa: Thursday, December 14 at the Normandy Inn, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

EPNI Board Meeting: Monday, December 14, 5:30-8:00 p.m., Grant Park

BLUH Committee: Thursday, December 17, 7 p.m-**winter hours!** Recreation Center

The meeting adjourned at 8:30. Respectfully submitted by Lynn Regnier: December 3, 2015.