

**BUILDING, LAND USE & HOUSING
DRAFT--Minutes - April 21, 2016**

The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Tanya Schmitt.

Members Present: Jerry Dustrud, Elizabeth & Joe Beissel; Sue Jagodinski, Karen Johnson, Michael Lazaretti; Nancy & Brian Nasi; Linnae Nelson; June Prange; Millie Schafer, Tanya Schmitt, Carolyn Schurr; Becca Staley, Emanuel Tekle; Howard Young,

Others Present: Dan Collison and Todd Bratulich, 1st Covenant Church; Elizabeth Flannery, Community Development Housing Corporation; Todd Elkins, UrbanWorks Architecture; Lynn Regnier, Kim Vohs, EPNI.

The agenda was approved as presented. M. Dustrud/Beissel

The March 2016 meeting minutes were approved as presented. M.Dustrud/Staley.

1st Covenant Church Housing Development

The development team, Dan Collison-1st Covenant Church; Elizabeth Flannery-Community Development Housing Corporation; Todd Elkins-Urbanworks Architecture, presented drawings for the new mixed-use development proposed for the church property. They intend to swap out parking parcels to provide parking next to Huberts for their customers and to allow for the housing development to span uninterrupted east along 6th Street to Bud Grant Way and turn the corner southward to 7th Street. The 150-unit building is intended to provide workforce housing for people downtown employees.

Underground parking (140 spaces) and a surface lot (50 spaces) will provide 190 church and commercial parking spaces. They are in discussions with the YMCA to lease approximately 16,000 sq feet of retail space on the first floor with entrances on the northwest corner of the building and in the interior courtyard. The daycare playground would be open for residents to use evenings and weekends. A main floor entry on the east and west side of the building offers residential access. Rooftop green spaces will be available for residential gardens.

The church will own and control the land and expects that there will be at least a 30-year agreement for the building to remain as workforce housing. They intend to present the plans to the City Planning Commission Committee of the Whole (PC-COW) in May, with final presentation to the PC in July. EPNI will convene the Development Review Task Force in early May. Community discussion focused on the tenant mix and workforce housing formulas and parking spaces/residential parking.

The owners of the Huberts Restaurant intend to locate two new billboards on their property, one on the rooftop of the building to replace existing billboards and one in their parking lot, to move the existing billboard that is currently located in their lot on the northeast end of the block (and will be replaced with the housing development). Discussion on the billboards was deferred until later when activated by the Hubert's application process.

First Covenant Church/Salvation Army Winter Shelter

Pastors Dan Collison and Todd Bratulich presented the report for the winter shelter at the church. It remained as a 50-bed facility this season, November 1-April 31, and was facilitated with the help of 75 different volunteer groups. The shelter opens daily at 6 pm for a 30 minute entrance period and then closes at 7 am. Guests are pre-screened by the Salvation Army. ***Motion to renew Elliot Park Neighborhood support for the seasonal shelter to operate November 1, 2016--April 31, 2017. M. Jagodzinski/Beissel. Passed***

District Branding

Dan Collison updated the community on the district branding work that has been ongoing over the past year. A joint meeting (EDC/EPNI/DMNA) on April 25th will reveal the final three names for discussion and community input. Thereafter the EDC Board of Directors will make the final selection at their May meeting followed by marketing plans and implementation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING for HCMC Sign Application: Monday, April 25, 4:30 p.m., City Hall

DISTRICT BRANDING: Monday, April 25, 6 p.m., NCU Trask Worship Center

EPNI Livability Task Force: Monday, May 2, 4-5 p.m., Alliance, 719 16th Street

EPNI Finance & Executive Committees: Monday, May 2, 5:30 p.m., EPNI office

EPNI ANNUAL MEETING: Monday, May 9, 5:30-8 pm Recreation Center

BLUH Committee: Thursday, May 19, 7 p.m-winter hours! Recreation Center

The meeting adjourned at 8:25. Respectfully submitted by Lynn Regnier: April 25, 2016.