

**BUILDING, LAND USE & HOUSING
DRAFT--Minutes – August 17, 2017**

The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m. by Jerry Dustrud

Members Present: Elizabeth Beissel, Jerry Dustrud, Kim Forbes, Lynn Gaspardo, Jim Hirst, Sue Jagodzinski, Brian Nasi, Nancy Nasi, Millie Schafer, Bert Winkel.

Others Present: Bill Andre, Move Minneapolis; Scott Pedersen, MnDot; John Brettinger, Cushman & Wakefield; Kirsten Spteck and Kelly Stenzel, Thrivent; Art Bartels, ESG Architects; Tyler Pederson, MPRB; Dan Collison & Todd Bratulich-First Covenant Church; Gail Dorfman, St. Stephen;s Human Services; Lynn Regnier, Becca Thomas EPNI.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The June meeting minutes were approved as presented. M. Winkel/Beissel.

DID Temporary Bump-outs at Chicago Avenue and 7th Street

Bill Andre, Move Minneapolis, presented a pilot program that will install temporary bump-outs at the corner of Chicago Avenue and 7th Street. When installed the bump-outs will increase pedestrian and bicycle safety while reducing the crossing distance. The program aims to explore the effectiveness of the design and products before installation of a permanent treatment. The temporary installation will be in place until March 2018. First Covenant Church will maintain the bump-outs keeping them swept of garbage, debris and snow.

Entrepreneur Training Class in Elliot Park

EPNI has contracted with the Neighborhood Development Center to offer entrepreneur training that begins in September. Becca Thomas has been helping to promote this new program throughout the community and beyond. NDC brings its expertise to low-income neighborhoods to promote and support new businesses that help to revitalize the community and bring in needed services and goods.

35W@94-Downtown to Crosstown: Portland Avenue Bridge Closing

Preparation and work for this 4-year project begins next month with the Portland Avenue bridge closing for 6-8 weeks. It will remain open to pedestrians and bicycles but vehicles will be detoured. The last time this bridge was closed there were many problems and discussion followed as to how to best alleviate a recurrence of the issues. It was recommended that 16th Street become, temporarily, a one-way street in an easterly direction to accommodate the detoured traffic. Increased and improved signage can help to alert traffic in advance to the detour. Park security and city police will be made aware of the need for increased patrols in the area and in Franklin Steele Park.

Thrivent Corporate Lot Preliminary Plans

Art Bartels, ESG Architects, presented plans for a parking ramp and housing development on the Thrivent half block parking lot on West 5th Avenue. It includes 6 stories of housing for 87 workforce to market rate units. The housing wraps around a 6 story parking ramp that provides

vehicle parking for the employees at the current Thrivent building (17 stories) on the west side of the block. Underground parking will provide spaces for the housing units. They do not anticipate needing any variances at this time. The plans include an extension of a skyway leading to future development of the full-block parking lot across the street (east). Discussion included concerns that the development is not tall enough to cover the blank wall on the east side of the current Thrivent building and lacks density.

Motion to support the Thrivent corporate lot development proposal as presented on August 17th, 2017. M. Beissel/Forbes. Passed

First Covenant 12 month Shelter Program

Pastor Todd Bratulich, First Covenant Church and Gail Dorfman, St. Stephen's Human Services followed up on their June presentation to the community regarding the opportunity to expand the winter shelter to a year-round shelter. There are 8 partnering organizations housed in the church and all have the capacity to share their resources with the shelter guests, which will provide services for (50) single adult woman and couples. County funding has been secured ahead of their expectations and the 12-month program can be implemented this fall.

They are interested in creating an advisory group that would meet (quarterly?) to assure a safe and secure program for everyone and to work together addressing challenges that might arise. Todd will host the group and invited the community to connect with him and sign on. (Todd Bratulich, tbratulich@1stcov.org, 612-927-3122).

Motion to support the Thrivent corporate lot development proposal as presented on August 17th, 2017. M. Beissel/Forbes. Passed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Entrepreneur Training Class-Information Meeting: Monday, August 21, 6-7 p.m.
Jaur Café, 609 10th Street South

Finance & Executive Committees: Thursday, August 31st, 5:15 p.m. EPNI office

Livability Task Force: September Cancelled! Next meeting October 2nd.

4-5 p.m. Jaur Café, 609 S. 10th Street

EPNI Board meeting: Monday, September 11, 6-7:30 p.m. STLF Office

BLUH Committee: Thursday, September 21, 6-7:30 p.m., Recreation Center

**Entrepreneur Training Class Begins: September 19 or 26, 6-8 p.m., FINNEGANS,
609 10th Street South.**

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Regnier: September 14, 2017.