

ELLIOT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
EPNI 2nd floor Conference Room: 6 p.m.

April 13, 2015

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Elizabeth Beissel, Jennie Doyle, Jerry Dustrud, Kim Forbes, Paul Freitag, Chris Nimmer, Millie Schafer, Tanya Schmitt, Patti Wettlin, Howard Young.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Julie Fries, Brian Nasi.

OTHERS PRESENT: Lynn Regnier, EPNI Staff.

Vice President Patti Wettlin called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm and chaired the meeting until President Kim Forbes arrived.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March 9, 2015 Board Minutes were approved as presented.

M. Dustrud/Schmitt. Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion to accept the February 2015 financials. M. Beissel/Dustrud. Passed.

NEIGHBORHOOD & COMMUNITY RELATIONS: COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PROGRAM.

It was noted that the 2014 CPP Annual Report was approved through an email vote.

Motion to approve the 2014 CPP Annual Report. M. Schmitt/Forbes. Passed.

SOCCER FIELD UPDATE & FENCING

Paul Freitag reported that the field was approved for use last month, with some landscaping to be completed as weather allows. The original plans for the field depicted a black chain link fence but Paul encouraged the installation of a nicer iron fence, which NCU subsequently funded at an additional cost of \$20,000. The park will probably have a dedication in June and NCU is planning a September 1st celebration. The total project cost was \$1,000,000 and NCU funded \$600,000 of that expense.

17th STREET SOUND BARRIERS

Waiting for the next meeting and voting to be scheduled.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Work is progressing and a community meeting is scheduled for June 11th.

ANNUAL MEETING & BOARD ELECTION

The annual meeting is Monday, May 11th at 5:30 p.m. Board members Doyle, Dustrud, Forbes, Nasi (application submitted), Schafer & Young will all run for another two-year term. Tanya has a friend that has just moved into the neighborhood and he is interested in getting involved and could be a good candidate for board service in the future. There will be no board meeting in May but following the May 4th Finance meeting the board will be asked to review and approve the 2014 IRS990 by E-Vote for submission by the May 15th deadline.

HENNEPIN HEALTH SERVICES BOARD RETREAT MAY 1

EPNI has been invited to participate in this retreat and respond to the following questions.

1. What is the value of partnership with HCMC and why is it important to your organization?
2. What are the two or three most significant challenges to health and well-being faced by members of the community you serve?
3. What other partnership opportunities might we explore together in an effort to create healthier individuals, families, neighborhoods, and communities?

Discussion followed: HCMC is valued for its fine health care but it is not always perceived as a quality care center because of the publicity associated with its name. HCMC is a trusted institution and a part of the fabric of this community. There is an opportunity to explore new healthy housing options with the medical center. There are transient and homeless populations in the neighborhood who would benefit from increased opportunities to access health care prevention resources.

EDC DISTRICT BRANDING LISTENING SESSION

Dan Collison, EDC Executive Director, reviewed the work of that organization to help define and promote a district-wide image. Tom Jolie of Padilla CRT facilitated a review of a suggested value statement and discussion followed. As work continues they will keep the EPNI Board informed and connected to future work sessions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MN Aids Property: Wednesday, April 15, 5:30 p.m. EPNI Office.

BLUH Committee: Thursday, April 16, 7-8:30 p.m., Elliot Park Recreation Center.

DMNA Board Meeting: Monday, April 20, 5:30-7 pm, Mill City Museum.

Grant Park Outreach Presentation: Monday, April 20, 7-8:30 p.m.

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

Finance & Executive Committees: Monday, May 4, 5:30 p.m., EPNI office.

Board Meeting: May Board meeting CANCELLED.

BLUH Committee: Thursday, May 21, 7 p.m., Elliot Park Recreation Center.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted 4/14/15 by Lynn Regnier, Executive Director