

**ELLIOT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
STLF Office - 6 p.m.

**DRAFT MINUTES – February 13, 2017**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Jenni Doyle, Jerry Dustrud, Kim Forbes, Julie Fries. Brian Nasi, Trent Redmann, Millie Schafer,

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Elizabeth Beissel, Tanya Schmitt, Patti Wettlin, Howard Young.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dan Collison- ETBP, Chris Palkowitsch, Robin Mooney, Tom Erickson-BKV group; Lynn Regnier, EPNI Staff.

President Kim Forbes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The December 12th, 2016 Board Minutes were approved as presented.

**M. Dustrud/Doyle. Passed.**

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

***Motion to accept the December financials. M. Fries/Dustrud. Passed.***

**PARK & PORTLAND VISION**

Dan Collison and the BKV group reported on the work that has been underway to strengthen the public realm in the district. Portland Avenue was the original focus of the work but Park Avenue was included as both streets serve as major connectors and are experiencing new development initiatives. The visioning process has included reviews of all of the district wide plans including the Elliot Park Master Plan and the Centennial Commons Designs Guidelines. Several neighborhood residents have recently participated in the sessions. The presentation was added to the agenda for the May 8<sup>th</sup> EPNI Annual Meeting.

**NRP FROZEN FUNDS REINSTATED TO NEIGHBORHOODS**

Lynn reported that the City Council just approved the reinstatement of the NRP Phase II uncontracted dollars that were frozen in December 2010. EPNI was not affected by the freeze as all of the organization monies were already under contract. The 9.1 million dollars will be distributed over the next four months to the neighborhoods.

**US BANK STADIUM FENCING**

Siting security concerns and NFL directives, the Vikings intend to install a fence around the US Bank Stadium. Curiously they can do so without city permits or approval as long as the fencing remains on their property and is under eight feet in height. Council Members Goodman, Frey and Warsame do not support this.

## **CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS 2040 CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PLAN**

The downtown neighborhoods are encouraging all of the city neighborhoods to support a resolution for the removal of the language: *'Abolish recognition of Neighborhood organizations'* from the Government section of the 2040 Civic Engagement Plan.

***Motion to support the resolution and to remove 'Abolish recognition of Neighborhood organizations' from the City of Minneapolis 2040 Civic Engagement Plan.'*** M. Dustrud/Schafer. Passed.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE E-MAIL MOTION 2/1/2017**

***Motion to accept the \$2,800 grant award from the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization to support Elliot Park Green Teams, environmental awareness and neighborhood conservation efforts.*** 2<sup>ND</sup>. Doyle. Passed

## **ELLIOT PARK EARTH FEST: Bike It. Hike It. Green It. Live It.**

This is a new event, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 4-7 pm in Elliot Park. It combines the 2016 Elliot Park on Wheels event with environmentally friendly and healthy living lifestyle habits.

## **SUCCESSION PLANNING**

The Executive Committee is discussing plans to develop and implement succession plans in 2017 with the intention of having a new executive director in place at the end of 2017/early 2018. They intend to hire a consultant to work with the board to review the organization's future work path and to develop a skills list and job posting.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD AWARDS PROGRAM**

The Annual Meeting Committee has long been interested in recognizing volunteers and is recommending a program to begin this year at the May annual meeting. Criteria and a nomination form were reviewed and discussed by the board. Concern was expressed that this program not require additional meeting time. The Executive Committee will review nominations and make recommendations to the Annual Meeting Task Force.

## **COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE SIGN UPS**

Following up on previous conversations to engage more volunteers in organizational work, and to build a knowledge base for the next executive director, board members signed up to work/lead EPNI committees, task forces and events.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLUH Committee:** Thursday, February 16, 6-7:30 p.m., Recreation Center

**Livability Task Force:** Monday, March 6, 4 p.m., Segue on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue

**Finance & Executive Committees:** Monday, March 6, 5:15 p.m., EPNI office

**EPNI Board meeting:** Monday, March 13, 6:00 p.m. STLF Office

**BLUH Committee:** Thursday, March 16, 6-7:30 p.m., Recreation Center

**Elliot Park Earth Fest:** Thursday, April 20, 4-7 pm, Elliot Park

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Board meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully Submitted 2/21/17 by Lynn Regnier, Executive Director*