

ELLIOT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

EPNI second floor conference room - 6 p.m.

DRAFT MINUTES -- January 11, 2016

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Elizabeth Beissel, Bill Emory, Jennie Doyle, Jerry Dustrud, Kim Forbes, Julie Fries, Millie Schafer, Tanya Schmitt, Patti Wettlin, Howard Young.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Paul Freitag, Brian Nasi, Chris Nimmer,

OTHERS PRESENT: Lynn Regnier, EPNI Staff.
President Kim Forbes called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m..

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The December 14, 2015 Board Minutes were approved as presented.

M. Wettlin/Doyle. Passed. 1 Abstention.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion to accept the November financials. M. Beissel/Dustrud. Passed.

STRATEGIC PLAN 2011

The board reviewed the 2011 Strategic Plan. Overall there was agreement that while much had been accomplished in recent years much of this work was ongoing as the community engagement role of EPNI to either lead initiatives or to collaborate with other partners (i.e. East Downtown Council) to keep our community informed and involved.

There was particular repeated concern that we are not engaging with our Somali residents who represent 30% of the neighborhood population. While attempts have been made at irregular intervals by staff and volunteers it was the consensus that EPNI should be more specific in its efforts. Previously staff and volunteers have talked with Ward 6 staff about best practices for reaching out and we can do so again.

Further discussion also focused on businesses in Elliot Park and the expectation that those numbers will be increasing as development increases. The following board members volunteered to work on efforts to educate and engage the business community: Jennie Doyle, Elizabeth Beissel; Millie Schafer, Julie Fries, Howard Young.

The 2011 Strategic Plan had a life expectancy of 3-5 years, an anniversary that reaches its five-year goal in July 2016. Discussions are underway with the Executive Committee for a more thorough plan review and update in the future, an activity that will be coordinated with organizational succession planning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLUH Committee: Thursday, January 21, **7 p.m-winter hours!** Recreation Center

Livability Task Force: Monday, February 1, 4-5 p.m., Alliance, 719 16th Street

Finance & Executive Committees: Monday, February 1, 5:30 p.m., EPNI office

Board Meeting: Monday, February 8, 5:30-8 p.m., EPNI 2nd Floor Conference Room

ADJOURNMENT: The Board meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted 1/13/16 by Lynn Regnier, Executive Director