

**ELLIOT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

EPNI 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference Room: 6 p.m.  
**January 12, 2015**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Jennie Doyle, Jerry Dustrud, Kim Forbes, Julie Fries, Brian Nasi, Chris Nimmer, Millie Schafer, Tanya Schmitt, Patti Wettlin.

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Elizabeth Beissel, Paul Freitag, Howard Young.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lynn Regnier, EPNI Staff.

President Kim Forbes called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The December 8, 2014 Board Minutes were approved as presented.

**M. Wettlin/Schmitt Passed. Abstentions from previous meeting absentees.**

**WARD 6**

Abdi Salal from the Ward 6 office is meeting with EPNI staff next week. Three board members also volunteered to attend.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

- *Motion from Finance Committee to accept the November 2014 financials. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Dustrud. Passed.*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTIONS**

- *Motion to approve the Allocation of Expenses as presented. 2<sup>ND</sup> Nimmer. Passed.*
- *Motion to withdraw EPNI membership from Community Shares Minnesota. 2<sup>nd</sup> Schmitt. Passed.*

**BLUH COMMITTEE MOTION**

- *Motion to grant concept approval to this project and that RS Eden should come back with concrete plans regarding the physical changes to the structure. The motion is conditioned upon the sale of the building to RS Eden and that there will be no additional clients at RS Eden. 2<sup>nd</sup> Schafer. Passed.*

**McKNIGHT GRANT UPDATE AND LETTER OF INQUIRY**

Lynn reported that she and Amy Arcand have been drafting a Letter of Inquiry (LOI) as next steps to follow up on the sustainable grant and the scenarios work that the board completed in November. Project work to implement some of those scenarios is being

incorporated into our bi-annual request for general operating support as recommended by Sarah Hernandez, Program Director at the foundation.

### **17TH STREET SOUND BARRIER WALLS**

Jim Gruber, Hennepin County, invited EPNI to weigh in on the sound barrier walls proposed for 17<sup>th</sup> Street between 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Chicago Avenue along the I-35W corridor. Discussion followed. Only a few residents and property owners can vote but EPNI can include a letter in the packet of materials that is sent to the voters.

***Motion for Lynn to do research and contact Ventura Village regarding the proposed MNDot 17<sup>th</sup> Street sound barrier walls along I-35W between 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Chicago Avenue and to draft a letter from the Board to voting residents in Elliot Park for board review and email approval. M. Schafer/Nimmer. Passed.***

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLUH:** Thursday, January 15, 7-8:30 p.m., Elliot Park Recreation Center

**Town Hall Meeting:** Thursday, January 22, 6-8 p.m., UROC 2001 Plymouth Ave North

**Livability Task Force:** Monday, February 2, 4-5 p.m., Alliance, 719 16<sup>th</sup> Street

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

**Board Meeting:** Monday, February 9, 6-7:30 p.m., EPNI building

**BLUH:** Thursday, February 19, 7 p.m., Elliot Park Recreation Center

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Board meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted 1/15/15 by Lynn Regnier, Executive Director*