

**ELLIOT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
EPNI second floor conference room - 6 p.m.  
**DRAFT MINUTES -- June 13, 2016**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Elizabeth Beissel, Jenni Doyle, Jerry Dustrud, Kim Forbes, Paul Freitag, Brian Nasi, Chris Nimmer, Millie Schafer, Patti Wettlin, Howard Young.

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Julie Fries. Tanya Schmitt.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** 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 with the addition of the 1400 Park Avenue Apartments.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The April 11th, 2016 Board Minutes were approved as presented.

**M. Wettlin/Beissel. Passed. 4 Abstentions.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

*Motion to accept the March and April financials. M. Nimmer/Freitag. Passed.*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTIONS:**

Approved by EPNI Board Email Vote: No further action required.

*Motion to accept the 2015 990 as presented. 2nd Freitag. Passed. Email Vote.*

**STATE OF MINNESOTA ANNUAL REPORT:** Requires a 2nd and board vote.

*Motion to approve the 2015 State of Minnesota annual report as presented.*

**2nd Beissel. Passed.**

**BLUH MOTION: 4/21/16** Requires a 2nd and board vote.

*Motion to renew Elliot Park Neighborhood support for the first Covenant Church/Salvation Army seasonal shelter to operate November 1, 2016--April 31, 2017.*

**2nd Dustrud. Passed.**

**BLUH MOTION: 5-19-16** Requires a 2nd and board vote.

*Motion to approve the conceptual plans for the 1st Covenant Church housing development pending final design details. 2nd Wettlin. Passed.*

**BOARD Motion Approved by Email Vote:** No further action required.

*Motion to send a letter to the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association expressing opposition to the proposed Aeon Health Supported Housing Development at 409 S 9th Street. M. Forbes/Dustrud. Passed. 1 Abstention, Email Vote.*

Aeon has since cancelled plans to build on that site and is seeking a new location.

**NRP Contract Status Report**

EPNI received official notice from the city that the organization has met the contracting and expenditure thresholds as required by the Policy of Expenditure of NRP Funds and no further action is required.

### **1st Covenant Church Development**

The development proposal was presented informally to the City Planning Commission Committee of the Whole (COW) last month. Most of the COW comments referred to concerns about the surface parking lot-the number of spaces, the use and need of the spaces, and a desire to see the Chicago Avenue view into the parking lot blocked somehow and to see more trees and landscaping overall. They also suggested more balconies on the 6th Street façade and broader steps on the townhouse-style porch entries to accommodate space for sitting. 1st Covenant is presenting their final plans to the community at BLUH on June 16th.

### **Portland Tower**

Discussion about the process changes that Ward 7 intends to implement.

### **1400 Park Avenue Apartments**

Dan Hunt contact EPNI last week and they have made changes to the exterior design of the development and will be presenting the new design to the community at the June 16th BLUH meeting. This development was previously approved by the community and by the City Planning Commission.

### **Possible Update Presentation-Madison School**

Madison last presented their plans to the community to rehab the historic Madison School building and nearby townhouses in 2012. At that time they were suggesting that the townhouses were in poor condition and may have to be replaced with new townhomes. The community approved concept support for their project at that time. Subsequently, as they continued to seek annual tax credit funding, they annually requested an updated and current letter of support from EPNI. They did so again a few weeks ago but their plans have changed a bit and they are looking at replacing the townhomes with an apartment building. Lynn requested that they present their new plans to the community at BLUH on June 16th, at the Board meeting on June 13th, or at the Development Review Task Force meeting on June 15th. None of those dates worked for Richard Charlton and he did not want to send someone else to speak for him. He intends to come back to the community at a future date, but not in time for an EPNI letter of support to be included in this application round that is due June 16th.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLUH Committee:** Thursday, June 16, **6 p.m - SUMMER hours!** Recreation Center

**Livability Task Force:** JULY 4th **CANCELLED**

**Finance & Executive Committees:** **RESCHEDULED** June 30th, 5 p.m., EPNI office

**July Board Meeting:** Monday, July 11, 6 p.m., EPNI conference room-2nd floor

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Board meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted 6/14/16 by Lynn Regnier, Executive Director*