

ELLIOT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
EPNI second floor conference room - 6 p.m.
DRAFT MINUTES -- March 14, 2016

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Elizabeth Beissel, Jenni Doyle, Bill Emory, Paul Freitag, Julie Fries, Brian Nasi, Chris Nimmer, Millie Schafer, Tanya Schmitt Patti Wettlin, Howard Young.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Jerry Dustrud, Kim Forbes.

OTHERS PRESENT: Lynn Regnier, EPNI Staff.

Vice President Patti Wettlin called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved after adding two more items: Job Fair and Tailgating Letter.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The February 8, 2016 Board Minutes were approved as presented.

M. Beissel/Emory. Passed. 2 Abstentions.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion to accept the January financials. **M. Nimmer/Schmitt. Passed.**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MOTION

Motion to approve the Neighborhood Community Relations annual Community Participation Program report. **M. Schafer/Nasi. Passed. Board 2nd Freitag. Passed**

BLUH COMMITTEE MOTIONS

Motion to support the development described as 1400 Park Avenue Apartments LLC as presented. **M. Nasi/Lazaretti. Passed. Board 2nd/Schmitt. Passed.**

Motion to accept the new HCMC clinic sign plan for the CUP request for building signs to be mounted 28 feet above grade; for a variance request for the 8th Street entrance sign larger than 120 square feet; and for a variance request for installing more than 1 monument sign, excluding support for the monument sign to be located in the South Ninth Street Historic District at the corner of 9th Street and Park Avenue.

M. Lazaretti/Jagodinski. One opposed. Passed. Board 2nd/Nimmer. Passed. 3 Abstentions.

BOARD MEETING TIME

Following discussion it was decided to keep the meeting time at 6 p.m.

APRIL BOARD MEETING

The April meeting will be held on the first Monday, April 4th.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting is Monday, May 9th and EPNI will be celebrating its 40th anniversary. As a nod to history there will be a spaghetti dinner and 1970's music. Elected officials will be invited as usual and the program will feature updates on neighborhood developments and activities.

JOB FAIR

Lynn reported that SMG is hosting a job fair at the convention center in late April to fill up to 3,000 new jobs for the stadium opening this year. They are working with organizations to provide pre-screening opportunities for applicants and Chris Fleck at NCU has taken a lead to help organize this effort in Elliot Park with EPNI. More information to follow as dates and flyers are available.

TAILGATING LETTER

Residents at the Sexton (in Elliot Park), Centre Village and City Heights (in Downtown West) just recently became aware of the Vikings expanded tailgating efforts following the work that was just completed and promoted by the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association (DMNA). EPNI completed an agreement with the Vikings that was board approved in September 2014. The residents of those three mentioned properties have sent a letter to the mayor and city council opposing tailgating in the two lots near their properties that are currently owned by Thrivent (and the only two lots in Elliot Park that were approved by the community for tailgating). The small lot has already been disqualified by the Vikings/and or the City as being too small for this purpose and it is unlikely that Thrivent will allow tailgating on the other lot. These lots are outside of the current boundaries allowed for city tailgating and it requires a change in the city ordinance to expand the territory.

2014 SCENARIOS REVIEW/RECENT STAFF REPORTS

Discussion followed regarding the scenarios, particularly focusing on how we are imbedding the priorities into committee and task work and how volunteers can help.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLUH Committee: Thursday, March 17, 7 p.m-**winter hours!** Recreation Center

Finance & Executive Committees: Monday, March 28, 5:30 p.m., EPNI office

Aeon Annual Meeting: Tuesday, March 29, 4:30-7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Event Center

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

Board Meeting: Monday, April 4 **Note change of date!**, 6-7:30 p.m., EPNI 2nd Floor
Conference Room

ANNUAL MEETING: Monday, May 9, 5:30-8 p.m., Recreation Center

ADJOURNMENT: The Board meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted 3/16/16 by Lynn Regnier, Executive Director