

ELLIOT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - **DRAFT** MINUTES
EPNI 2nd floor conference room - 6 p.m.

November 9, 2015

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: none

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 as presented.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The October 12, 2015 Board Minutes were approved as presented.

M. Wettlin/Beissel. 1 Abstention. Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion to accept the September financials. M. Nimmer/Fries. Passed.

DISTRICT BRANDING

Dan Collison, Executive Director for the East Downtown Council and Director of East Downtown Partnership for the Minneapolis Downtown Council, presented updates on the progress of the district branding project. This project is funded in part by Padilla CRT with a grant from the McKnight Foundation. As work continues, and after the stakeholders identify three potential district names, Dan will return to the community for further review and input.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION: 2016 BUDGET

Motion to approve the 2016 EPNI draft budget for Board review. M. Wettlin/Schafer. Passed. Board 2nd. Dustrud. Passed

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MOTION

Motion to approve the board letter to Dr. Jon Pryor regarding the annex property and the proposed collaborative health supported housing development with Aeon.

M. Nasi/Schafer. Passed.

Discussion followed.

Motion to eliminate the sentence, "Additional subsidized housing in the neighborhood will only exacerbate the current imbalance". M. Dustrud/Beissel. Passed.

2 Abstentions.

Motion to approve the board letter to Dr. Jon Pryor regarding the annex property and the proposed collaborative health supported housing development with Aeon, as amended. M. Beissel/Emory. Passed. 2 Abstentions.

ONLINE BOARD SURVEY

The City of Minneapolis Department of Internal Audit has hired a consultant firm to conduct an evaluation of the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department (NCR), the Community Participation Program (CPP) and the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). The evaluation “is being conducted to determine how to improve citizen engagement activities and ensure that neighborhood organizations are receiving the resources they need”. Board members were encourage to respond to the survey.

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

The holiday pot-luck party will again be held in the Fireside Room at Grant Park. The meeting begins at 5:30 followed by food and festivities. Entertainment will be provided by the annual White Elephant Gift Exchange extravaganza.

PROPOSED CITY CODE CHANGES FOR SHELTERS

Ward 2 Council Member Cam Gordon introduced the code changes and explained the intent and purpose for these amendments. In tandem with these changes Gordon is introducing amendments to the health code that are intended to improve the quality of the shelters and provide oversight for their management.

2025 EAST DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE STEERING COMMITTEE

Brian Nasi volunteered to serve on this task force, the purpose of which is yet to be determined.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- BLUH Committee:** Thursday, November 12, 7 p.m-**winter hours!** Recreation Center
- Livability Task Force:** Monday, December 7, 4-5 p.m., Alliance, 719 16th Street
- Finance & Executive Committees:** Monday, December 7, 5:30 p.m., EPNI office
- Board Holiday Party:** Monday, December 14th, 5:30-8 p.m., Grant Park Fireside Room

ADJOURNMENT: The Board meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted 11/10/15 by Lynn Regnier, Executive Director