

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

**October 12, 2015**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Jennie Doyle, Jerry Dustrud, Bill Emory, Kim Forbes, Paul Freitag, Brian Nasi, Chris Nimmer, Millie Schafer, Patti Wettlin, Howard Young.

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Elizabeth Beissel, Julie Fries, Tanya Schmitt.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lynn Regnier, EPNI Staff.  
President Kim Forbes called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m..

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The September 14, 2015 Board Minutes were approved as corrected noting that Vice President Patti Wetllin chaired the September meeting.

**M. Dustrud/Freitag. 3 Abstentions. Passed.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

*Motion to accept the August financials.* M. Nasi/Freitag. **Passed.**

**BLUH MOTION:**

*Motion to approve a letter of support conditioned on biannual reports to the neighborhood, an evaluation at the end of each winter shelter season and the opportunity for neighborhood support to be renewed annually for the upcoming shelter season.* M.Schaffer/Schmitt. **Passed Unanimously.**

The motion was ratified by the Board of Directors. **2nd. Dustrud. Passed.**

**DISTRICT BRANDING**

Discussion followed regarding district branding and a board letter encouraging neighborhood participation in district development, branding and naming rights.

*Motion to approve the suggested letter with additional language requesting that meeting invitations be sent directly to EPNI staff.* M. Wettlin/Schafer. **Passed**

**14TH STREET GROCERY STORE**

Elizabeth and Lynn met the owners of the Troy building while seeking connections to the Somali community for the purpose of engaging and connecting women of diverse cultures. Conversation ensued and they expressed an interest in meeting with community members for advice and suggestions regarding their plans for the Troy building. Board discussion followed and it was determined that this action was not advised at this time but staff was encouraged to continue working to build relationships.

### **AEON HEALTH SUPPORTED HOUSING PROPOSAL**

Aeon, in partnership with HCMC, presented a proposal to the community at the September BLUH meeting to build a health supported residential development on the HCMC owned parking lot (referred to as the annex) on the corner of 10th Street and Park Avenue. Discussion followed regarding the amount of affordable housing in the neighborhood, limited market rate housing opportunities, general demographics and the need to balance all of that to encourage small business growth. Discussion included the range of community conversations with HCMC regarding the annex property and the continuing message that the neighborhood wanted to be engaged with HCMC in preparing an RFP for that site when they were ready to sell.

***Motion to send a letter to HCMC and Aeon stating board opinion and stance regarding the proposal and site. M. Nasi/Emory. Passed. 2 Abstentions.***

Brian Nasi will draft a letter for board review at the November board meeting.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLUH Committee:** Thursday, October 15, **7 p.m-winter hours!** Recreation Center

**Free Arts Day:** Saturday, October 24, 10-2, Recreation Center

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

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

**Board Meeting:** Monday, November 9th, 6-7:30 p.m.,

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Board meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted 10/15/15 by Lynn Regnier, Executive Director*