Agenda for the Community Meeting

Tuesday, November 24th, 2020 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Online via Zoom Conferencing

Welcome: Introductions and Review of the Agenda 6:30 pm

Context:
Many organizations are confronting how to manage the need to host virtual board meetings and elections when current bylaws do not allow for this activity. Following the lead of the St. Paul City Council, in April the PPCC Board adopted the following language (and a series of other measures to manage the organization through this challenging time):
"In-person meetings, or meetings conducted under Minn. Stat. § 13D.02 of the City Council, are not practical or prudent because of the COVID-19 health pandemic emergency declared under Minn. Stat. Chapter 12 by the Minnesota Governor Tim Walz and Saint Paul Mayor Melvin Carter. In light of the COVID-19 health pandemic, members of the City Council will participate in City Council meetings by telephone or other electronic means."

Business items: 6:40 pm

1. Approval of minutes from recent meetings: (Rebecca Nelson, Secretary)
2. PPCC Monthly Financial Report and Status (Janey Atchison, Treasurer)
3. Nominations Committee: Updates

Presentations and community discussion: 6:45 pm

4. Twin Cities Electric Vehicle Mobility Network

The Twin Cities Electric Vehicle Mobility Network is a project being developed by the City of Saint Paul, City of Minneapolis, HOURCAR, and Xcel Energy to create a network of electric vehicle charging hubs throughout the Twin Cities and make electric vehicles publicly available through a car-sharing service.

Presentation by Shannon Crabtree, HourCar
Wrap-up, announcements, and other business:

- Scheduling for New Board Member Orientation
- Arcade Street Working Group
- City of St. Paul Year-Round Star Grant
- Study to update the definition of “Family” in the Zoning Code
- Hope Academy request for HRA Conduit Bonds

Next PPCC Community Meeting: Tuesday, January 25, 2021 at 6:30 pm on Zoom

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Minutes of the Community Meeting

Tuesday, October 27th, 2020 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom Conferencing

Context:

Many organizations are confronting how to manage the need to host virtual board meetings and elections when current bylaws do not allow for this activity. It has been recommended that District Councils in St. Paul use the language that the City Council is using to justify the need for virtual council meetings. That language is as follows:

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Welcome: Introductions and Review of the Agenda

Board Members: Athena H, Rebecca N, Lynette H, Janey A, Marci E, Patricia E, Krishna N, John T

Staff: Jack Byers, ED, Robin Horkey Admin & Outreach worker

Community Members: Joanne Ellis Legislative Aide to Commissioner McDonough, Hwa Jeong Kim

Business Items:

1. Approval of Minutes from recent meeting: (Rebecca Nelson, Secretary): Janey Motions to accept August and September minutes, Marci seconds. Motion passes.

2. Annual Meeting: Resolution to adopt and submit PPCC Federal IRS Form 990 Filing for 2019 – required documentation related to our non-profit status (Janey Atchison, Treasurer): Patricia moves that we approve the IRS Form 990, Janey seconds. Motion passes.

3. Annual Meeting: Resolution to adopt and submit MN Attorney General’s Report IRS for 2019 (aka "Charity Annual Report") – required documentation related to our non-profit
4. PPCC Financial Report and Status (Janey Atchison, Treasurer): In discussion with Bill Z, Jack, Janey and Bookkeeper, there are still monies coming in from the City, grants and projects are going forward. Discrepancies noted by Bill resolved as an accounting procedure from a bookkeeper a few bookkeepers back. Some things are several generations removed. Issued to be verified.

5. Nominations/Events Committee: Recommendation to appoint Kelsey Canady to the PPCC Board. Patricia moves to have Kelsey appointed to a two year term unless Stuart gives up his three year term. Rebecca seconds. Motion passes.

Presentations and Community Discussion:

6. City of St Paul Planning Commission: Comment period for study to update the definition of “Family” in the Zoning Code. Intention is to create a new definition to update and better represent our communities now, and to make the definition less discriminatory. Patricia motions to use letter written by Jack after our last Monthly meeting an striking the current language. Janey seconds. Motion passes.

Wrap-up, announcements and other business:

7. Public comment notices from City of St Paul:
   - Study to update the definition of “Family” in the Zoning Code
   - License Request: Gregory Schneller, Ivy Auto Repair, 1324 Arcade St
   - License Request for Pull tabs: NorthStar Bar, 883 Payne Ave
   - License Request: Checks R Us Inc., 942 Payne Ave

8. Forthcoming request for support: Hope Academy: Demolition of houses, building addition and new surface parking lot. They will be making a presentation soon. Jack has a meeting scheduled with Kou Vang Thursday to talk about, including Conduit Bond funding.

9. De-Brief: Arcade St Working Group

10. De-Brief: Solidarity Street Gallery Event

12. De-Brief: PPCC District Planning: Daylighting Phalen Creek (follow up to Flower Power at the Creek) Collaboration with Lower Phalen Creek Project

13. De-Brief: Encampments at Lake Phalen

14. Upcoming Activities, Events and Collaborations:

- East Side Housing Justice: Meeting to discuss Tenants Rights, October 27th – East Side Freedom Library, 6-7:30 pm
- HourCar Electric Vehicle Mobility Network: Wednesdays, October 28th, 5:30-7 Online, register RSVP required at bit.ly/MSP-EV
- Coming soon: New Board Member Orientation

Lynette requests that Online fundraiser for Annual meeting be put on the agenda for November. Along with donation letters

**Adjourn** Janey motions to adjourn Lynette seconds and motion passes

➤ **Next meeting:** Tuesday, November 24, 2020 6:30 pm on Zoom
Are you looking for more transportation options? Do you just need a car occasionally? Car-sharing can help fill the gap.

Twin Cities Electric Vehicle Mobility Network

Starting in 2021, there will be a new fleet of electric vehicles and electric vehicle (EV) charging hubs in the Twin Cities, including chargers for public use. These will be in addition to the existing network. This network will be accompanied by the electric vehicle car-sharing service HOURCAR. Find out where charging hub locations are proposed and learn more at PPCC’s November community meeting.

Tuesday November 24th Presentation and Community Input
An informational presentation and opportunity to provide input on the project will be made during our community meeting on Tuesday November 24th at 6:30 PM online via Zoom. Everyone is welcome! To join the meeting, please register by sending your name, address, and email address to district5@paynephalen.org and please use the word ‘HOURCAR’. On the meeting day we will send you the meeting link.

There are current HOURCAR hubs in St. Paul and Minneapolis. View these maps. The maps show the current hub locations and proposed electric vehicle hub location areas. Proposed areas are marked with the star symbol and represent a 3-4 block area where the hubs are proposed. The proposed areas and specific locations for charging hubs are not finalized. How charging locations are selected. Among the questions that will be discussed are whether the proposed areas and locations seem to be a good fit for potential users.

For more about the electric vehicle network and car-sharing services, visit stpaul.gov/transportation/twin-cities-electric-vehicle-network. Some materials are available in Hmong, Karen, Spanish, Oromo, and Somali.

Free usage of the current HOURCAR service has been extended through the end of 2020. HOURCAR’s rates for service in 2021 will be discussed in the upcoming community meeting.
October 30, 2020

Re: Definition of Family Study

Dear City Planning Commission,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Payne-Phalen Community Council. The Board of Directors met in regular session with our communities to discuss the Definition of Family Study – first on Tuesday evening, September 22nd and again on Tuesday evening, October 27th. The published agenda for both meetings included items detailing the Study. In the September meeting, were joined by Michael Wade of the Planning and Economic Development Department. Michael made a presentation, shared graphics, and responded to questions. In both meetings, our Board discussed the matter with members of the community. Because the Study had not yet been released for public comment at the time of PPCC’s September meeting, the Board took the matter up again in October to review the updated materials published by the City and to finalize the Board’s recommendations.

Based on the community conversation and subsequent deliberations in both meetings, on October 27th, the Board of the Payne-Phalen Community Council voted unanimously to make the following recommendations to the Saint Paul City Planning Commission:

(1) Strike the current definition of family from the Zoning Code and all related city ordinances.
   - “Family” is a social construction – something that people may develop and use in the context of their own lives and their own relationships. For government to
define or continue to define "family" for the purposes of local code enforcement is highly fraught.

- When the City endeavors to formulate or update a "definition" of "family" as a stand-in for the actual spatial concerns that it aims to regulate, it risks perpetuating a silent code that subverts, discriminates, and is ultimately at odds with the manner in which humans choose, define, and build social and cultural relationships with one another.

- Such definitions run the risk of being euphemistic or stereotypical in some or all cases. At worst, such definitions perpetuate a silent or unseen system of discrimination forged years ago – a system that favors some residents over others.

(2) The Zoning Code and all other related City ordinances should not attempt to define "family" at all.

- Attempting to define "family" for the purpose of zoning and other regulations is archaic and no longer serves a valid purpose for the many diverse communities of Payne-Phalen. It is a hold-over from earlier times when local regulations were developed and used as a subtle means of social control.

- By their nature, ordinances are adopted for the purpose of regulation. Regulations related to zoning, safety, fire, and building standards are appropriate for maintaining public health, safety, and well-being in any city. Because such protections are a function of numbers of people in relation to an amount of physical space, regulations concerning households should be based on spatial and quantitative measures such as numbers of persons in relations to square footage, density, number of rooms, or dwelling units.

- The size of residential units varies widely across neighborhoods, districts, and the city. Measuring occupancy by spatial measures is more realistic that measuring occupancy by "family." The size and square footage of dwelling units is public data collected and maintained by County and City Assessors. As such, it could be and should be made available for use as needed by local government officials working in the field. A so-called definition of family is not a necessary tool for regulating numbers of occupants.

- By creating artificial or convoluted proxy definitions of human relationships – definitions that do not resonate with regular people – the City has the effect of prolonging past practices of bias that are confusing, alienating, disrespectful and discriminatory.

The Payne-Phalen Community Council is grateful to the City of St. Paul for being pro-active about updating policies, ordinances, and programs to better embrace the rich, cultural
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Diversity of our city, to enhance and strengthen the bonds between us, and to end bias and discrimination. We share in the City’s intentions to build a city that works - for all of us! In order to fully comply with its adopted human rights policies, the City should not attempt to define or govern human relationships formed by humans through social constructs and cultural value systems of our own making. Any attempt to create some sort of proxy definition for the purposes of regulating people is at counter-purposes to the City’s policies, programs, and practices of equity and inclusion for all.

We appreciate you including this letter in the record related to this proposed ordinance change. And thank you in advance for taking the position of the Payne-Phalen Community Council into consideration as you make your decision. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require further clarification.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Byers  
Executive Director

cc. Council President Amy Brendmoen, Ward 5  
Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Ward 6,  
Councilmember Jane Prince, Ward 7  
Nicolle Goodman, Director, Planning and Economic Development  
Toni Newborn, Chief Equity Officer and Director of Human Resources  
Noel Nix, Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Relations and Community Engagement  
Valerie Jensen, Director, Human Rights and Equal Opportunity  
Ricardo Cervantes, Director, Safety and Inspections  
Luis Pereira, Planning Director  
Michael Wade, City Planner  
Bill Dermody, City Planner  
Sonja Butler, Planning Commission Secretary  
Athena Hollins, Board President  
Rebecca Nelson, Board Secretary  
Payne-Phalen Community Council Board of Directors
Notice to Commissioners and the public: See below for information on members who may attend by telephone or other electronic means.

I. Swear in new commissioner Nieeta Presley.

New Planning Commission member Nieeta Presley was sworn in by Shari Moore, City Clerk.

II. Chairs Announcements

III. Planning Directors Announcements

IV. PUBLIC HEARING: Definition of “Family” Zoning Study – Item from the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee. (Michael Wade, 651/266-8703)

MOTION: Commissioner Perryman moved to close the public hearing and leave the record open for additional written testimony received by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2020, then refer the matter back to the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee for review and recommendation. Commissioner Vang seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

NOTE: Written comments may be directed to the Planning Commission c/o Michael Wade at michael.wade@ci.stpaul.mn.us by 4:30 p.m., Monday, December 14, 2020. Questions to michael.wade@ci.stpaul.mn.us or 651/266-8703.

V. Zoning Committee

STAFF SITE PLAN REVIEW – List of current applications. (Tia Anderson, 651/266-9086)

NO BUSINESS

VI. Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee

VII. Transportation Committee

VIII. Communications-Nominations Committee
Ms. Jenny Wolfe  
City of Saint Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority  
c/o Department of Planning and Economic Development  
1300 City Hall Annex  
25 West Fourth Street  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

November 16, 2020

Re: Request for Charter School Lease Revenue Bonds for Hope Community Academy  
720 Payne Avenue

Dear Jenny,

I am writing to you to in reference to the upcoming public hearing concerning request made to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority by Hope Academy, 720 Payne Avenue. Our office has been fielding questions and hearing concerns from community members in District 5 about this project. Many folks are interested in knowing more about what Hope Academy intends and what role the City plays in Hope’s project. The questions and concerns we’ve heard so far are based on variety of issues – and in some cases overlapping concerns have been expressed to our office. For the purposes of this letter, I have tried to sort these into three groups.

**On the matter of financial tools and investments,** we’ve heard several concerns that need to be addressed – but as an organization, we do not have adequate information to respond to:

- We’ve heard that the City’s intends to extend bonding authority to charter schools and that this might be in some way problematic relative to the function and capacity and well-being of schools in the St Paul Public School System (SPPS).
- On that topic Jenny, as you know when I reached out to you, I was very concerned to learn from you that the City is actually considering a moratorium/study on conduit bonds – but that somehow this project is being considered by the HRA anyway and that there is a possibility that it will be approved by the HRA before that study begins. Beyond the particulars of what the scope of the study entails, it is concerning that the City/HRA would consider making an investment on the East Side (whether through actual dollars or by extending its bonding authority) without making such a decision based on the knowledge and insights gained from such a study and community participation on that study.

Many of the concerns we’ve heard revolve around one or more components of the proposed project in relation to the physical, economic, and environmental character, potential, and well-being of the surrounding area:

- **Demolition of housing:** We’ve heard great alarm that this project intends to demolish housing units in the neighborhood – and that the City’s bonding would actually enable that.
We’ve heard that this is particularly concerning when the city is facing a chronic shortage of housing and when there has been a dramatic rise in the homeless population and new encampments of unhoused populations growing dramatically – particularly in and around Dayton’s Bluff and Payne-Phalen.

- **Creation of a new surface parking lot in residential neighborhood:** We’ve heard great concern that housing units would be demolished specifically for the purpose of creating a new surface parking lot for the school – something that would interrupt the fabric and character of an older residential neighborhood.

- **Conflicts with adopted land use and transportation policy:** There has also been concern that the proposed parking lot would be within a quarter mile walking distance of a major transit stop on the Rush Line BRT (at Payne Avenue and Phalen Boulevard). This intersection is a short walking distance from Hope and a major new a major new TOD opportunity – one that’s specifically called for in the City’s newly adopted Comprehensive Plan.

- **Conflicts with adopted sustainability, resilience, and transportation policy:** It has been noted that the proposal for this parking lot comes at a time when the City is working hard to launch a greater number of transportation options for our communities – options such as the HourCar Electric Vehicle Car Sharing project slated to open next Spring. More on that below.

- **Conflicts with adopted water-quality policy:** We’ve heard concern about the potential water and air quality environmental effects of having a new parking lot situated on the edge of the bluff overlooking an important resource in the community - Swede Hollow Park. This is especially concerning since many residents worked closely with the Parks Department last year on the Swede Hollow Master Plan. Environmental quality and restoration have been a hallmark of that project. Likewise, it should be noted that many allied organizations (including PPCC and the City of St. Paul) are working closely with our colleagues at the Lower Phalen Creek Project and the Capital Region Watershed on how to daylight Phalen Creek and connect the actual flow of water from Lake Phalen to an through Swede Hollow and Wakan Tipi on its way to the Mississippi River.

- **Incomplete information on transportation impacts:** We’ve heard concerns about the traffic and circulation issues that may arise in the neighborhood and on Payne Avenue with the expansion and reconfiguration of Hope’s campus.

Finally Jenny, I would like to register our own concerns – from a staff perspective - about the challenges of helping the City to engage and bring forth community voices and community engagement relative to the City/HRA decision-making process:

- As mentioned, there has been a good deal of concern and anxiety about this project in our communities. But in hearing and talking with others, I am also aware that there may be many folks in Payne-Phalen’s diverse communities who are not yet aware of this project and the details of what is proposed. From our perspective, there has been inadequate amount of time for PPCC to serve our role in facilitating community engagement of the City in an effective and timely way before the HRA public hearing.

- As you know, Hope’s application and drawings include a great deal of information (on-paper information) for community members to take in, absorb, and consider. And with this particular proposal but as you know Jenny, we only received the public hearing notice from PED one week ago, on Monday November 9th. And though we have met with Hope’s consultant, we only received current drawings on this project last Tuesday, November 10th!
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We’ve been working hard to make those documents accessible to the community especially because they cannot be found on the City’s website or Hope’s website. Our goal is so that others might learn more about the proposals and comment directly participate this week’s HRA public hearing, but that has been a challenge to say the least.

• In all, I am writing to let you know that as PPCC’s Executive Director, I have a great concern that the City/HRA might consider acting on financial investments that would have great impacts before the actual people in our communities have had the chance to learn about the project and share their thoughts.

With all of that said, I think it is important to note that while our office has heard many, many questions about the project, its financing, and how such decisions would affect the neighborhoods in and around the district, up to this point our office has not heard any specific concerns or grievances about Hope Academy as an institution and community partner. The Payne-Phalen Community Council values Hope Academy as a key organization in District 5 and we appreciate their many contributions to the communities of Payne-Phalen over many years.

Thank you for your consideration and please include this letter in the record for the public hearing of the HRA’s upcoming meeting on November 17, 2020.

Sincerely,

Jack Byers  
Executive Director

cc. Commissioner Chris Tolbert, Chair, St. Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority  
Council President Amy Brendemoen, Ward 5  
Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Ward 6,  
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City of Saint Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority  
c/o Department of Planning and Economic Development  
1300 City Hall Annex, 25 West Fourth Street  
Saint Paul, MN 55102  

November 19, 2020  

Re: Request for Charter School Lease Revenue Bonds for Hope Community Academy, 720 Payne Avenue  

Dear Commissioner Tolbert,  

The Executive Committee of the Payne-Phalen Community Council had our regular meeting last night. Among other business, the Executive Committee discussed Hope Academy’s application to the City of St. Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) for Conduit Revenue Bonds. I am writing to you on their behalf and to communicate their position, their decision, and their request:  

PPCC’s Executive Committee expresses great alarm and concern about the how the HRA’s public process for this matter has been handled so far:  

- The public notice for the public hearing was late in being communicated by the City and therefore there was inadequate time for the neighborhood and community to learn about the project and to take the opportunity to be heard in the HRA’s public hearing.  
- The legal notification of the HRA public hearing was defective in that the start time of the public hearing was published as 3:30 p.m. (when the meeting was moved from November 11th to November 18th) but then later published (after November 13th) as having a 2 p.m. start time. This was confusing to folks in our community who wanted to tune in to the hearing.  
- Likewise, there was conflicting information sent out about whether the public participation was to be passive or if active real time testimony would be allowed.  
- When PPCC received the public hearing notice, and upon our request, HRA staff shared written materials submitted by Hope but they did not share Hope’s drawing set with us. We were told that we would need to get that from Hope and their consultants directly. This has the effect of PPCC having no way to ensure or confirm that we were working the same information that the HRA was working with and vice-versa. This is not to say that we weren’t all working from the same set of information, only that the HRA process did not afford a way for any of us to confirm that we actually were. The Committee raises this issue with the HRA because in several conversations PPCC had after
the notice was published by the City, it became less and less clear (not more clear) to us that everyone involved was fully aware of all of the components of the project under consideration. We raise this as a matter of concern about transparency in the public process. It is on the HRA to ensure that in preparing for a public hearing that the public - and the organizations that engage the public on behalf of the City - have a high level of confidence and assurance that we are all working from the same information that Commissioners and staff are working from. That lack of clarity has caused unnecessary amount of confusion – all of which has amounted to an unnecessary waste of time, effort, and goodwill.

- We understand that there is an HRA study underway about the matter of conduit bonds and yet there is no acknowledgement of such a study in the notice, nor is there information readily available to the public for if, when, and how any study recommendations will be made available so that communities in St. Paul can be engaged in the study through a public comment and review period. More specifically, there is no expedient way to learn about the scope of that study much less if, when and how such issues may or may not be germane to the specific investments currently under consideration by the HRA – in this case Hope Academy.

- From a public policy perspective, it makes no sense to hold a public hearing on a project of such consequence to the public before the public has been afforded ample opportunity to learn about the project and consider the potential benefits and consequences of such a project. With respect, if it is your intention to hear from the public through a public hearing process, please honor and respect the public by refining your process so that you can and will actually hear from us.

In sum, the process and sequencing through which Hope’s application has been addressed by the HRA (so far) has not allowed PPCC to conduct sufficient public engagement on this important matter. It has not allowed adequate time to do our due diligence to bring community voices forward and it has not offered adequate time for Hope Academy to take in the benefit that could be derived from a community engagement process.

In the discussion last night, the Executive Committee considered recent, urgent requests made for PPCC to ‘squeeze in’ Hope Academy on our November agenda. The Committee feels strongly that to do so would short shrift engagement we are already scheduled to do on a top, future looking investment priority of the City of St. Paul: The Twin Cities Electric Vehicle Mobility Network. Likewise, it would also short shrift doing engagement with a valued community partner too - Hope Academy.

With all of this in mind, the Payne-Phalen Executive Committee took the decision last night to dedicate our January community meeting to the matter of Hope Academy, their proposed project, what it is about, and how it is designed. This will allow ample time for PPCC to work with Hope in getting the word out to the community. Likewise, this timing will allow Hope the opportunity to make application for whatever other City approvals they may need. We invite Hope Academy and their representatives to join us for our community meeting in January and we will welcome a presentation from them so that our Board, Hope’s neighbors, and all members of Payne-Phalen’s many diverse communities will have the opportunity to learn about and discuss this important project. Of
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particular note, the Committee also wants to make sure that HRA Commissioners and staff know that they are invited to join us as well so that you can be part of the conversation too. All are welcome!

Simply put, it is not fair for this city or any other city to impart the tools of investment before the community has had the opportunity to learn about and weigh in on whether such investments are considered fair and ultimately beneficial for the residents and businesses of the city. In short, we’re asking for the HRA to use your authority to make adequate time and space for a coherent community process.

Therefore, the Payne-Phalen Community Council respectfully and pointedly calls upon the St. Paul HRA to continue any further action on Hope Academy’s conduit bond application until after PPCC’s January community meeting.

Thank you in advance for your interest and attention to this matter. Please include this letter in the public record for Hope Academy’s HRA application.

Sincerely,

Jack Byers  
Executive Director

cc. Commissioner Chris Tolbert, Chair, St. Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority  
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Public Hearing: Revenue Bonds for HOPE Academy

November 13, 2020
City of Saint Paul, Equitable Development, Neighborhood

HOPE Community Academy on Payne Avenue is proposing to expand their current building and to acquire and demolish nearby homes to build a new parking lot on the bluff overlooking Swede Hollow Park. HOPE is requesting that the City of St. Paul issue revenue bonds in relation to the expansion. The Board of Commissioners of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) will hold a public hearing to consider HOPE's proposal for issuance of these bonds.

Public Hearing: Wednesday November 18th at 3:30 PM. The public may monitor the meeting remotely at https://stpaul.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx or on local cable Channel 18. The HRA Agenda will be finalized Friday, Nov. 13 and can be found using the Legistar link.

Public Comment may be submitted via voicemail at 651-266-6806 or via email to HRAHearing@clt.stpaul.mn.us. Any comments and materials submitted by 12:00 noon on November 17, 2020 will be provided to the Board of Commissioners for their consideration. The public may also provide comments during the public hearing by dialing 651-266-5860 or may listen to the meeting and provide comments during the public hearing by dialing 1-877-820-7831, passcode 180664#.

Project information, drawings and public hearing details are published here:

Saint Paul HRA HOPE Academy Notice of Public Hearing [Mtg Date 11-18-2020]
Application Pages 1-14
appl pages 236-242
HOPE Community Academy Preliminary Term Sheet update 10-2020
20200623_HOPE SPR Drawing Set FINAL
20201109_HOPE-PARK OPTIONS

The date HRA is scheduled to make a final decision on HOPE Academy's request for Conduit Bonds is currently set for Wednesday December 9, 2020.
Email that went out on Tuesday Nov. 17

Where will you be ten years from now?

And where will your loved ones be ten years from now?

Help us help you to figure out what needs to change to make Payne-Phalen a better place going forward. And help us figure out what needs to be done so that all the wonderful people in this part of the city can stay here and be part of the future. We need you to help us... so that we can help you - and your family, friends, neighbors, and local businesses too!

Please join us Thursday, November 19, 2020 for Give to the Max day and help us continue to improve our neighborhoods by engaging, educating, and empowering all residents in our diverse community.

Our goal is to raise $5,000, and you can help us reach it!

Donations of $50 or $100 would be great! But we’re very happy with $5, $10, or $20 too. Anything you can give is greatly appreciated and will be put to good use serving our communities.

https://www.givemn.org/organization/Payne-Phalen-District-5-Planning-Council

On November 19th, every gift made on GiveMN.org will be entered into additional prize drawings for Golden Tickets which will be awarded every 15 minutes. Your gift of $10 or more could instantly turn into an extra $500, $1,000 or even $10,000 for us!

Thanks for helping us out!
Below is the posting that is in the Nov. 20th weekly email newsletter.

Give to the Max Day is over for 2020, but you can still make donations anytime.

Your donation to the Payne-Phalen Community Council will make it easier for us to engage all residents in our diverse community as we work together to figure out what needs to change to make Payne-Phalen a better place going forward, so that all the wonderful people in this part of the city can stay here and be part of the future.

Our page: givemn.org/Payne-Phalen-Community Council.

Donations of any amount are genuinely appreciated and will be put to good use serving and inspiring our communities. Thank you for your support!
3rd Annual Free Eastside Thanksgiving To-Go Dinner
Karibu Grocery & Deli
719 Payne Ave., Saint Paul, MN 55130
1pm to 6pm
26 Nov
Call (612) 458-2353 for more information
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