



Payne-Phalen

DISTRICT FIVE PLANNING COUNCIL

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Payne Phalen District Five Planning Council Board of Directors Meeting Draft Minutes

Tuesday, April 25, 2017 6:00 p.m.

Arlington Hills Community Center, 1200 Payne Avenue, St. Paul (Payne and Maryland Avenues)

Board Directors Present:

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| Roger Allmendinger | A | Valentine Awasom | P | Spencer Cardinal | P |
| Annie Davidson | P | Mark Dawkins | A | Charles Dexter | P |
| Richard Finch Jr. | P | Eric Foster, President | P | Britt Graupner | P |
| Nick Hayen | P | Athena Hollins | P | Dan Rodriguez | A |
| Eric Saathoff | P | Keith Schmalzbauer | A | Maychy Vu | P |
| Marny Xiong | P | Bill Zajicek | P | | |

P= Present, L= Late, A= Absent, E = Excused Absence,

Community Participants & Guests: 83 residents, business owners, and elected officials attended.

Staff: Lissa Jones-Lofgren, Interim Executive Director, Robin Horkey, Outreach Director

Quorum Established

Agenda Review and Approval – Eric Foster welcomed all community and Board members. He also reminded everyone to submit their nominations for open Board seats.

Proposed By-Laws Changes

Motion was made by a community resident to strike the bylaws changes due to claims that insufficient notice was given to make these changes. Eric and Annie reminded the community that proposed bylaw changes had been discussed at several previous meetings and that the minutes from these meetings were posted online several weeks in advance of the Annual Meeting.

Motion (Community Member) 2nd (Community Member) Motion Failed

The first bylaw change would update the official name of the organization to the Payne Phalen Community Council. This would be done to help make the name more easily recognizable as a Community Council and provide clarity on the Council’s purpose in engaging the community.

District 5 Name Change

Motion (Britt) 2nd (Bill)

Motion Passes

Board Director Capacity Change

This proposal would change Article 4 Section 1 of the bylaws and other relevant sections which describe the number of Directors on the Board. The proposal would reduce the current number of Directors from 21 to 17. This proposal will help streamline the work of the Board, to help assure that meetings run more efficiently, and to ensure that there is time for all board voices to be heard at the

board decision-making table. It was argued that a smaller Board would tend to have more committed members than a larger one.

A number of community members raised objections to this and stated that they believed the number of seats should remain at 21. They did not agree that reducing the number of members would encourage greater participation among all Board members.

Motion (Community Member) 2nd (Community Member)

Motion Passes

Board Elections

Board elections then commenced for six seats. The following new members were elected to the Board:

Tara Borton

Lorenzo Pullen

Chad Medellin

Lynette Pineda-Tamayo

Rebecca Nelson

Joe Kuzelka

Community Report

Eric Foster briefly outlined the progress of the Executive Director search and informed the community that our current Interim Executive Director, Lissa Jones-Lofgren, would be staying on for another year to complete the search. Eric also promoted the new office location of the Payne Phalen Community Council at 567 Payne.

District Five Plan 2040

Lissa quickly summarized the 2040 plan progress to develop a Comprehensive Plan to be submitted to the city for approval. Lissa also encouraged the community to take part in this development process and reminded the community that they have not been represented by a Comprehensive Plan since 1979.

Treasurer's Report

Annie Davidson outlined the current finances of the Council and expressed a positive outlook on the current Board finances.

Motion to approve 2016 Financial Report (Community Member) 2nd (Mike Mueller)

Motion Passes

Adjournment

Motion (Nick) 2nd (Community Member) Motion Passed

Minutes submitted by Nick Hayen, Board Secretary