



Payne-Phalen

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Board of Directors Meeting Draft Minutes

Tuesday, August 22nd, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Board Directors Present:

Valentine Awasom	P	Tara Borton	P	Annie Davidson	P
Charles Dexter	A	Richard Finch Jr.	P	Eric Foster	P
Britt Graupner	P	Athena Hollins	P	Joe Kuzelka	E
Chad Medellin	P	Rebecca Nelson	P	Lynette Pineda Tamayo	P
		Eric Saathoff	P	Maychy Vu	E
Marny Xiong	E	Bill Zajcek	P		

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

Community Participants & Guests: Suzy Bersie (Ramsey Co.), Council member Jane Prince, Alicia Leizinger (Association for Nonsmokers-Minnesota), Michael Frits (Drive Time Auto Repair), Joann Ellis (Commissioner McDonough’s office), Regina Rippel, Chris Schweitzer

Staff: Lissa Jones-Lofgren, Robin Horkey

Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions – Board President Eric F

Agenda Review and Approval – Small change in agenda moving **Public Policy Presentation** Proposed City Ordinance re: sales of Menthol Products to when Council member Jane Prince shows up.

Land use and Zoning

1324 Arcade St

Discussion-where are cars to park, license application, letters from residents next to building that object to license application, previous tenant had parked in areas where they shouldn’t be parking and operating after hours. Rebuttal by applicant (tenant not owner/landlord) indicting that his business is not the same as the previous tenant.

Eric S motion to support, Annie D seconded

Eric F made motion to amend, by talking residents and getting their opinion (esp. ones who wrote letter).

Motion to support applicant with discussion with residents who wrote letters in opposition and addressing their concerns. Motion passed.

Public Policy Presentation

Ward 7 City Council member Jane Prince, 2 members of Association of Nonsmokers-Minnesota.

A year and a half ago, City passed motion to not sell 'flavored' tobacco (entry tobacco).

Flavored tobacco is now restricted to places where only 18 yr olds can enter.

Menthol is now the issue as it is also an "entry tobacco". In response to the work of the community, menthol is target marketing to youth and the African American community. Many African American groups are leading the way in this effort, they are just following and responding to this effort. They now want to amend the list to add menthol to that list of restricted tobacco. This is not a ban, it is a restriction to tobacco sellers. Public discussion will be heard at the Sept 20 5:30 City Council meeting.

Eric F- address issue of how this affects small business. Reply is that the effect on health and health care is much greater than the loss to small business owners.

Janice brought up idea of helping the small business owners that this amendment might affect. As the profit margin on sale of cigarettes is minimal to the sale of food products and other sales.

There are about 17 businesses that this would affect and in their survey, 93% of smokers surveyed said they would still patronize that store to buy other products such as food items.

Eric F asked what impact on small immigrant businesses might be as they have limited resources and have put a lot into their business. Reply that this has also been addressed in meetings with small business owners and that impact may not be huge. Using the ban of cigarette smoking in restaurants previously as example and the loss of revenue was also not huge.

Eric asked what they would like, our support?

Bill made motion to sign on as sponsor of coalition to do this. Athena seconded. Motion passed.

Chad M is not in support of the motion and abstained from voting.

Public Comment/input/Announcements

Eric F - 1544 Duluth street issue has already been approved.

Chris S brought up the fact that the minutes aren't available and specific council members are not showing up. Minutes were not completed in time to get into this packet (my fault) Eric F replied that attendance issue is being addressed by the Executive Committee.

Joann announced the opening of the Cookie Cart and the Fundraiser. Flat Earth Brewery is the venue, August 31st. All the kids in the Cookie Cart program are from Johnson High School. Money needed to install ovens etc. Right now, Cookie Cart on Payne has to travel over to North Minneapolis. 2 million has already been raised. This is the final push, 1 million more is needed and hopefully looking at being open by Spring of 2018.

Eric F announced Regina Ripple is here and has won a beautification award for the garden that we support/sponsor.

Finance report

Have not had reports previously as we have been transitioning to a new accountant.

Packet available for review and questions can be emailed to Annie if you need or contact after the meeting.

Webinar will be available in Oct/Nov to be able to understand.

Acknowledgement of hard work by finances

President's Report

Payne Phalen Community Council picnic/potluck - Hot dogs, drinks and popsicles provided. 5:30 to 7:30 at Phalen Park Pavilion on August 29th. Planning groups will be giving a presentation of what we are going to be working on. Inviting people to help or give input.

Harvest Festival - friends and family invited to walk in the parade with the community council.

District Planning

Work groups have been divided into five groups based on interest and capacity.

1. Land Use and Zoning (led by Athena Hollins)
2. Social development (led by Tara Borton)
3. Housing (led by Britt Graupner)
4. Transportation (led by Eric Saathoff)
5. Combined Economic Development, Payne Ave and Arcade Street (led by Rebecca Nelson)

Schedule has been put in place for talking/meeting and planning for our groups.

Our goal tonight is to plan some type of presentation for the picnic.

St Paul PED and principle planner will be here to talk to us about each of our plans and what they are doing.

Schedule of meetings talked over and reviewed. Special work group meetings will be from 6:30-8:00 at Arlington Hills Rec Center.

Broke into work groups and discussed our topics

Adjourn

Minutes submitted by Rebecca Nelson