



# Payne-Phalen

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, February 27th, 2018 – 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	E
		Richard Finch Jr.	P	Eric Foster	P
Britt Graupner	P	Athena Hollins	E	Joe Kuzelka	P
Chad Medellin	P	Rebecca Nelson	P	Lynette Pineda Tamayo	E
Lorenzo Pullen	P	Eric Saathoff	P	Maychy Vu	P
Marny Xiong	E	Bill Zajicek	P	Seanne Thomas	P

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

**Community Participants & Guests:** Joann Ellis (Ramsey Co. Commissioner McDonough’s office), Chris Schweitzer, two other residents, Leslie Epps and 2 other co-owners of JoyRide Inc.

**Staff:** Lissa Jones-Lofgren

### Land Use & Zoning

1324 Arcade St Joyride Inc. There is an application for a change in ownership. The 3 co-owners of JoyRide Inc. were present and answered questions from the Board. After discussion from the Board and Community, Britt motioned to support the application, Seanne seconded. Motion passed.

### President’s Report

**Board Terms:** There are seven open seats to be filled at the Annual meeting in April, they are listed on next page of packet. Six terms are up and there is one resignation.

Nominations committee to be formed, with help from staff. First job is logistics of the annual meeting and planning of it (with help from Robin) second piece is recruiting people to serve on the Board and getting the word out. Members of the committee should not be running for reelection.

Maychy, Seanne, Chad, Joann Ellis (counting ballots) volunteered to be on the committee.

Anytime we meet, we should be thinking about “recruiting”. Talking in person is very persuasive.

**ED Hire update:** Committee has received a very small number of applications and would like to put the ad out longer in order to be able to pull from a larger base of candidates. To broaden our search, we have been putting it out to more culturally-specific sites and more media.

**Update on ED:** Lissa's contract ends at the end of the month, we had thought to have a new ED by the time this happened but instead Lissa is willing to continue on a month to month basis either until we have found a new ED or Lissa has found another place. Executive Committee has recommended that we extend her contract to a month to month deal. Please feel free to go to Payne Phalen Community Page and share it on other sites. Or if it is a site that costs, please forward that to Athena or Lissa and we will see what we can do. We need to get the word out!

Motion to approve extending Lissa's contract to a month to month basis. Seanne moved, Bill seconded. Motion passed.

### **Public Comment/Input/Announcements**

Bill reported that the Chinese Pavilion will be up this summer, after an amazing fundraising campaign.

Rebecca announced that Board member Lynette was in a car accident, there is a card to be passed around to sign for her. On March 9<sup>th</sup> there is the Lions' Club Fish fry at the American Legion on Arcade from 4:30-7:30 and then on March 10<sup>th</sup> there will be a Frybread fundraiser for the American Indian Family Center that starts at 12-3. Everyone is invited.

Chad announced he was elected PABA President at the Annual meeting. He would like people to come to the meetings if you would like. Also, he is looking for help in recruiting businesses for the four or five businesses that have gone out of business or left: A Greener Read, AAA All-City Vacuum, Judy's Kitchen, Dulceria Bon-bon. The grocery store is a temporary closure due to fire. We need more businesses to help fill in these vacancies.

Caydence Coffee won the Golden Brick award from PABA for all the exterior work they did to their building, and ESABA's Business of the Year award. East Side Elders won ESABA's Commitment to Community Award.

Joann Ellis mentioned that Cookie Cart is opening in April.

Lorenzo P. announced that Dollar General has a Literacy Fund that he would like suggestions and input on who or where this money could go. It needs to be a school.

### **Finance Report:**

Annie out of town; if you have any questions you can contact her.

### **Board Review of January Minutes:**

Seanne motioned to accept the minutes, Chad seconded, and motion approved.

### **Executive Director Report**

Annual Meeting is coming up.

District Plan is coming along well, Rebecca & Chris's plan is already back from PED, Britt's plan is back and we are waiting on the rest to come back. Bill Dermody will then meet with each group to finalize, and the plan is to have something for the Community to see in April and at the Annual Meeting. This is a very exciting time with the new plan ready to be talked about and for everyone in the community to see.

Britt and Lissa have been working on something to do with a community member with hearing challenges. The Mayor's office has helped in getting assistive hearing devices for members who would like to be a part of the final planning process.

Britt has also come up with the idea of taking the plan on the road, talking about it with other Community groups and getting feedback from them.

## **Old Business**

**WaterFest 2018** Bill has done this previously, would like to come up with an idea for an activity to draw people in. We should do this, because as a Board we need to be at all Community events. This is sponsored by the Ramsey Washington Watershed District. This event is on Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11-4. We can take shifts and come up with ideas that engage people and get them interested in us.

Joann Ellis suggested that we share a table with other Districts here on the East Side.

Lissa stated that we have spearheaded a ground-breaking convention of all 17 District Councils and have now gotten a grant from the City Council with money to be spent equally on the issue of Equity. Other funding has also been requested to have a traveling poster exhibition by three artists who will create this show to promote civic engagement.

Bill will take the lead on the Waterfest table, along with Britt, Lorenzo, Joe and Valentine.

## **Social Media Policy**

Since we have a new social media person, we should take a look at our rather extensive policy. Tara brought up the fact that there are things in the policy that we aren't following such as signed waivers. We need to check and see if we have actually adopted the policy or if it still is a draft. Tara will be heading up the review team.

## **New Business**

MN Humanities Center letter of support. We have written letters of support in the past which have helped them get a STAR grant. They are asking for support for an endowment for the Humanities for the same Capital investment. Britt moves to send the letter of support, Lorenzo seconded. Discussion, motion passed.

## **Adjourn**

**Minutes submitted by Secretary Rebecca Nelson**