



Payne-Phalen

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 23, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Board Directors Present:

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| Valentine Awasom | A | Tara Borton | P | Annie Davidson | P |
| | | Richard Finch Jr. | A | Eric Foster | P |
| Britt Graupner | E | Athena Hollins | P | Joe Kuzelka | P |
| Chad Medellin | P | Rebecca Nelson | P | Lynette Pineda Tamayo | E |
| Lorenzo Pullen | E | Eric Saathoff | P | Maychy Vu | P |
| Marny Xiong | P | Bill Zajicek | E | Seanne Thomas | P |

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

Community Participants & Guests: Tom Russ, Joe Mendyka (St. Paul Community Engagement Coordinator), Chris Schweitzer, Lucky Rosenbloom (Rondo Community H.S.), Cearah Hamilton

Staff: Lissa Jones-Lofgren (Executive Director)

Welcome, and Introductions, Review of Agenda – Board President Eric Foster

President's Report

Executive Director Transition Update – if you would like to participate in the New ED search please email and we will get you on the email list. The Job application is out there and please share it with your network. Priority application deadline is January 31st but the ad states that it's open until filled so applications will be accepted after the deadline if needed.

Neighborhood Honor Roll – There are still tickets available and we have three people who will be honored, the new Mayor should be there.

Board Review of November Meeting Minutes

Athena H moved to approve the minutes after review, Seconded by Marny. Motion approved.

Financial Report – Annie D Treasurer

Year-end financials are included in the packet; if you have any questions let her know.

A separate 2018 Budget approval for next year is in another hand out. This is a balanced Budget, created by Lissa and Annie helped.

The bulk of our money is coming from City of St Paul Community Engagement contract, then COPP funding from Council Ward 6 (Brendmoen) and Ward 5 (Bostrom), based on what we received previously.

Innovations Fund Steering committee, NEA Our Town Grant (D4 collaboration), Innovations Fund Equity Initiative, City Equity Funds (D4 collaboration) are all based on anticipated funding or already have commitments on receiving.

No funds estimated for annual fundraiser as we didn't have one last year and not sure about this year either.

New Grants estimated as an easy number to attain. Fundraising from last year's Annual meeting was used as this years estimate but lowered a little.

Donations were not estimated as didn't want to bank on money that may or may not come in.

Money out includes ED & Outreach Director salaries which can be adjusted dependent on new ED, payroll, benefits, Insurance, office supplies etc.

Motion to approve by Maychy V, seconded by Tara. Motion passed.

Executive Director Report

2017 Outreach and Participation Reports – this is the tool we currently use to provide to the City as a part of our accountability every year. There is a work group of 17 District Councils working to find another way to measure this but for now this is what we have. 2017 has been more robust with the addition of the Auto Theft grant which brought in 4516 contacts that were not made in the previous year. Therefore, outreach is growing but we still need to push it more.

District Plan Update – three of the plans are in, one of which has been looked at initially by PED (Bill Dermody). PED is in the middle of their process, so they are a bit busy. The plan is to have all five chapters/plans in to them by the time Lissa leaves so the New ED will have that in place. Update in February. We are in good shape.

Public Comments:

Lucky Rosenbloom from Minnesota Internship Charter School – recruits kids from everywhere, off the streets, Totem town etc. and gives them training, iPhone to be able to communicate, job search etc. Provides lots of job training skills, behind the wheel, diploma. Lots of good things going on for troubled kids. Invitation to board and community members to visit and get involved.

Joe Mendyka – helps with District Councils in helping them succeed. Has been in contact with Lissa as we start our transition. Any questions about the system, how other DC do things, or manage things. Also welcomes constituent calls, he plays a policy analyst role and can be a big help in navigating City government.

Chad Medellin – In collaboration with ESNDNC's John Vaughn, the 2nd Wednesday of the month a meeting where you can come and talk and feel free to discuss anything, there are no rules, just discussion on neighborhood questions, and other events. At Caydence Coffee and Records on Payne & York 5:30/6:00 to 7:30

Athena for Bill Z – would like to know if there is interest for participating in Waterfest this year. Athena would volunteer to table but we should have a 'gimmick' to grab the peoples interest. Lissa explained

that there is a lot of water-based activities and experiments that isn't necessarily a good use of staff time, but board members are encouraged to if there is strong interest. We could also join with another group, too.

Chad M – PABA Annual meeting on February 13th. Chad will be elected President, \$20.00 online and \$25.00 at the door

Cearah Hamilton – New Social Media Person, If you need something put out on the web or tweeted or anything like that, please contact her at cearahh@paynephalen.org

Social Media Policy is needed for the Board to review.

Closed Board Session

Adjourn

Minutes submitted by Secretary Rebecca Nelson