



Payne-Phalen

DISTRICT FIVE PLANNING COUNCIL

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Payne Phalen District Five Board of Directors Meeting Draft Minutes

Tuesday, January 24, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Board Directors Present:

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

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

Community Participants & Guests: Al Oertwig; Satara Strong; Thaddeus Dixon; Chris Schweitzer; Sebastian Jenkins; Janice Rettman (Ramsey County Commissioner); Regina Rippel; Nel Schweiss; Nate Kastle.

Staff: Lissa Jones-Lofgren, Interim Executive Director

Quorum Established

Agenda Review and Approval – Eric Foster welcomed all Board Directors and community members.

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

Land Use and Zoning Issues, Eric Foster explained the contents of an official statement on the Board’s decision in November to reincorporate most committees (including CPED) into the overall Board. The Executive Committee also reviewed three requests for variances for several ordinances from citizens within the District. Exec expressed its approval for these variances and decided to draft a letter to the city requesting that it cease sending out violation notices in cases where citizens have been previously using their land for years without prior issues. Instead, the suggestion is that the city would make these issues known upon the sale or transfer of property. Athena raised concerns about how this would impact rental properties. The Board determined that this letter is only intended to put the city on notice about their enforcement of variances instead of a specific policy proposal.

Motion: Keith: Send the letter with additional language about renters (Spencer 2nd), Motion Passed

Rush Line Presentation, Eric Saathoff updated the Board on the current progress of the city’s transit line project from St. Paul to White Bear Lake. The city has decided to narrow down the possible routes

to paths along the Bruce Vento trail for buses only. The route will mostly travel along Phalen Blvd and then take one of several remaining routes into downtown St. Paul. Routes along Phalen Blvd would have their own dedicated lane. Routes along 7th street would not. Route option 1 would be the best option for connecting the immediate District area to the existing Green Line and downtown.

Eric then proposed a motion that the Board express its support for option 1. Eric Foster asked about the impact on the existing Bruce Vento bike trail. The city has promised that it will maintain some sort of bike trail. Members from the community expressed strong interest in being informed of when the bidding process takes place for this in order for women and minority populations have a say in this process. Many community members showed their approval for option 1, but a few also mentioned that a rapid mobility bus along Phalen Blvd may be a cheaper option and more likely to be selected.

Motion: Express support for transit option 1 (Keith 2nd), Motion Passed

Public Comment or Input: Representatives from BLM requested the Board allow a presentation at the next meeting on a measure to get all police officers to carry personal liability insurance.

Proposed Bylaw Changes, Eric Foster announced that the Executive Committee has proposed two new bylaw changes which would be voted on during the annual meeting. The first is a proposal to change the number of Board members from 21 to 17. This would be done to help encourage greater attendance and prevent issues of being unable to maintain quorum.

Motion to include bylaw amendment (Annie) (2nd by Valentine), motion passed

The second bylaw change is to change the official name of the organization. The current proposal would be the Payne Phalen Community Council.

Motion (Keith) 2nd (Annie), Motion Passed

Consent Agenda

1. Draft CPED Committee Minutes from (December), 2016.

Motion (Britt), 2nd (Eric S.), Motion Passed

President's Report, Eric Foster updated the Board on the importance of maintaining attendance levels. Felipe Illescas and Danette Allrich Osano both submitted their resignations to the Board. Several other Board members have indicated that they will resign at the annual meeting. This will leave several vacancies regardless of whether or not the proposed bylaw changes happen. Eric also announced that he will appoint the nominations committee for vacant Board seats and requested all interested Board members to participate. Eric also requested volunteers for the Ad hoc committee to find a permanent Executive Director in time for the April annual meeting.

Financial Report, Annie Davidson updated the Board on the financial situation as of the beginning of 2017 and the draft 2017 budget. The Board still needs to find about \$600 to balance for the year, but the finances are otherwise balanced. Annie also mentioned LegalCorps which is an organization that helps nonprofits with bylaw changes and other legal matters. The Executive Committee will send an application for free assistance from this organization for matters of bylaw changes and official name changes.

Motion: Approve the 2017 budget (Eric S) 2nd (Maychy), Motion Passed

Interim Executive Director Report, Lissa updated the Board on moving the office of the Board and the search process for new office space. All current options are street facing store front options that will help increase visibility. The Board is also looking to share a space with the Hmong America Farmer's Association. Lissa also updated the Board on new grant and funding opportunities. Finally, Lissa updated the Board on our work with the civic education and public participation program using the official Board radio show.

Adjournment

Motion (Keith) 2nd (Britt) Adjourned unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Nick Hayen, Board Secretary