



# Payne-Phalen

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## Board of Directors Meeting Draft Minutes Tuesday, July 25, 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	E
Britt Graupner	P	Athena Hollins	P	Joe Kuzelka	P
Chad Medellin	P	Rebecca Nelson	P	Lynette Pineda Tamayo	P
		Eric Saathoff	P	Maychy Vu	E
Marny Xiong	E	Bill Zajicek	P		

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

**Community Participants & Guests:** Pat Hill, MaryAnn Bonniwell, Joann Ellis (Commissioner McDonough's office), Chris Schweitzer, Regina Rippel, Gary Kirsch, Mason Fong (Johnson H.S. Wrestling coach), Julia Wolfe (Ramsey County Health)

**Staff:** Executive Director Lissa Jones-Lofgren, Admin. Assistant Robin Horkey

### Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions – Board President

Welcome by VP Athena Hollins, Bill Z commented that there were no financial statements available. Lissa replied that there were a few factors to consider, such as meeting with Annie and that there would be full financials available by the next Board Meeting.

### Agenda Review and Approval –

Bill also made an announcement about the High Tea Fundraiser event sponsored by the ESAC.

Bill also made another announcement regarding the China Garden. The City Council approved after a three year odyssey to gift our Sister City in China five Snoopy statues for a China garden to be built in Phalen Park next Spring.

### Planning to Plan

**Healthy Aging –** Julia Wolfe, Ramsey County, Planning Specialist, Healthy Aging

Two handouts provided: Aging in Ramsey County, and Healthy Aging – A Public Health Framework.

Our country is aging, city planning needs to take into account the factors: Income, Cost of Housing, accessibility factors, less family support, systemic racism (i.e. Rondo neighborhood), “redlining”, access to food resources, access to Health care, Housing & Development services with adaptations/accessibility for seniors with health issues which are becoming more prevalent.

*“The FHA also explicitly practiced a policy of “redlining” when determining which neighborhoods to approve mortgages in. Redlining is the practice of denying or limiting financial services to certain neighborhoods based on racial or ethnic composition without regard to the residents' qualifications or creditworthiness.”*

Creating Community Partnerships for Healthy Aging – what services are provided and where are the gaps that need to be filled. Ex. YMCA on University partnering with Silver Sneakers.

Please consider Health and Well being in all public policies. Health affects everything and everything affects health.

Julia will be starting another discussion, creating group on the East Side if anyone is interested in becoming involved. Cards and contact information provided.

## **Public Comment**

Pat H. commenting on moving the monument of the Ice Castle to Rice Park. He would like the Council to show that we don't want this to happen. Discussion on what the issue is and what our role as a council plays in supporting this or not.

Britt moved to have the Board send a letter to prevent any movement of the monument out of the area, Tara seconded.

Eric S made a motion to table the motion so we can talk to our neighbors and such, to get more information on the subject.

We will table the motion until the next meeting. Britt will post on Social media and get public input.

Mason Fong, wrestling coach from Johnson High School. He is trying to host an All-Star Wrestling show to be a fundraiser for the High School Team. In order to make wrestling a sport that is “free” for all athletes that need help. Looking for ideas for fundraising, or ideas for raising money for this event.

Update on Maryland Ave: We are 8 weeks into the experiment now. Receiving 1700 comments which is a really good amount! The break down is 30-30-30, 30 love it, 30 hate it and 30 don't care. St Paul Public Works is looking at this, Ramsey County Public Works is looking at this. Maryland will not be going back to four lanes until a decision is made through accessing all data and therefore a decision will not be made until (probably) after Labor Day. Constructive comments are taken into consideration (suggestions) negative ones are not. There has also been an increase in traffic on Rose and Hawthorne. Increase as opposed to speed. Road construction is also taken into consideration and how that is affecting traffic. Data analysis will be presented at a community meeting.

The sewers that are over 100 years old are being replaced and that is what is going on along the south side of Lake Phalen.

Chris S. brought up the fact that the video posted by Eric S dramatically changed his viewpoint on the Maryland Avenue lane changes. Chris asked whether the council is going to act on three zoning requests in our packet. Athena replied that what we were given was informational and there was no action requested. Suggestion made again that CPED committee be brought back.

### **Consent Agenda**

Approval of June Minutes. Motion (Eric S), 2<sup>nd</sup> (Bill), Motion Passed.

### **President's Report**

National Night Out : open to visiting various sites during the evening to talk with community

Volunteers for Picnic: Joe, Rebecca, Eric S, Bill, Lynette, Athena

### **District Planning Report**

"Road to the Community Plan"

We are into Stage Two, engaging the community and involving them in the process.

This includes reaching out through flyering and social media. Finding out what the community wants. Planning and Economic Development, and identifying the resources that need funding.

We have been awarded the NEA planning for public art grant with District 4 and a number of other partners. The goal of the grant is to create a process for the City of St. Paul to include Public art in of its Comprehensive Plans going forward. The total grant award is \$100,000, and we will get a portion of this but don't know the exact amount yet. This work is another component of getting closer to our equity goals.

Sign up for different groups for planning committees. (including community members)

Proposal/timeline is on the back of the agenda.

**Adjourn** Motion to adjourn by Eric S, seconded by Annie

**Minutes submitted by** Rebecca Nelson, Secretary