



Payne-Phalen COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Board of Directors Meeting Draft Minutes Tuesday, June 27, 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	E
Charles Dexter	A	Richard Finch Jr.	A	Eric Foster	E
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	P	Bill Zajicek	P		

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

Community Participants & Guests: Veronica Burt (Wakan Tipi Center), Joann Ellis (Commissioner McDonough’s office), MaryAnn Bonniwell, Lorenzo Pullen, Regina Rippel, Chris Schweitzer

Staff: Lissa Jones-Lofgren (Executive Director)

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

Agenda Review and Approval –

Wakan Tipi Center Presentation by Veronica Burt

Survey for the Wakan Tipi Center to be filled out. Facility to be built, should it include a bathroom, picnic area? Planning for classroom space also to “honor” Dakota people or incorporate that into the design.

District Plan, An Orientation - Lissa talking on District Council:

Focus on idea of planning, creation of plans. 30,000 people and what they would like to see in terms of development in Payne Phalen. Payne Phalen is the largest of St. Paul’s 17 districts and also demographically the poorest. Our residents need to have input into planning.

District plans are developed, approved by the St. Paul City Council, then incorporated into the Citywide Comprehensive Plan. Every ten years, the Citywide Comprehensive Plan is then reviewed and approved by the Metropolitan Council to incorporate city plans into the 7 County Regional Plan of the Metropolitan Council. These plans identify priorities for targeted investment in land use, housing, transportation, water resources, parks and recreation and historic preservation.

Economic development follows land use policy and investment.

Since Payne Phalen hasn’t had a plan since 1979, we don’t see any significant changes district-wide, only targeted investment through small area plans, such as the investment at Payne and Tedesco. We need to think far into the future, as the City and the Met Council are planning now, through 2040.

PPCC Board members can help to encourage participation by sending out/sharing links to get people to come to these meetings in order to get broad input from the community.

Britt: send out survey to find out and get info (data)

June, July and August we will be learning about and making updates to our 2017 plan.

Britt: live streaming these talks by Lissa and other presenters out to the community via FB is another way to engage, share the materials and to get the word out.

Public Comment

Regina Rippel (community member) also on Ramsey county health committee: she has resources about health and comprehensive planning, and she will forward this on.

Joanne Ellis: Community Meeting about the Maryland Ave restriping. Sometime in July? We are in the sixth week, may go another six. Have data from various resources, over 200 responses from those efforts so far.

Chris Schweitzer: Community member not happy with council and dissolving committees. Lissa responded positively.

Bill Zajicek made a motion to extend the Maryland project to another six weeks, seconded by Eric. Motion passed. A letter will be sent to the contact person on the project affirming board support for the extension.

Discussion: Wheelock is a Met council project. No end date as far as we know per Joanne. Pedestrian feedback is that it is harder to cross. Lights have not been tweaked yet. More traffic on Phalen Blvd, Rose and Hawthorne.

You can pass the city buses legally when they stop.

Consent Agenda

Britt moved to approve May minutes, Eric seconded and motion passed, no discussion.

Executive Director Updates

Equity and aging in community will be the next topic for July.

Headwaters innovation grant application has been submitted to build organization capacity to do effective outreach. More on that when the decision is made.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn Bill, Lynette seconded and motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Rebecca Nelson, Secretary