



Payne-Phalen

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 28, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Board Directors Present:

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

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

Community Participants & Guests: Luiza Roos (Animal Humane Society), Tom Russ, Joann Ellis (Commissioner McDonough's office), Regina Rippel, Marilyn Melson, Amy Perna (Commissioner Rettman's office)

Staff: Lissa Jones-Lofgren (Executive Director)

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

President's Report

Our next meeting will be at Brunson's on December 19th (third Tuesday of the month not fourth), upstairs with a short business meeting and then Holiday get together.

Neighborhood Honor Roll on Friday, January 26th at St Thomas College. We have three nominees up for the award. Board members are encouraged to attend, there is a nominal fee to go.

Executive Director search committee will be meeting soon, along with the job posting/ad. If you'd like to be on the search committee please let Eric F. know.

Election Day – voter turnout has been higher than it has been in years. Payne Phalen Community Council member Marny Xiong was elected to the St Paul School Board which should not be a conflict of interest as there is nothing in our by-laws preventing this.

Board Review of October meeting minutes

October meeting minutes to be looked over and approved. Eric S. made a motion to approve, Britt G. seconded and motion passed.

Executive Director Report Lissa Jones-Lofgren

This month focusing on the work done by the workgroup consisting of Lissa, Athena, Britt, Robin & Marny regarding the Equity Strategic Action Plan & Equity Investment Rationale. Asking for a vote on goals of the Equity Action plan, that 1. The Payne Phalen Community Council sees a 10% increase in resident civic engagement across the District by 2020. 2. The Payne Phalen Community Council Board membership is 35% White and 63% Non-White by 2020 based on demographic trends forecasted for 2020.

Britt asked to clarify that the request was to ratify the document to support those two goals. Lissa agreed.

Britt made motion to adopt the Equity Investment Rationale and the Strategic Action Plan. Annie seconded.

Discussion:

There was robust discussion.

Vote on motion to adopt the Equity Strategic Action Plan and the Equity Investment Rationale. Motion passed.

Bill made a motion to form a work group to review the mission of our council. Britt added that we should table this until we are done with the Planning process, after March 2018 when new Executive Director should be in place. Motion passed.

Public comments:

Resident: Max Grocery & Tobacco on Burr St is in violation of selling flavored tobacco. Is this the same one that keeps shutting down because of bad food handling practices but continues to operate by changing proxy's. Suggests and urges Board to urge city to take firmer action other than a \$500 fine because of continuous bad practices.

Eric F. ask our staff to look in to this and find facts on this and report back.

Resident: Attended meeting at Farnsworth about Arcade turn light. Complaint about left turn lane. Joann Ellis volunteered to talk with her later.

Resident: would like to suggest decentralizing, open it up and maybe we will have greater participation for the 10%. Let smaller neighborhood groups do what they do but tell them what District 5 is doing.

Eric F. agrees with this and we did partner with League of Women Voters to increase participation.

District Planning:

Eric F. would like all to keep in mind that we should as part of our planning, that we need to undo the fact that our district is underserved and needs to be changed.

Presentations by all groups and what they are working on.

Adjourn

Minutes submitted by Secretary Rebecca Nelson