



Payne-Phalen

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, September 26, 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.	P	Eric Foster	P
Britt Graupner	E	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: Joann Ellis (Ramsey County), Amy Perna (League of Women Voters), Hilary Holmes (PED), Chris Schweitzer,

Staff: Lissa Jones-Lofgren

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

Public Policy Presentation by Amy Perna, Mayoral Forum Coordinator

Announcement and Flyer distribution by coordinator for the League of Women Voters, Mayoral candidate forum (round table discussions) at The Minnesota Humanities Center on Tuesday Oct 17th at 7:00 pm. Moderator is Nick Harper, past president. You can also register to vote at this event.

Chris S asked what role the Payne Phalen Community council played as one of the partners of the event. The council is helping with spreading the word, heling with volunteers and in locating a space for the forum. The event space was donated as part of our partnership!

Land Use and Zoning

Hilary Holmes works in the Department of Planning and Economic Development as a project manager. Housing department works with the residential and mixed-use projects and she works with the Economic Development of larger business projects, has worked alongside ESND on several projects along Payne Ave. Here to talk as a staff member of HRA (Housing and Redevelopment authority) as such HRA is a property owner of 845, 851 Payne Ave and 623, 629 Whitall, and she is working on re-zoning applications for the Whitall properties. Has worked with Eric S on the consent addition for the rezoning. Has done door knocking along Whitall and Wells and Payne Aves as required to rezone the property from residential to commercial. There needs to be 2/3 consent of property owners that are within 100 feet of the property to be rezoned. The proposal is to rezone the two Whitall properties as T2.

Eric F. asked whether there be public money involved? Answer that the only “public money” could be grants or city money if there was a need for such things as clean up of the petroleum or if there were to be public housing if that’s what will happen there than tax credits would be use and that could be considered public funds.

Bill Z. asked about clarification of T2 zoning and mixed use zoning etc. Explanations provided in packet.

Joe K. asked if the properties were residential right now, Whitall zoned as residential but will become mixed use.

Lynette P.T. asked if they are rebuildable lots. The two on the front are (Payne Ave) but does allow for a mix of both.

Eric S. does putting the two properties together make them more marketable? Yes it’s then more marketable as a commercial site.

Ice Palace Monument

Previous resolution was that the Board wanted to do more research regarding the issue.

Eric S make a motion to write a letter in support of keeping monument where it is. Athena seconded.

Eric s has found that there is more sentiment for keeping it where it is.

Motion passed.

Public Comment

Eric F., Ward 6 has had mayoral meet and greets. Will have more, Melvin Carter already talked, Pat Harris is next and then Elizabeth Dickinson.

Chris S. Asked about any resolution to attendance issue he raised last month. Eric replied we will be having a closed session to resolve in October.

Eric S. announced that the slow roll (last one) will be held tomorrow 5:30 at the East Side Freedom Library

Consent Agenda

Approval of July and August minutes

Chad M would like to amend the August minutes to include the fact that he was not in support of the motion and abstained from voting.

Motion passed

President’s Report

Thanks for all who participated in Harvest Festival and it was a successful event.

Pastor Roger Allmendinger, is a longtime previous board member having a retirement open house on Saturday Sept 30th.

Executive Directors report

We did receive COP funding for the social media intern. Will be able to hire someone through the end of the year.

\$1000 grant from Athena's former employer Thomson Reuters!

\$6000 funding from council member Bostrom.

Should hear about the Headwater grant request soon.

\$100,000 Our Town National Arts grant for planning for Public Art for the East Side in the City of St Paul. District 4 is the lead organization on this grant. We are already planning, but we are a principle co-lead.

Ask for more info if you like.

District Planning

Prepare for PED at our next planning meeting on October 10th.

Questions to ask PED and what we would like them to know or help us with.

Post cards to be distributed to neighborhood to get them to come to our meeting.

Board closed session

Adjourn

Minutes submitted by Rebecca Nelson