



Payne-Phalen

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Board of Directors Meeting Draft Minutes Tuesday, July 24, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Board Directors Present:

Valentine Awasom	L	Tara Borton	P	Athena Hollins	P
Stuart Knappmiller	P	Britt Kringle	P	Joe Kuzelka	A
Chad Medellin	E	Wintana Melekin	A	Krishna Natarajan	P
Rebecca Nelson	E	Lynette Pineda Tamayo	E	Eric Saathoff	P
Chris Schweitzer	P	Danielle Swift	A	Seanne Thomas	E
Maychy Vu	P	Bill Zajcek	P		

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

Community Participants & Guests: David Miller (Urban Works Architecture), Katie Anthony (project manager for Schafer Richardson), Trevor Martinez (Schafer Richardson), Marjorie Otto (Eastside Review), Joshua Kiley (Ramsey County Elections), Jim Erchul (Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services), Michelle Natarajan and Krishna's Mom and Dad, Joann Ellis (McDonough's office), Amy Perna (Rettman's office), Tabitha Mitchell (St Paul Parks), Zong Thao

Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions – Board President

Meeting convened at 6:34

Agenda Review and Approval –

848 Payne Avenue (the empty lot between Kendall's Ace Hardware and the Ward 6 restaurant building) – Katie Anthony of Schafer Richardson

Plan is to start a 99-unit affordable housing apartment building next spring, complete early summer 2020. A mix of studios, one- and two-bedroom units with income requirements capped at 60% or less of the area median income (\$40,000 a year single renter/\$56,000 for a family of 4). Rents are projected in the \$900/1,000 range for a studio, \$1000-\$1050 for single and \$1,200-\$1250 for two-bedroom. It will be a pet friendly building, with retail on the first floor. The city is helping to find funding to connect a bike trail to the Vento Bike Trail in Swede Hollow.

660 Rivoli - Village on Rivoli, and solar garden projects updates – Jim Erchul of DBNHS

Village on Rivoli 26 homes with commonly owned property with private lanes, storm water pond, recreation elements, Urban Roots community agriculture and solar garden.

Britt was on the housing committee for this plan. A concern about who would pay for street maintenance and mowing of the common areas.

Early Voting/Election Judge Recruiting - Joshua Kiley of Ramsey County

Aug 6 to 13th at Arlington Hills CC and 4 other locations. In 2012 9% voted early, in 2016 24%. Stuart is a judge at AHCC.

Public Comment/Input/Announcements

Changsha Pavilion at Lake Phalen construction starts next week.

Tabitha Mitchell spoke about youth at Lockwood Park concerns about speeding cars and collisions on Mendota and Magnolia. Jasmine will help create a petition with the youth. Suggested they do a NNO event there. Eric S and Stuart will work with Tabitha.

Board Deliberation and Votes

Action Item 1: Write a letter of support for Village of Rivoli for 3 variances for 26 housing units. Requested for Friday, Aug 27 for approval at Planning Commission meeting.

Motion by Britt, Krishna 2nd: 8 aye, 1 nay (Eric), 1 abstain (Tara). A concern was the 12 homes with garages facing Rivoli.

Action Item 2: To move \$2000 from personnel funding to non-personnel funding so our staff has a place to work.

Motion by Bill, 2nd Valentine: 10-0 unanimous

Robin needs approval to submit request to the city for air conditioning in the office.

Finance Report: at our August Meeting.

President's Report

Our District plan has been revised but not turned in.

Jack Byers has been hired as our Executive Director beginning Sept 4, 2018. He works for the City of Minneapolis currently. Chris and Britt are working on a Draft Work Plan for him.

Mr. Morelli will split the cost of the office air conditioning.

National Night Out volunteers are Chris, Valentine, Maychy, Athena and Stuart.

Adjourn by Maychy, 2nd by Tara at 7:57 PM.

Minutes submitted by Stuart Knappmiller, Board Director