



Payne-Phalen

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Board of Directors Meeting Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 28th, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Board Directors Present:

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

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

Community Participants & Guests: Joann Ellis (Ramsey Co. Commissioner McDonough’s office), Regina Rippel, Amy Perna (Ramsey Co. Commissioner Rettman’s office), Juan Garibay Rodriguez and Maria Cruz (1382 Payne Ave), Nelsie Yang, Romi Slowiak, Bill Wagner (Beyond the Yellow Ribbon)

Welcome, Introductions, Review of Agenda – Board President Athena Hollins

Still waiting on a quorum to be established and if necessary, will use the meeting minutes to email other Board members for any voting needed.

Land Use and Zoning

1382 Payne Ave Juan Rodriguez (Agent) & Maria Cruz (applicant)

Are Interested in opening a new business (Beauty Salon) on Payne Ave in the space Polly’s Coffee Cove was. Non-conforming use to another non-conforming use. The business LizMarbet, has one salon next to Cajun Life on Payne Ave. There is an apartment above that building so same type of structuring. Bill asks about parking. Athena is open to having something there, as opposed to nothing. Hours to be 9-8, upstairs will be rented out the same as now. Applicant is looking for letter of support for Aug 30th City Zoning meeting therefore we may have to send this out for an email vote. Tara recommended partial vote. Krishna motioned to write letter of support, Tara seconded. Discussion: Bill asks if neighbors are aware, Juan answers that they have plans to do so. Joann Ellis asks if sidewalks will be shoveled and garden on side will be kept up? Juan answers yes.

Presentation

Presentation of the St Paul Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Network by Bill Wagner. They are a community support organization to raise awareness and promote Support services for military veterans and their families in their time of need. They meet on the third Thursday of the month at the Hiway Credit

Union. This Organization provides resources for help. Also view things as a two way street, if you know of a Veteran or a family who needs help or help finding resources point them in their direction. Likewise if you know of a resource let them know so that they can help spread the word. It is volunteer run, if you'd like to help you can. They are going to all 17 districts councils to educate. They are the Fiscal agent for Music in Mears. Tara interested in demographic information on Payne Phalen area. Steering committee and Board do not have any. They do keep up with all the official resources provided by the Government and also go Beyond that by finding more resources for any need that is identified or comes up. Romi interested in funding. It is an initiative begun in 2008. Getting stronger in the past few years, money goes to providing services. Bill suggests Robin put note in newsletter for volunteers for this organization.

Public Comment/Input/Announcements

Presentation by Romi Slowiak about St. Paul's sister city in Changsha China, ancestral home to Hmong people. We have exchanged gifts with them. We have given them five Snoopy (Peanuts) statues, in exchange we get a pavilion which is being built in Phalen Park at this moment. A 2-acre classical china garden. Originated with comprehensive plan for Phalen in 2009. Due to uniqueness and unanticipated costs, you can have your name engraved on a granite block for minimum of \$1000 (donor plaque). If you or someone you know is interested, come on over to check it out. Should be done by the end of the year. In Nov of 2014 this was decided on and designed with feedback by the community.

Greetings from Nelsie Yang, new candidate for Ward 6 City Council, introducing herself and thanking the D5 Council for the work we do.

Consent agenda:

Vote for letter of support for 1382 Payne from one non-conforming use to another, six eyes are collected.

Table to vote on minutes until next month (September).

Finance Report:

990 report and attorney general report need motion to accept. Chris recommends making it an email as this is a legal document. Board packet is sent by email so take a look at it and make sure you have no questions or see discrepancies, refer questions to Chad.

Chris brought up 11 absences, five called in with valid excuses. Athena said these are being tracked and followed through on. We are representatives of the community and were voted on by the community and therefore we should be here.

President's report:

Air Conditioning! City needs us to extend lease (five or seven years) in order to get funds from them. Options are asking landlord for funds and pay back in increments. He is willing to split the cost. Robin would like to wait for new ED for approval so he doesn't come in to fundraising for this right away. Chris said terms are typical for a lease like ours. A/C is not something that is typical for a small business, lesson learned. Lease up in April 2020. Is portable unit an option? No windows that

open are in the office. Chris said issue has come to pass as the heat is almost done. Make arrangements to work at home and let Jack come up with or work on a solution. Our cost is about \$1100 (we have some money in unrestricted funds to play with). We could pay for this using a fundraiser as fundraising is one of the things we are planning on doing more of this year too. New ED will be starting this coming week.

Harvest Festival: Are we going to be a part of the parade? Deadline looming. Banner is not relevant as it is not the right name. Chris & his wife will go, Athena and Britt and family also.

Back to School event – handing out bags at Bruce Vento School for tomorrow, Robin needs a volunteer or two to help. It is a huge event 1000's of people, 4:15-6:30. Let her know via email please.

Bill has question about financials, there is a lot sitting in receivables. Is that what is creating the negatives that have gotten bigger? Athena will ask accountant. Questions will be submitted to Chad.

Chris motioned to adjourn, Tara seconded. Motion passed.

Minutes submitted by

Rebecca Nelson