



Payne-Phalen COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Board of Directors Meeting Draft Minutes

Tuesday, November 27th, 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	P
		Wintana Melekin	P	Krishna Natarajan	E
Rebecca Nelson	P	Lynette Pineda Tamayo	E	Eric Saathoff	P
Chris Schweitzer	P	Danielle Swift	P	Seanne Thomas	L
Maychy Vu	E	Bill Zajcek	P		

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

Community Participants & Guests: Erica Morales (Casamigos Restaurant), Katie Anthony (Schafer Richardson LLC), Marjorie Otto (East Side Review), Regina Rippel, Amy Perna (Commissioner Rettman’s office)

Staff: Jack Byers, Executive Director

Welcome, Introductions, Review of the Agenda

Bill would like to add discussion about meeting to talk about the trash collection system; will add to agenda at President’s Report.

Land Use, Zoning and Licenses

296 Larpenteur Ave E, Casamigos Restaurant, Erica Morales
Liquor License Application – upgrade existing licensed location

Erica also owns Don Julio’s in Forest Lake. This is a smaller venue, having opened on Sept 16th with only Beer and Wine license. She would like to add more as patron’s are asking for Margarita’s, Pina Colada’s etc. Her other venue offers more and therefore she has experience already. Looking for letter of support by Dec 7th. Britt motioned to draw a letter of support for expanding the liquor license. Tara seconds and motion passed

844-856 Payne Ave, Conditional Use Permit application
Katie Anthony, Schafer Richardson LLC

Katie Anthony, project manager of the designated developer by the City to redevelop the vacant lot at approx. 848 Payne Ave. Proposing a four-story mixed-use building with 5600 sq ft of commercial space along the ground floor with 99 apartment units on the 2nd 3rd & 4th floors. Apartments will be affordable to people earning 60% of the area median income which for a family of four is \$57,000. They will be studios, one bedroom and two bedrooms. Ground floor will have office rental unit, amenities including fitness room, community room, etc. Seeking a conditional use permit for

increasing the site which is a T2 Zone which allows for up to 35 feet, option of up to 45 ft with a conditional use permit. Hoping to open the building in the summer of 2020.

Looking for Letter of support for conditional use permit to allow for the new height (35 ft to 45 ft).

Chris made a motion to send a letter of support for the Conditional Use Permit. Eric seconded, Joe voted Nay, motion passed.

Board Consideration of the City's ordinances regarding liquor licenses – Chris Schweitzer

It has been brought to attention that there is no existing resolution by which to contest the renewal of a liquor license by a business from the City (no recourse to protest a license renewal). There is no recourse, the license just gets renewed without question, with no impunity or consequence if there is an issue or major problem.

Chris proposes to support a change in the city ordinance that allows for neighbors and others to be able to petition or submit through their District Council and bring to the attention of the relevant City Council member a request to review the license renewal. This would also provide an opportunity for community and city staff input with many possible outcomes.

Discussion about how to address this, decided to get this on the agenda in the future, have a presenter come from the City to explain the process and have community and business input along with City Council members as we do not really know what the process is.

Agree to table until early next year.

Public Comment/Input/Announcements

Senator Foug Hawg came to visit and voice his thanks for our service and that he supports Payne Phalen in all that we do and accomplish. He would like to let everyone know that his door is always open and he welcomes questions and comments.

Board Deliberation and Votes

Approve September & October Board minutes – Britt moves to approve both minutes, Wintana seconds, motion passed, with two abstentions.

December Meeting or event - Chris moves to have a short meeting and a social after on December 11th at 6:30. Britt seconds.

Finance Report

October - Bill still needs to talk with the bookkeeper. Discussion around reducing the credit card debt and reducing that while we have the money.

Report out: Give to the Max Day \$877 was made from 15 donations.

For review and approval:

2019 Workplan (proposed draft) – The District Councils application to the City for 2019 Community Engagement funds will be due before the next full board meeting in January. Items updated, preplanning, planning and implementation. This is our primary goal for 2019 (establishing better community outreach). Need to secure additional funds for outreach goals also.

2019 Budget (proposed draft) – Six known sources: City of St Paul Civic Engagement grant, Innovation Equity funds with year one is 2018, year two is 2019 both available in 2019. Community Organization Partnership program funds from Ward 5 & 6, Portion of National Endowment for the Arts Grant led by District Council 4 for community arts plan which could be adopted into the City Comp Plan (all funds subject to vote by City Council in December) totaling close to \$140,000. Possible sources for development to be sought also, with funding from foundations, fundraising and grants to cover the office expenses. Total income should be approx. \$175,000 with the expenses about the same.

Chris makes motion to approve the budget, WIntana seconds and motion is approved. Bill makes motion to approve the workplan WIntana seconds, motion approved.

President's Report

Filling the open Board seat due to resignation of Chad Medellin. Bill will be Treasurer but Chad's seat thru 2020 will need to be filled.

Regina Rippel, community member comes to meetings, is engaged in the community is excited about the community engagement work to be accomplished this year.

Crystal Norcross community member very involved in this area, brings a lot to the table, has been on the District 4 Council so she knows what this is all about. Is Native and very vocal and supportive of our communities needs.

Votes counted and Crystal will fill Chad's term.

Executive Director Updates

Update to the Maryland Ave Project. Lanes will be widened and there will be turn lanes added at Edgerton. Jack asked for more community input. Meeting will be on Dec 4th at AHCC.

Bill proposes discussing a trash forum at the December meeting. This meeting will be at a different time than the Board meeting so that it doesn't dominate the whole Board meeting.

Chris moves to have a joint event with another District Council to be discussed at Dec meeting.

Table this for a later meeting (December)

Adjourn

Britt moves to adjourn, Tara seconds and motion approved

Minutes submitted by

Rebecca Nelson, Board Secretary