



# Payne-Phalen

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## Board of Directors Meeting Draft Minutes Tuesday, July 23rd, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Board Directors Present:

Ikram Ali	A	Crystal Norcross	A	Athena Hollins	P
Stuart Knappmiller	P	Britt Kringle	E	John Thompson	E
Patricia Enstad	P	Wintana Melekin	A	Krishna Natarajan	E
Rebecca Nelson	P	Lynette Harris	A	Eric Saathoff	P
Chris Schweitzer	P	Seanne Thomas	E		
Janey Atchison	E	Bill Zajcek	L		

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

**Community Participants & Guests:** Bart Bevins, Roger Allmendinger, Joann Ellis (Commissioner McDonough’s office), Sy Smith, Gary Bobb, Gunilla Bjorkman-Bobb, Brett Hussong (St. Paul Park & Rec), Susan Bergman, Jaclyn Schmidt, Craig Reitan and Sean (North Star Bar and Grill), Kou Vang (JB Vang Real Estate), Cheeneng Yang (St. Paul Parks & Rec),

**Staff:**

### Welcome, Introductions, Review of the Agenda

### Board of Directors Roll Call

**Welcome:** Introductions & review of Agenda

### Planning, Zoning and License Entitlements:

1. North Star Bar and Grill 883 Payne Ave. Liquor license application for Reitan LLC doing business as North Star Bar and Grill, Presentation by Craig Reitan, Summit Supply Inc.

Craig understands the reputation that Louie’s Bar had and he has a clear vision to make it a reputable restaurant. Tentative opening date mid-September. No quorum to be able to vote on support of Liquor license. Bill makes motion to support a letter of recommendation, Eric seconds and we will send it out via email to vote on.

2. Community of Peace Academy 471 Magnolia Ave E, Zoning application for expansion of the school building and construction of a new surface parking lot (on corner of Magnolia & Arkwright) Presentation by J. Kou Vang, JBVang Real Estate Advisors and Project Management.

Someone asked if there is availability to keep green space and yet build the amount of parking spots they want; this is contingent on okay from the neighborhood. 8 spots could be on street parking. If there is no parking lot, a variance will be needed for an additional 8 spaces. Bill

asks if residents are aware. Jack says there is a city requirement to inform all residents within 350 feet by mail and the City has sent those letters out.

Eric makes motion in support of all variances *except for* the addition of a 26-stall parking lot. Athena seconds. Goes to email vote. Letter is needed by August 13<sup>th</sup> so they would like it before then.

### **Presentations and discussion:**

3. Swede Hollow Master Plan: Progress Report. Presenter: Cheeneng Yang, Project Manager City of St Paul, Dept of Parks & Rec.

Funded by McNeely foundation, community engagement funded by Bush foundation. Lower Phalen Creek provided all the community engagement. Bill asks about water source. Underground, and still to figure out filtration system or something else. Eric asks how to get his questions answered. Chris asks for our feedback and ideas; Jack will send out Chee's items and survey so that Board can reply. Chee is looking for feedback on water circulation vs. water filtration. Option to have Lake Phalen (long term) to flow through. One option to pipe it in (sewer water, not necessarily filtered), option 2 use the underground spring have natural water filtration system (no water in winter or season when it dries up). Public feedback is also wanted on the historic path, an existing parking lot, and prioritizing future projects. Does the public want the historic path to remain, be improved, or removed? There is an existing parking lot off Greenbrier at Margaret; does the public want this improved? The City wants to know what projects for Swede Hollow Park should be prioritized; please use the online survey to make your wishes known. Plan is 75% completed and hoping to complete by September.

### **Board Deliberation, Votes and Reports:**

4. Approval of Minutes: Board minutes for March through May Meetings. Bill moves to approve, Eric seconds. No quorum. Meeting minutes will be reviewed at August meeting.
5. Discussion: Upcoming Public Meeting on Citywide Trash Collection. Update on preparations, brainstorming of topics and issues to be covered. All Board members should be in attendance. We are having an informative presentation by Chris Swanson to help with learning about the Trash issue. We need all Board members to come and help and be there to show our support and be present for our community.
6. Update: Arcade Street Working Group  
Eric provides an update. The intention is to survey businesses and pedestrians and go out and do some foot work between Seeger Square to about Wheelock Pkwy.
7. Community Events & Activities:

China Garden & Dragon Festival update and debrief. Athena states that it was hot. Eric stated that he thinks the Dragon Festival is probably not worth our while. Rebecca stated that this was most likely the second to last festival 2020 being the last one. Lots of people from out of the area.

The last Stop for Me event tomorrow at Greenbrier and Maryland.

National Night out – Chris and Athena will be going around to as many places as possible. John will be asked if he is available. PPCC staff will also be joining Board Members.

8. **Updates:** E.D. : Jack states that he is working on grants and if we had more time he would go into it.

Other items and news:

Rebecca reminds the Board of several upcoming events;

- Saturday Sept 28<sup>th</sup> is the date of the East Side Community Festival, beginning with the Lion's Club Pancake breakfast at Arlington Hills Lutheran Church. Parade at noon and Community Festival at the YMCA.
- Native American Healthy Aging Gathering on Tuesday Aug 13<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.
- Indian Taco Sale Fundraiser on July 27<sup>th</sup> at Elders Lodge.
- Run Like A Wrestler 5K on August 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at Lake Phalen.
- Power Cards are available for sale \$20.00.

Chris says he would like to have Catalyst event venue come and talk to us about the venue and parking issues, what kinds of music, what will happen with all the kids after the venue lets out. No motion was offered and no Board action was taken. Rebecca suggests that Chris attends a PABA meeting to hear more.

**Adjourn at approximately 8:20 p.m.**