



Payne-Phalen COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Board of Directors Meeting Draft Minutes Tuesday, June 25th, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Board Directors Present:

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

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

Community Participants & Guests: Jake Jurss, Regina Rippel, MariEtta Wood (St. Paul Parks & Rec), Joann Ellis (Co. Commissioner McDonough's office), Alexander Bourne, Kassim Busuri (Ward 6 City Council)

Staff: Executive Director Jack Byers, Administrative Assistant Robin Horkey, Arianna Reid

Welcome, Introductions, Review of the Agenda

Planning, Zoning and license entitlements

Re: Former SA Gas station 1146 Payne Ave

Notice of public hearing on order to repair or demolish. Tuesday, July 16th 9 am rm. 330, City Hall.

Eric would like to see it demolished for variety of reasons (is an eyesore, was a problem when it was open, environmental issues).

Eric motions to have Jack attend meeting and testify against having the gas station reopen and also to send a letter. Chris seconds. Motion passes.

Presentations and Discussions:

Overview, refresher and progress Report: Update to the District Plan (Jack Byers)

Arianna Reid hired to work on the District plan using Innovation funding from 2018.

The City requires every District Council to do a district plan. Our District Council Plan has not been updated since 1970's. The District Council plan should be commiserated with the City's Comprehensive plan (this was done in March 2019 and sent to the Met Council) and we will base our plan on the city's plan now.

Starting with Pre-planning, Doing and Implementation.

Phasing strategy: Phase 1 – gathering input, Phase 2 – Taking stock, Phase 3 – analysis, Phase 4 – Creating a shared vision, Phase 5 – Articulation.

Jake suggests adding a phase 6 – Evaluation.

Jack proposes to hire an outside entity to come in and evaluate or help with public engagement if we can get funding. Lots of ideas, we go to community as opposed to inviting public in. Different ways to interact so the public can have input.

Instead of collecting and gathering, will organize and analyze the data too. We want the public to help with assessing input, not just give their opinion and then leave, and become more engaged in the substance.

Arianna presents list of organizations of Community Partners. We can add to this draft list.

Updates and upcoming events:

Board participation is needed to have a meaningful, participatory engagement with the community.

China Garden Society Awards Banquet July 12th

Dragon Festival July 13th & 14th

National Night Out August 6th

Volunteers were scheduled for upcoming events.

Ad Hoc Trash Committee update – tabled for further discussion. Jack emphasizes that we all (all board members) be in attendance.

Kassim Busari Ward 6 City Council member gave updates on event at Duluth and Case on July 31st, flyer to be sent out. He has another developer interested in town homes on the space where the City had proposed tiny homes development (Maryland & Payne and then decided against due to push back from the community in 2007.

Eric talks about gravel path (to be paved) down by 848 Payne. This has not been done despite having the money. City has said it is too expensive because of retaining wall. Motion to write letter to collaborate or work with developer to get this done or find a solution. Bill seconds. Motion passes.

Kassim says that this money has been spent but we can work on something for 2021. Where is the paper trail for where this money went and was it spent in D5 or the East side?

Eric says 2023 is date Arcade St. is scheduled to be redone from Larpenteur to 7th. Motion to establish working group to gather info and report back. Lynette seconds. Motion passes.

Chris would like to create a standing (permanent) committee to deal with issues like this, Britt asks to table.

2019 Community Garden Program update - Robin states we pay insurance, water for the year on community gardens and pocket parks. The City is unable to verify if final approval of 516 Beaumont garden was given after the 2014 soil report and 2015 complete make-over of garden. Recommend no edibles due to soil report, there is too much lead. Letter sent out. DSI follow up?

Kassim states that there are a lot of openings on City commissions and volunteer boards and our Ward is under-represented on these committees.

Patricia makes a motion that District 5 write a letter to the City expressing our concern about the lack of prioritization and there is no solution surrounding climate change. Lynette seconds. Motion passes.

Adjourn

Minutes submitted by

Rebecca Nelson, Board Secretary