



Payne-Phalen COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Board of Directors Meeting Draft Minutes

Tuesday, March 26, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Board Directors Present:

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

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

Community Participants & Guests: Jimmy Gerding, Amy Speare (Railroad Island), Damian Schaab (Railroad Island), Regina Rippel, Bryan Murphy (St. Paul Parks & Rec), Chou Thao (Payne Oriental Market), Sage Passi (Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District), Margot Ashmore (Minneapolis-St. Paul Home Tour), Joann Ellis (Commissioner McDonough's office)
Staff: Executive Director Jack Byers, Admin. Assistant Robin Horkey

Welcome, Introductions, Review of the Agenda – Board President

Development related: Year-Round Star Grant Application to repair air conditioner at 567 Payne Ave. *Jack Byers ED Payne Phalen Community Council*

Landlord of CC office, Jim Morelli, and City Council Pres. Amy Brendmoen agreed that Amy would like to support an application for a Star grant for our Air Conditioner for half the repairs and Mr Morelli would pay the other half of those costs of repairs to the unit. This should be \$1500 to \$2500.

Britt moves to write a letter of support, Chris seconds and motion passes.

Planning, Zoning & License Entitlement:

Payne Oriental Market, 1048 Payne Ave, *Mr. ChouThao*

Update to conditions of Existing Liquor License

Mr. Thao contacted Jack Byers for help in getting an update to conditions for his liquor license in order to provide better service to his clients. There are two conditions current on his license: 1. That 3.2 beer cannot be sold by individual bottle or can, and 2. Sales of 40 Oz bottle is not permitted. Due to changes in State liquor laws and the availability of beer products now, he

cannot obtain 3.2 beer by local distributors. Therefore, he cannot accommodate his customers fully, especially Hmong funeral homes.

Tara moves to write a letter of support, Valentine seconds. Motion passes.

Application for Site Plan Review, Lake Phalen Parking Lot reconstruction. Bryan Murphy (Landscape architect with City of St Paul, Dept of Parks & Rec).

Providing an update on the Phalen Regional Park multimodal transportation study, stemming from 2010 Master Plan. This study completed a year ago gave several areas to improve on, with construction to begin in the fall. The Beach House, Lakeside Center, Picnic Pavilion, area by picnic island with the Chinese Pavilion that has been worked on already, Boat Launch, Wildlife viewing platform, small parking lot by south end of the lake.

These changes include moving the Boat Launch to the North end of the Lake to prevent congestion and allow only bike and pedestrian access beyond that, changing access to the park from Arcade St. entrance with turn lane and better access & parking to Round Lake. At Picnic Pavilion, widening entrances to parking lots, then making parking stalls narrower to allow more cars to park, providing better access to pedestrian walkways and screening dumpsters better. At the Beach House, it is difficult to cross over the turn-around, therefore, it will be removed, and the parking lot will be pulled in to create better ped/bikeways. Bike racks will be moved closer to the beach. The parking lot stalls will narrow to standard width to create more parking.

Construction begins in later August, with push starting after Labor Day.

Bill asks if all four parking lots will be completed this year? Hopefully, but will do Beach House and Lakeside Center as base bid. Cost estimates are increasing but there is more funding coming in.

Lynnette asks about handicap parking, yes, it is accounted for in all areas.

Presentation: Mural Project for Lake Phalen

Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District (RWMWD), *Sage Passi, Outreach Director*

This is a collaboration with/introduced by Friends of the Mississippi with the purpose of educating the community about the water quality. They looked for an area last fall in order to do something in conjunction with WaterFest. Decided on the pedestrian bridge near the picnic pavilion in Jan/Feb. Wanted community input, held a workshop and discussed many options. L'Etoile du Nord and Farnsworth schools were also included in this process. Design is created from all the input provided by these many groups and community. Will finalize the design, get approval from the City and are looking for letter of support from the District Council.

Mural will only last for maybe five years due to foot traffic. Painting will start the day before WaterFest. It will be on the bridge deck.

Bill makes motion to write a letter of support, Stuart seconds and motion passes.

Public comment and input:

Regina would like to know how long it would last? Maybe five years as foot traffic will influence, salt too. Will talk to Park & Recs. Google says murals last ten to twenty years. Joanne would like to know who cleans up inappropriate language if this gets vandalized; Parks & Rec. Department does.

Margot Ashmore from Minneapolis-St. Paul Home Tour! April 27 & 28. Payne Phalen does have three houses on the tour. Cookie Cart (1st commercial Blend award) can help promote the Blend award (blending in with the surrounding Architecture) and is a few blocks from one of the houses.

Board deliberation and votes

Waterfest 2019 staffing for table? Decline, as no one is available? Tabled for further discussion.

2019 Budget update by Jack – City Council & Mayor have adopted 2019 budget which includes a bump in funds for all the District Councils which work out best for Payne Phalen. Jack recommends that all the additional money that is given goes to our primary project which is updating the district plan. All numbers will remain the same based on analysis done last fall with bookkeeper.

Bill motions to approve the budget, Stuart seconds and motion is passed.

Annual meeting planning – Preparations, game plan & assignments.

Recommit form to be signed or not signed. Britt passed out participation list as suggestion for nominations along with letters to be distributed to people we think may be interested. We are all to recruit. Nominations working group: Britt, Stuart, Bill, Valentine, Tara & Joanne E. Fundraising group: Athena, Seanne, Bill, Chris. Hospitality group: Wintana, Lynette, Rebecca, Krishna.

Seanne will MC the event.

Adjourn Britt makes motion, Chris seconds and motion passes.

Minutes submitted by

Rebecca Nelson, Board Secretary