



Payne-Phalen COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the Community Meeting

Tuesday, October 22nd, 2019 6:30 p.m.

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

Board Directors: Bill Zajicek, Chris Schweitzer, Crystal Norcross, Rebecca Nelson, Britt Kringle, Athena Hollins, Lynnette Harris, Ikram Ali, Patricia Enstad, Eric Saathoff, Stuart Knappmiller, Janey Atchison, Seanne Thomas, John Thompson, Krishna Natarajan

Community Participants & Guests: Ray B., Don L., Regina R., Joann E., Kathy S., Frank A. (Ramsey Co Public Works), Melanie K. (Lower Phalen Creek Project), and 3 additional residents

Staff: Executive Director Jack Byers, Administrative Assistant Robin Horkey

Welcome: Introductions and Review of the Agenda

Presentations and Discussion:

1. Update to the Payne-Phalen District Plan:

Tonight: Identifying and starting to work through a planning issue:

Looking into how the Rush Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and Lower Phalen Creek Project could potentially co-exist in the Phalen Boulevard Corridor

Presenters:

-Jack Byers, PPCC Executive Director

-Melanie Kleiss, Lower Phalen Creek Project

-Frank Alarcon, Planning Specialist II, Ramsey County Public Works – Multi-Modal Planning

Discussion facilitators: Picked from a hat: Eric, Seanne, and Janey

Encouraged to bring our own unique talents to the board and from the community. How to build on these to be more effective all together. As this is a collective endeavor.

Split into three different groups both Board members and community members to discuss Phalen Creek and the Rush Line.

Daylighting of Phalen Creek. Specific engagement with the community & the Capitol Region Watershed District and the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District gave funding for the daylighting project. Restoring the natural ecology and wildlife habitat was the strongest factor.

Please keep in mind the redevelopment of the area between Earl and Arcade just north of Phalen Blvd for the creek when we do our Community plan.

Rush line – connecting Downtown St Paul to Downtown White Bear Lake. Using all Electric fleet. Construction won't begin until 2024. Coordination with the Earl St, Arcade St/ Neid St to help with the Phalen Creek daylighting.

Board Deliberation, Votes, and Reports

1. Licenses and City Entitlements:

Reviewed at the October Executive Committee meeting, no action needed

- lot split: 981 Mendota
- Demolition:1042 Sims Avenue
- License Renewal: Checks R Us, 942 Payne Ave
- Malt, off-sale: Shu Karen Grocery, 1097 Payne Ave
- Wine, On-sale/Malt, On-Sale: Café Lilla, 1110 Payne Ave

Eric makes motion to give letter of support to Café Lilla for wine sales, based on owner's previous experience, Krishna seconds, motion passes.

2. Approval of Minutes: Board Minutes for August & September Meetings. Eric motions to approve both, Britt seconds, motion passes
3. Financial Report: (Janey Atchison, Treasurer) Janey reports not to be worried total assets do match the total liabilities. Bill asks about retained earnings on deductions and what that is. Janey will find out. Chris asks about independent audit, bylaws require audit every three years. Bill states that this needs to be changed in the bylaws or we should probably get it done. Independent audit will cost around \$3000. There has been some deep scrutiny in the previous years, so finances have been looked at closely.
4. Update: Arcade Street Working Group (Eric Saathoff, Chair) No update
5. Update: Board Retreat (Athena Hollins and Jack Byers) Jack is looking into this, may have this at the Dec Meeting, still looking into this as it is a little expensive.(Cost, timing & scope) Might have at beginning of the meeting and social event at the end of the meeting. Jack emphasizes that if we do this, we need to have attendance for this. Another date for the Dec meeting?
6. Community Events and Activities

-Harvest Parade and East Side Community Festival:

Thank you Rebecca, Athena, Janey, and Stuart

-Ward 6 Candidate forum:

October 23rd, 7-8:30 pm, Arlington Hills Community Center, 1200 Payne Ave

-East Side Housing Community Conversation:

Tuesday, Nov 12th; East Side Freedom Library. TPT will be filming along with the filmmakers of Jim Crow of the North. This film will be led by the youth. Seanne would like to see an East Side working group come out of this around the issue of housing.

-Give to the Max Day:

Thursday Nov 14th – all day, any time, any amount! Always needed, always appreciated!

-Maryland Ave 4 to 3 Lane Conversion Trial Open House:

Tuesday Nov 19th, Arlington Hills Community Center 1200 Payne Ave

-Metro Transit Network Next Community Conversation on transit access Tuesday Nov 26th, Arlington Hills Community Center, 1200 Payne Ave. *Volunteers needed!* We have received a grant to do this! In concordance with our monthly meeting

-Railroad Island meeting will be held on Nov, 24th.

-Trunk or Treat event on October 31st at Hope Community Academy in the parking lot.

-Trunk or Treat on Monday Oct 28th at the YMCA. Lions Club Donut trailer will be there.

Adjournment of the Public Meeting

7:45PM

Immediately following the Community Meeting, the Board of Directors will hold a Closed Door Session to discuss Board matters. This Portion of the meeting is closed to the public.

Adjournment of the Closed Door session

8:00 PM

- **Next meeting:** *November 26th, 2019* at the Arlington Hills Community Center, 1200 Payne Avenue