



Payne-Phalen

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Community Meeting

Wednesday, February 26th, 2020 6:30 p.m.

East Side Freedom Library, 1105 Greenbriar St, St. Paul

Board Directors: Seanne Thomas, Lynette Harris, Rebecca Nelson, Athena Hollins, Bill Zajicek, Stuart Knappmiller, Eric Saathoff

Community Participants & Guests: Joanne Ellis (Aide to Commissioner McDonough), Damien Schaab, Nicole Peterson, Anne DeJoy, Scott Miller, Regina Rippel, Dia Vang (Aide to Councilmember Yang), and Tom LaFleche (Brunson's)

Staff: Executive Director Jack Byers, Administrative Assistant Robin Horkey

Welcome: Introductions and Review of the Agenda

Greetings: Dia Vang, aide to Nelsie Yang. Thank you for your time and your volunteer support. We are still new to this, and we are still learning! Our office is always open, and your support is appreciated.

Updates:

Arcade Street Working Group (Eric Saathoff): We met with representatives from MNDOT & the City about Arcade St from Larpenteur to 7th St. Talked about speed concerns about pedestrians especially by Johnson High School, bus stops by the golf course; do we need 6 lanes in that area and how the road changes along the corridor. Pushed out to 2024, open to our concerns and not too late in the process to input. Commitment to engage.

East Side Housing Summit/East Side Housing Justice (Seanne Thomas): Looking at collaborative grant through CURA to continue the work & build on momentum, proposing three organizations come together to get maximum \$75,000 (Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services, MICAH, East Side Freedom Library) to continue the process of East Side Housing Justice. The Coalition is focusing on the theme of tenant rights with a physical target of Hillcrest. ABC Realty is leading the way, providing for Community Engagement & Education.

Decision needed by the Board of Directors:

Request for support: Brunson's Pub Expansion Plan for a STAR Grant. Building between Brunson's and Cookie Cart was purchased. Will allow for new handicap-accessible bathrooms, sprinkler system, bring back entry up to code, and expand the kitchen. No quorum so will email out vote. Eric motions to send a letter of support, Athena seconds, motion passes by the Board Members who are here, will follow up with absent members by email.

Updates:

Update to the District Plan: Release of Call for Artists (Jack Byers). Working with Springboard for the Arts to hire two artists. This is a very highly paid position! Get the word out the deadline is Sunday March first. Sarah from ESAC, Betsy Mowry Voss from District 1, and Jack will weed out applications, Executive committee will make final decision and bring to the board meeting in April.

Updates from Recruitment Committee (Patricia, Athena, Janey) for PPCC Elections on April 28th. Everyone is recruiting and asking at least a few people. 7 open seats, we have 60 days to recruit.

Updates from Events Committee for Annual Meeting on April 28th. Silent Auction/Food: Krishna, Bill, Stuart, Lynette & Patricia. This committee should meet to plan who does what.

Board Retreat: Saturday March 7th, 9-2 at Mississippi Market. Propel will be running the retreat training. Everyone needs to attend.

Decisions needed by the Board of Directors:

Appointment to Downtown St Paul Airports Advisory Committee. Eric moves to appoint Stuart. Rebecca will be alternate. Athena seconds motion passes for Board members present, will email absent Board members for vote.

Appointment to fill vacant seat in the PPCC Exec Committee. Bill suggests we make this an item in the Strategic planning session?

Discussion:

Items related to the Update to District Plan: Decided to remove this from the agenda as we already discussed this previously.

Other Business:

Financial Report: Janey Atchison, Treasurer Bill asks about negative money again on the balance sheet. Will have Janey report on this next meeting.

Approval of Minutes from Previous meeting. Seanne motions to approve, Bill seconds Motion passes with Board members present.

Nicole Peterson, AICP, District 5 resident: Would like to research and findings from the 1979 District Plan, Requests feedback on this research and findings, Assist with District Plan and offer volunteer hours to continue research and present info at neighborhood meetings to inform the public about the importance of planning. Lynette invites her to become a Board member

Damian Schaab announced that Don Lorr is elected to co-chair and rebranded to RING, now two year terms and meeting on 1st Thursday of every month. Moving to 713 Minnehaha Ave.

Adjournment Eric motions to adjourn.