



Payne-Phalen

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Community Meeting

Tuesday, May 26th, 2019 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Online via Zoom conferencing

Board Directors: Athena Hollins, Britt Kringle, Stuart Knappmiller, Rebecca Nelson, Ikram Ali, Patricia Enstad, Bill Zajicek, Janey Atchison, Krishna Natarajan, John Thompson.

Staff: Jack Byers, Executive Director, Robin Horkey, Admin Asst & Community Outreach

Guest: Julie Vang, Marcie E.

Welcome: Introductions and Review of the Agenda

Context:

Many organizations are confronting how to manage the need to host virtual board meetings and elections when current bylaws do not allow for this activity. It has been recommended that District Councils in St Paul use the language that the City Council is using to justify the need for virtual council meetings. That language is as follows:

“In-person meetings, or meetings conducted under Minn. Stat. 13D.02 of the City Council are not practical or prudent because of the COVID-19 health pandemic emergency declared under Minn. Stat. Chapter 12 by the Minnesota Governor Tim Walz and Saint Paul Mayor Melvin Carter. In light of the COVID-19 health pandemic, members of the City Council will participate in City Council meetings by telephone or other electronic means.”

In the April meeting, the PPCC Board adopted this language and a series of other measures to manage the organization through this challenging time.

Updates from the Executive Committee:

1. Appointment of Patricia Enstad to the Executive Committee
2. PPCC Financial Report and Status (Janey Atchison, Treasurer) – waiting on papers from Bremer to be able to receive \$15,000 line of credit. Have received PPE and that will cover two months of payroll, and some rent & utilities. The City is behind on reimbursements to us, but our contract should be fulfilled soon. Bill Z asks about retained earning line again. Janey talked to bookkeeper and it is spreadsheet error/mislabeled
3. City of St. Paul S.A.F.E. Housing Tenant Protections Ordinance (Seanne Thomas) – Seanne is unavailable at this moment. -Substantive vs Procedural issue. Should we as a District Council weigh in on this Ordinance and provide a statement on this. Patricia motions to make a statement supporting S.A.F.E Housing Protections, Bill seconds. There is not a lot of clarity right now, unsure if the community knows they should weigh in now or if we should weigh in as a council.

Tornado Warning Meeting to reconvene in half an hour

Discussion continues, support for the ordinance makes more sense than not to support it given our demographic area. Motion is voted on and passed. Jack will write a letter to the City Council in support of the Ordinance.

Due to events in the Community, meeting was adjourned, and the rest of the agenda postponed.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Nelson
Board Secretary