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Minutes for the Community Meeting

Tuesday, August 25, 2020 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Online via Zoom Conferencing

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. Following the lead of the St. Paul City Council, in April the PPCC Board adopted the following language (and a series of other measures to manage the organization through this challenging time:

"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."

Welcome: Introductions and Review of the Agenda

Board Members: Rebecca Nelson, Patricia Enstad, Krishna Natarajan, Bill Zajicek, Janey Atchison, John Thompson, Seanne Thomas, Marci Exsted, Carolyn Keeton **Excused:** Stuart Knappmiller, Ikram Ali, Athena Hollins, and Lynette Harris.

Staff: Jack Byers, Executive Director, Robin Horkey, Admin. & Outreach Assistant.

Community Participants & Guests: Mike Allen, Sam Wegner, Stephanie Harr, Michael Alada, Kelsey Canaday, Demontrea Davis, Stephan Kistler, Damien Schaab

Business items:

- 1. Approval of Minutes from recent meeting: (Rebecca Nelson, Secretary). Patricia motions to approve April Minutes, Bill Z seconds. Motion passes. Patricia motions to approve July minutes, Krishna seconds. Motions passes
- 2. PPCC Financial Report and Status (Janey Atchison, Treasurer) We are under budget, due mostly to Covid. Bill & Janey will meet at different time to discuss retained earnings question.

- 3. Updates and recommendations from the Nominations/Events Committee (Rebecca Nelson). Nominations Committee (Rebecca, Patricia, Bill & Athena) met and interviewed Marci Exsted & Carolyn Keeton. Bill makes recommendation of the Nominations Committee to accept Marci Exsted and Carolyn Keeton for three year terms and in turn, Rebecca Nelson and Patricia Enstad for another three year term each and Lynette Harris for a one year term. Noting that the term has already started. Janey motions to accept the recommendation, John seconds. Motion passes.
- 4. Recommendations from the Executive Committee on Board re-appointments (Athena Hollins) See motion above
- 5. Re-Activation of the Arcade Street Working Group (Stuart Knappmiller) Skip as Stuart is not here.

City Projects Requests for Support:

- 6. Request for support from the City of St Paul, Interim Pedestrian Improvements at Arlington and Arkwright (Jack Byers) Seanne motions to support temporary project until permanent project can begin three years from now. Bill Seconds, motion passes
- 7. Request for Support from the City of St Paul, Planning Commission Updates to the Multi-Family Residential (RM) Zoning Districts (Jack Byers) Bill motions to accept proposal, John seconds, motion passes
- 8. Request for Support City of St Paul, Proposal for changing wine shop distance requirements (Stephanie Harr, Legislative Aide, Ward 7). Currently Liquor stores are required to have half a mile distance between them, would like to change this for Wine only, off sale requirement to 300 ft. allowing for a wine specialty store to be located closer to another liquor store or another wine store. Therefore, increasing business opportunities. Seanne motions to write a letter of support for distance change, Patricia seconds. Motion passes.

Community Discussion:

- 9. Flower Power at the Creek: Collaboration with Partner Organization: Lower Phalen Creek Project and Oyate Hotanin, September 5th, 10-3 pm, Johnson Parkway and East Maryland Avenue, Additional Hybrid/Online activities: TBD (Staff from LPCP)
- 10. Solidarity Street Gallery Event: Collaboration with Community Partner Organizations: Payne Ave, October 1st-3rd Additional Hybrid/Online Activities: TBD (Stephan Kistler, Artist/Organizer)

Wrap-up, announcements, and other business:

Family Values for Life Back to School Event August 26th 12-8 pm First Covenant Church 1280 Arcade St.

Get Loaded: East Side Elders Drive thru potato bar. Order online!

ADJOURN John motions to adjourn, Seanne seconds motion passes

Next PPCC meeting: Tuesday September 22nd, 2020 6:30 PM