



Payne-Phalen

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes for the Community Meeting

Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom Conferencing

6:35 Welcome: Introductions and Review of the Agenda (Rebecca Nelson, Board President)

Attendance: Rebecca Nelson, Stuart Knappmiller, Carolyn Keeton, Marci Exsted, Jacob Jurss, Athena Hollins (phone), Kelsey Canaday, Krishna Natarajan, Ikram Ali, Lynette Harris, Bill Zajicek, Patricia Enstad, John Thompson, Janey Atchison, Seanne Thomas

Absent: Wintana Melekin

Community Participants and guests: Tom Lucy, Dugan Magraw, Emily Meacham

Staff: Executive Director Jack Byers, Administrative and Outreach Assistant Robin Horkey

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.”

Business items:

1. Approval of minutes from January: (Stuart Knappmiller, Secretary)

2. PPCC Monthly Financial Report and Status (Janey Atchison, Treasurer)

3. 6:45 2020 Donor report (Jack Byers, Executive Director) PPCC received \$7300 in donations in 2020. Memorial Day was when donations increased. They came from around the country. Most were small and from St. Paul and online via GiveMN. We received Venmo donations beginning in June. A few checks were received. Produce donations came for the late May and June Food Drives. Letters will be sent to 350 volunteers in next month or so. Distribution, accessibility and storage are the food issues now. Bill moved we create a committee to look at service issues. Janey seconded. Motion passed. Ikram, Stuart, Bill, Jake, Patricia, Rebecca and Lynette expressed interested in this.

4. 7:35 Annual Budget for 2021 - (Jack Byers, Executive Director) Bill moved we buy a sign for PPCC, Janey seconded. Lynette will reach out to see if a sign can be donated. It was agreed to table this till next month, after discussion. Seanne moved we approve the budget, Marci seconded. Motion passed. Bill moved to continue our meeting for 30 minutes. Motion passed.

5. 7:45 Operational Updates (Jack Byers, Executive Director) We passed on discussing this tonight.

Discussion Items:


6. Refresh: The Payne-Phalen District Plan - This involves the Civic Engagement Grant funds of \$136,334 from the city. We are reimbursed for expenses. We have two requirements: 1) to do community engagement in the neighborhood 2) to create a District Plan every ten years which plans for 20 years into the future. The MN Land Planning Act requires the MET Council to create a regional plan in 2014, 2024 etc. Thrive 2040 is their plan. St Paul must submit a comprehensive plan in 2019, 2029, etc., which should reflect PPCC's plan. 1979 was the year the first plan was done by all 17 councils. There have been 1,2,3 iterations by all the other councils. PPCC's population was very different from today in 1979. 80% were white/working class, with much less poverty. A major issue was the Phalen Corridor from Lafayette to Maryland/Johnson Parkway. In Oct 2018 PPCC started to do preliminary planning with our community, which we would adopt, and use. This process has 5 phases: gathering, assessment, analysis, policy formation, and establishment of goals and priorities.

7. 8:02 Request to support a City Council Resolution opposing the Line 3 Pipeline (Patricia Enstad) St Paul 350 is working with Nelsie and Jayne on this. 2 years ago the council opposed the Dakota Access Pipeline. Physics

Professor Jim Doyle wrote the document. Marci moves to write a letter in support of Nelsie Yang and Jane Prince's resolution in opposition to Line 3. Jake seconded. Motion passed.

8. 8:25 Saint Paul Federation of Educators, "Solar Power, Equity and Our Future: How SPPS Can Be A Climate Leader," Virtual town hall on February 24th (5-6:30 pm), Tom Lucy social worker at SPPS helped create SPFT's Climate Action Team. You will hear from solar providers and a Mounds View educator where solar is happening. Link is in Jack's attachment.

Updates, announcements, and other business:

- Update: Wheelock Park Public Art: Artist Selection Process (Marci Exsted) First meeting is ahead.
- In-progress: Arcade Street public engagement process
- In-progress: Arcade/Maryland Feasibility Study
- Looking ahead: Solidarity Street Festival, Harvest Festival, and Art in the Hollow September 2021 

➤ **Next PPCC Community Meeting:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 6:30 pm on Zoom

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8:45pm

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