



Payne-Phalen

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Community Meeting Tuesday, April 27, 2021 6:30 p.m. Online via Zoom Conferencing

Welcome: Introductions and Review of the Agenda

Attendees: Krishna Natarajan, Janey Atchison, Rebecca Nelson, William Zajicek, Marci Exsted, Jacob Jurss, Lynette Harris, Kelsey Canaday, Patricia Enstad, Seanne Thomas

Staff: Jack Byers, Robin Horkey

Community Participants and guests: Tabbie Day, Eric Zidlicky, Hayley Ball (Urban Roots), Joann Ellis, Don Lorr, Al Mohring, Andy Gitzlaff (Ramsey County), Katie Emory (Ramsey County), Daryl Ludke

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 recent meetings: Motion to accept prior meeting's Minutes. Patricia made the motion, Lynette seconded. All board members approved.
2. Clarification: PPCC Annual Meeting and Elections will be held on Saturday *morning*, September 25, 2021. Details as the dates gets closer.
3. Monthly financial report and status presented by Janey Atchison, Treasurer.

4. Filing of IRS form 990 – Annual statement for non-profits for 2020 (Janey Atchison, Treasurer). Motion to approve Form 990-EZ to be submitted. Patricia made motion, Seanne seconded. Motion approved.
5. Resolution to approve the MN Attorney General's Annual Report for 2020 (Janey Atchison, Treasurer). William Zajicek made the resolution, Lynette seconded the resolution. All members approved.
6. Update on Fundraising Committee – Jacob Jurss presented. No motions made.

Developing the Payne-Phalen District Plan:

Chapter: Social and Community Development:

7. Request for Support: Water Box at Rivoli Gardens (Hayley Ball, Urban Roots). Lynette motioned to create the letter of support, Jacob seconds. All members approved.

Chapter: Land Use/Zoning:

8. Rezoning and Variance Applications: 936 Westminster Street – Rezoning to allow for a fourplex, variance for side yard setback, and parking variance (Tobias Fritsch, Drachenschuppe LLC). Application was withdrawn by the applicant. Brief discussion for planning purposes. Residents Daryl, Al, and Kathy each expressed their concerns on aspects of the project.
9. Updates from the Jam Board: Focus on Land Use and Housing issues (Marci Exsted, Board Member)

Chapter: Transportation:

10. Presentation: Rush Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW): Upcoming public review and comment period: May 11th-June 25th (Andy Gitzlaff and Katie Emory, Ramsey County). There are now 21 stations planned. There will be two online meetings and one in-person event, each with a presentation and Q & A. Planning for electric buses; technology still needs to improve, but they have five years before the buses will be rolling.
11. *Discussion:* Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming in St. Paul. Brief discussion on the Stop for Me campaigns and whether we would support this project as it currently exists, since it involves the police department stopping vehicles. However, the education piece of promoting pedestrian safety is very important, and perhaps we could work on other ways to promote the education without the police involvement. Discussion to be continued.
12. Request for two grant application letters of support from William Zajicek relating to the Minnesota China Friendship Garden. The Neighborhood STAR grant is for

completing the installation of security cameras at the garden, and creating, fabricating, and installing a plaque and surrounding landscaping at the Hmong Heritage Wall. The Cultural STAR grant is for hardscaping and planting at the Xiang Jiang Pavilion and for installation of the garden name stone, landscaping design, and plantings at the West Archway Gate. First motion from William Zajicek, Marci Seconded. All voted in favor. Second motion from William Zajicek, Marci Seconded. All voted in favor.

Announcements and other business:

- Arcade Street Virtual Community Meeting #1: Thursday, April 29, 2021 5:00-6:00 pm
- Arcade Street Virtual Community Meeting #2: Monday, May 3, 2021 12-1 pm
- City of St. Paul Parking Study related to minimum parking requirements: CPC Public Hearing on April 30th, 8:30 a.m.
- Update: Wheelock Parkway Public Art: Artist Selection Process – the panel voting to choose the artists will vote by the 30th.
- East Metro Pulse, Round 3 – Coming soon. Strong participation needed!
- City of St. Paul, Swede Hollow Park Master Plan – Interpretive Signage: Community meetings to be scheduled for June.

Jacob motions to adjourn, Lynette seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

➤ ***Next PPCC Community Meeting:*** Tues., May 25, 2021 at 6:30 pm on Zoom

Notes taken by Krishna Natarajan on behalf of Stuart Knappmiller.