



Payne-Phalen

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes for the Community Meeting

Tuesday, August 23, 2022, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

In-person meeting: Arlington Hills Rec Center, 1200 Payne Avenue

- **Pre-Meeting activity:** Video testimonials and nominations. Meet at front doors of AHRC at 6 pm. All are welcome. **6:00 pm**
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Welcome: Introductions and Review of the Agenda **6:30 pm**
In attendance:

Community Members - May yer Thao, Aaron Jost and Scott Hanlon (Chances Tavern), Shannon Crabtree (HOURCAR), Leah Cooper and Alan Berks (Wonderlust Productions), Christin Urbanski, and four other community members.

Board Members - Kelsey Canaday, Athena Hollins, Patricia Enstad, Julia Wilcox, Seanne Thomas, Janey Atchison, Rebecca Nelson, Damian Schaab, Marci Exsted, Carolyn Keeton.

Staff - Jack Byers & Robin Horkey

Business items: **6:40 pm**

1. Approval of minutes: (Marci Exsted, Secretary)
 - a. Athena moved to approve, Caroline seconded, approved unanimously.
2. PPCC Monthly Financial Report and Status (Janey Atchison, Treasurer)
 - a. Seanne moved to approve, Athena seconded, approved unanimously.
3. Nomination of May yer “mine-za” Thao to the Board of Directors to fill a one-year vacancy (Rebecca Nelson, President)
 - a. May introduced herself. Community & economic development, grants admin background in Milwaukee & then moved back here. Want to be active partners b/c our communities “live, work, & play” in this district. Wants to help with equitable district for everyone.
 - b. Rebecca nominated, Kelsey seconded, passed unanimously.
4. Request for support: Temporary Liquor License for Chances Tavern at 1080 Payne Avenue (Tom LaFleche, Brunson’s Pub).
 - a. Scott Hanlon & Aaron Jost. Purchased what was a previous space & have been completing renovations. Things moving faster on their end than the liquor license, hoping to get this expedited, potentially a temp license.

- b. Aaron - license has been put in, up to community to get feedback right now, just trying to bridge gap between where they're at and opening. Currently still working on finishing the food truck.
- c. Damian: Size of the gap?
 - i. Aaron - mid October...
 - ii. Not asking for now until mid-Oct, asking more for mid-Sept to mid-Oct, which would be when they'd be ready to go.
- d. Damian: probably trying to capitalize on what's left on summer?
 - i. Aaron - yes
- e. Rebecca - lots of renovations?
 - i. Aaron - yes, totally new ceiling, carpet is gone. Windows were all around but you couldn't see w/drop-down ceiling but now the 4 block windows are visible.
- f. Patricia - community feedback?
 - i. Scott - everybody has seemed really kind & excited, regulars have popped in & they've showed folks their progress
- g. Patricia - food truck?
 - i. Aaron - confirmed this & will put the food truck in the back due to the small size of the kitchen in the back, so this will serve more as their kitchen than an active, moving food truck. Will still be service from the food truck, ppl won't have to get their food there.
- h. Damian - asked about staff use of parking lot/rear entrance access?
 - i. Aaron - did update this, small step.
- i. Damian - asked about ADA accessibility
 - i. Aaron - not the back but the front has a small step...couldn't really make back ADA but the front we can see about.
 - ii. Scott - front would be encouraged entrance, of course but we won't dissuade people from coming in from the back.
- j. Rebecca/Athena - asked about community input again, beyond just people stopping by.
 - i. Aaron - idea is to get out once more of the work is getting done. Have talked to some neighbors but know they need to do more of this.
- k. Seanne - you could consider the Solidarity Street Gallery and maybe table there & talk w/ppl about your business.
- l. Scott & Aaron both came from downtown St. Paul bartending exp. but neither live in the area.
- m. May - asked about job creation
 - i. Aaron - we will start w/bartending & w/cooks might have about 4 total staff per day
- n. Damian - hours?
 - i. Aaron 11 am-12 pm, food would be like 4-10 or 9 to feel it out
- o. Julia - asked about atmosphere they're trying to create
 - i. Aaron - a mix, some low top tables, some high-top tables for family at dinner rush/happy hour and then transitioning into later night
- p. Damian - entertainment license?
 - i. Aaron - no, pretty much w/the 8 tables that will take up the space, trying to maximize space.

- q. Patricia - parking lot to the South?
 - i. Scott, that parking lot belongs to the building South of that. Parcel is where the building is and then behind it to the alley. Their parking lot is unpaved.
- r. Damian - asked about outdoor opportunities
 - i. Scott - trying to not bite off more than they could chew right now
- s. Patricia - mentioned that the chef, Tom, from Brunson's is helping out w/ food & business experience & he knows about the neighborhood
 - i. Aaron - Tom has helped them a lot & to avoid mistakes he has made
- t. Patricia moved to support the request, Athena seconded, PPCC unanimously voted in favor of writing a letter of support.

Leah & Alan introduced themselves & Wonderlust Productions. Talked about Lost & Found on Raspberry Island @ 3 pm for the next two weekends.

Developing the Payne-Phalen District Plan: 6:55 pm

5. **Demonstration: How to operate an Evie Car** (Shannon Crabtree, HOURCAR)

6. **Presentation: How to operate an Evie Car** (Shannon Crabtree, HOURCAR)
 Seanne reflected that Hourcar & Evie are just a couple tools in their toolbelt they use for the work they're doing toward environmental justice.

Additional items: 7:55 pm

- 7. Updates and preparations for the Annual Meeting/Community Meal
 - a. Janey - silent auction starts that evening [for board members to put together]
 - b. Jack provided details!

Adjourn 8:00 pm

Rebecca motioned to adjourn, Janey seconded. Passed unanimously.

- **Next Event: PPCC Annual Meeting/Free Community Dinner – All are welcome!**
Embedded in the Solidarity Street Gallery
Saturday, September 10, 2022, Parking lot at NE corner of Payne/Case
 - 1-4 pm: Tabling, outreach, other activities related to district planning efforts
 - 5 -7 pm: Free Community Meal: Sit down dinner and dessert served