



Minutes for the Community Meeting

Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Hmong American Partnership, 1075 Arcade St.

1. **Welcome:** Introductions and Review of the Agenda

6:20 pm

Meeting started late due to technical issues.

Board Members: Damian Schaab, Rebecca Nelson, Janey Atchison, Patricia Enstad, Lynette Harris, Jessica Haley, May yer Thao, Anna-Marie Foster, Ramona Banks

PPCC Staff: Jack Byers, Robin Horkey

Guests and Presenters: Tim M.(Dayton's Bluff), Mary Vang- Smok'N Outdoors BBQ, Maya Sheikh (ADA St Paul), Melanie Hazelip (Secretary of State Office).

Event:

2. East Side Voter 101:

Melanie Hazelip, Voter Outreach Director, Office of Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon

- Went over voting information and options
- Changes in who can vote
- Who to reach out to if you need help, election text help number
- Resources to encourage voting
- Absentee voting signature reminders
- What if you recently moved?
- Misinformation
- Sample ballots are available in three languages (Somali, Hmong, Spanish) for people to review
- ASK A JUDGE if you have a question!!!

Additional community items:

7:15 pm

3. City of St. Paul ADA Transition Plan, Maya Sheikh, Mobility Planner, Transportation Collaborative & Consultants Through Public Works

Currently- gathering data about peoples' experience getting around St. Paul, using data to find various points of concern, prioritizing five specific communities

Lynette- shared her experience of living with a disability, ADA compliant housings, downtown St. Paul

Janey- ADA complaint snow removal issues around sidewalks and streets

Tim- how do we hold landlords and business owners accountable who never remove snow/meet ADA requirements

Patricia- what is the role of the survey- accessibility vs mobility?

A: Both- things that fall under public works purview

Janey- what is public works purview?

Maya- sidewalks, streets, crosswalks, paths, public works buildings

This ADA Transition Plan is just for Public Works, not the entire city.

Damian makes a motion to include the talking points of this discussion in our district plan so the government understands the needs of our community in regards to the ADA.

Anna-Marie seconded, unanimously approved.

4. New Business Welcome: Mary Vang, Smok'N Outdoors BBQ, 1409 Arcade St.
 - closed since May 2024, have not opened back up
 - Here to ask for our opinion and support
 - Started as a food truck in 2018
 - They will be closing- haven't announced to the public but she is looking for the ideas to keep the business alive
 - Current thought- market day on Saturdays, market nights on Thursday and Friday nights, has a valid kitchen license
 - Looking for advice and resources from us
 - They are keeping the food truck. They have a lease for the next two years.
 - TAG Cafe is now closing (1440 Arcade St)

Rebecca- loves the idea of keeping the building alive and supports the market idea, different venue, great space: has parking, awnings

Lynette- already talked to her, support our BIPOC community, building could support pop-up kitchens, could host parties/events, Airbnb style for the food truck

May yer- will share contact info for HAPs business development team, and East Side business networks contacts

Ramona- her church and other nurses always looking for spaces for "fairs", Ramona is crafty and she could sell her crafts there

Jack- Arcade is being redone next year but we are trying to support businesses

Lynette- reapply for the Promise Act and try to get second round funding

Damian- revise business license to ensure you are still compliant.

They had a fire in May and the building was condemned. Currently working with city to get it un-condemned

Patricia- there are lists for commercial kitchens that you could be added to

Everyone lends support, she will be back next month

5. Coming up: Trunk or Treat, Railroad Island Neighborhood Group and TriLingua

Cinema. Friday, October 25th, 4:30-6 pm, Rivoli Bluffs Farm, 749 Arkwright St.
Lynette will try to be there. May yer can donate candy.

Patricia mentioned a fence went up around Walgreens and CVS. Another example of corporations abandoning our community and creating a blight. Trying to find out what is happening on the lots.

Regular Business:

7:55 pm

6. *Approval item:* Minutes from September 2024 meeting (Marci Exsted)

7. *Approval item:* Financial Reports for September 2024 (Janey Atchison)

Janey makes motions to approve minutes and financials. Anna-Marie seconds. Approved unanimously.

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8:00 pm

➤ ***Next PPCC Community Meeting:*** Tuesday, November 26, 2024
Arlington Hills Recreation Center, 1200 Payne Avenue

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