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Payne Phalen District Five Board of Directors Meeting

Draft Agenda – Please note the meeting is held the 3rd Tuesday this month

Tuesday, December 15, 2009 – 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: 722 Payne Avenue (Payne and Minnehaha)

Eastern District Police Department Community Room

Standard Order of Business:

Approx Times	Action Item	Key Responsibility
5 min	Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions, Community Guests	Al Oertwig, Board President
5 min	Roll Call	Secretary, Trista Matascastillo
3 min	Approval of Agenda	Al Oertwig, Board President
5 min	President's Report	Al Oertwig, Board President
<p>Current Community Issues District Five is working on or addressing. Updates and Discussion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. East Side Aging Panel - (UPDATE from David Theisen - 5 min) 2. 3M Site Redevelopment (UPDATE) (3 min) 3. Payne Maryland Town Hall - Planning Process (UPDATE) (5) 4. Phalen Lake Regional Park - Master Plan (3) 5. Tenant Remedy Action (TRA) status and intent (ACTION) (7) 		
10 min	Executive Director Report (10) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Quick review of written report ▪ Discussion of 2010 plans tied to draft budget 	Leslie McMurray Executive Director
10 min	Treasurer's Report (Please contact the D5 office with any informational questions prior to the meeting) Proposed Motions:	Janice Lafloe & Leslie McMurray

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1. Motion to approve the November 2009 Financial Report.
 2. Recommendations from the Finance Committee.

The Final Budget will be adopted or amended at the January 2010 Board meeting.

7 min

CONSENT AGENDA Proposed Motion: To approve the December 15, 2009 Board of Directors Consent Agenda. (A second is required. No discussion is required).

Note to Board: All Board Directors are assumed to have thoroughly reviewed all minutes and information items prior to each meeting. Any item may be pulled from the Consent Agenda for additional discussion, clarification, tabling or further action. Any Board member may request that an item be pulled for any reason. Whenever possible, please give an advance courtesy call to the relevant Committee Chair AND the Board Chair to notify them of your intention. The Chair will automatically pull any known issue of controversy issue from the Consent Agenda.

1. Minutes of the November 2009 Board of Directors Meeting.

Al Oertwig, Board President

2. Support for Action Item in the November CPED Report. The only issue discussed was Pawn America. The minutes in entirety comprise the Committee Report to the Board.

Action Items from November 2009 CPED meeting:

1. Motion passed to reject the application for a Conditional Use Permit and Class N License Application for 334 University for Pawn America.

3. Support for action items and plans as they are reflected in the Neighborhood Action Committee Draft Minutes.

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New Business - Other Issues or Announcements

Chair

Adjournment

Chair

** Please call the District Five office (651) 774-5234 if you have questions about any item on this agenda. By taking care of informational items prior to our meetings, time is freed up for solid discussion of issues and for meaningful dialogue. Prior notice to staff or the Board Chair or Committee Chairs of your questions will permit them to do any required research and to better serve your interests. Thank you.*

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Payne Phalen District 5 Planning Council Board of Directors

24 November 2009

Attendance: Al Oertwig, President, Kerry Stone, Trista Matascastillo, Janice Lafloe, Ryan Kapaun, Danny Garcia-Velez, Buzz Wilson, Jerry Livesay, David Theisen, Roy Evans, Bill Zajicek, Mike Venem, Ted Hecht, Brian Cooper, Laurie Krivitz.

Staff: Leslie McMurray

Absent: Dave Theisen (excused), Sheldon Schwartz (excused), Antwan Flowers, Steve Lee

Community: Linda Jungwirth, representing Ramsey County Commissioner Janice Rettman, Monte Hilleman (Saint Paul Port Authority).

President Al Oertwig convened the monthly Board meeting with a Call to Order. He welcomed all participants and a round of community introductions ensued.

The Roll Call was taken by Secretary Matascastillo and excused absences noted. The October Board Meeting minutes were approved and adopted.

President Oertwig reviewed the Agenda with the Board, noting that Diane Wanner (City staff) had asked to be rescheduled to a future meeting to discuss training options and the 2010 Census. Dave Theisen could not attend but will in future provide an overview of a session he attended by the Wilder Foundation on issues of ageing and the East Side. The Agenda was approved with these changes.

3M Redevelopment Site – and Programmatic Agreement

Monte Hilleman, VP of Redevelopment of Port Authority (and his 3-year old daughter Ella in attendance), presented to the Board the draft Memorandum of Agreement that will allow the EPA to release funds for Brownfield reclamation at the 3M Site. The Federal EPA and the MN State SHCPO are the key signatories to the agreement. The Port Authority and the City Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) are organizational signatories. District Five, District Four, the City of Saint Paul PED and the East Side Area Business Association (ESABA) are consulting party signatories. Leslie McMurray and Al Oertwig have represented District Five interests in the consensus building process. A degree of negotiation and compromise characterizes this process. Multiple community interests have been at the table over a year long process of over 30 Community Advisory and Committee meetings. The interest in preservation of the site has been an ongoing theme as people have worked to achieve a significant development plan. The 46 acre 3M redevelopment site is the Port's biggest redevelopment since the 70's. The SPPA has engaged a real estate marketing firm with international reach to intensively market the core buildings designated for re-use and rehab. This effort will continue for two years. The Port's position is that

following this marketing effort, if no investor surfaces that the Port would then seek to raze the buildings for other forms of redevelopment (perceived to be more marketable). Various opinions about the marketability of the re-use buildings were discussed. The general consensus reflected a strong desire to see the site succeed in attracting jobs for East Siders, with the acknowledgement that the unique nature of the site and the tradition of the 3M site could greatly enhance this marketability and bring a strong developer to the site. The EPA Programmatic Agreement as presented has been agreed to by District Five representatives in the process (Kapaun, Oertwig, McMurray). President Oertwig asked for Board for a motion of support to allow him to sign the agreement. Kerry Stone moves that we accept the proposal to give full Board support for this Programmatic Agreement as it is written, Dave Syers seconds the motion. Motion adopted unanimously. It was mentioned that a Historic Preservation Hearing is on December 3, 2009, and that the topic will be discussed at this public meeting. Mr. Hilleman was thanked for his presentation.

Payne Maryland Town Hall Project:

With short notice, District 5 was asked to support the selection process of a Design Team to create a Schematic Design for the site. Some 74 firms responded to the City's RFP. Brian Tourtelotte of the City Parks and Recreation staff will be Project Manager. Al Oertwig noted some 25 plus hours had been spent along with the Executive Director to participate in this process. This was a lengthy engagement but resulted in interviewing four design teams over the course of a full day and subsequent meetings to confer with partners on the final selection.

McMurray noted that she has heard of ongoing inquiries and interest in the status of the project by residents. The hope is that all will be invited and involved in a full consultation and community process that would currently be anticipated in the 1st quarter of FY2010. This is an important project focus of District Five work as we anticipate the coming year. There are many complexities and opportunities in the project as conceived in the existing Vision Plan. The public partners are the Saint Paul Library and Parks and Recreation Department. The private partners include the Arlington Hills Lutheran Church and the Bradshaw Celebration of Life (funeral home). Leslie has proposed to City staff a possible time for a community process meeting could well occur within the 3rd or 4th week in January. The goal would be to thoroughly update the community and bring everyone on board with this current stage of planning. There have been no PMP meetings for many months and McMurray reported that some apparent changes to the facilities footprint and some uses were reconfigured during this interim period. District Five will want to assure that we have accurate updated information on any agreements that were made during this interim process. Both Oertwig and McMurray stated appreciation that District Five was part of the selection process.

Kapaun reconfirmed that there is strong community interest in the project and that neighbors want to be well involved in the project as it moves forward. There is a real concern about assuring that the public is helping to shape the public outcomes of the project. Kapaun expressed concern that levels of services from Parks and Recreation are maintained over the period of reconstruction of Arlington Rec Center. There needs to be clear plan in place to continue to offer essential public services to the neighborhood, from other nearby sites. Having no recreation services over a year or two will be very detrimental to the neighborhood. We need to ask for a plan from Parks and Recreation. The District Five Planning Council has been viewed as a potential tenant in the future building. In assessing all of the possible uses for a joint use facility, residents raised hopes that the District Council might fit into the

new building or the vacated Library or a nearby rehabbed residence etc. Kapaun raised the concern that the District Council remains free and clear of any perception of direct self interest in the planning process. He wanted to make sure that District Five remained a clear advocate for neighborhood interests in the project and did not want a focus on the District Five organizational needs.

Syers noted that the plan calls for phased construction with a primary emphasis on the Public Library and Rec Center buildings. McMurray noted that the funding campaigns for the project would be moving forward quickly to respond to the current opportunities.

The MAC Zoning ordinance (Holman Field): Al Oertwig attended the November JAZB meeting to track issues. No action needed at this time. January is the next likely date of significance.

ED's Report:

A written report was distributed and Board members were asked to ask questions or call the office if they wished for more information on any topic. McMurray highlighted several items:

The Hmong Village Redevelopment site on Johnson Parkway is moving dirt. Dayton's Bluff Community Council has invited District Five to come to an open house on December 7, 2009 along with District 2 and D4. This is at the request of DS's CPED. The meeting will be on Monday Dec 7th at 6:30 p.m. CPED should plan to attend and the Grid 56 group may also be invited to send representatives.

Trail and Street Connections – East Side Heritage Park: CPED and the Board have previously brought a motion of support to work to have Aguirre Street paved with a paved connection to the Bruce Vento Regional Trail in the newly constructed East Side Heritage Park. Follow up work with partners (Lower Phalen Creek, FOSH, Dayton's Bluff, Parks and Recreation and Commissioner Jim McDonough) will result in a walk-around of the site. This meeting will occur on Monday, 30th of November at Aguirre and Payne at 1:00 pm. The Board and CPED are invited to join in this walk through. The hope is to get Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority to permit the trail connection.

East Side Heritage Park – now fully constructed with some landscaping to be continually developed. A celebration of the site is proposed for Spring with key partners (Dayton's Bluff, District Five, Parks and Recreation, Ward Six City Council, FOSH, St. Paul Planning Commission, Mayor's Office, St. Paul Parks and Recreation). The Advisory Task force which designed the park will likely want to assist with coordinating an East Side event. Kerry Stone noted that NAC would be willing to help support the event from District Five. McMurray noted that partners appeared to agree that late May or early June was a good time to aim for this celebration.

Phalen Lake Regional Park Master Plan: Staff has communicated with the proposed Master Plan Task Force Chair that the District Council would request 2-3 seats on the Task Force. Those members would not need to be Board members or have an affiliation with District Five. But this would assure a local accountability and the means to get information from the diverse D5 community to the planning group. Staff also recommends 1-2 – large community meetings so that Park users have ample opportunity to weigh in on design priorities. Some neighbors did not like seeing that the CIB requests from parks and recreation had features listed that have never had community input. It is the staff understanding that Planning Commissioner Rich Kramer will be chairing the group, so the letter was sent to him. The Board concurred that we wanted to assure strong, diverse neighborhood presence on the planning group and

that some larger forums would be desirable. Staff noted that the Board has not yet had any request to submit names, but encouraged people to consider who would bring strong planning and participation skills to the task. Several individuals indicated a personal interest in the process.

Next week's **December CPED meeting** will feature one agenda item. **Pawn America** is considering a move to the now vacant Hoeft Appliance store at University next to I35E. It was acknowledged that there are multiple considerations to having such a project in this area. All interested were encouraged to attend.

Payne Phalen Home Tour 2010 The ED noted she has carefully examined the 2010 calendar in order to plan for staffing and resources. Ryan Kapaun has offered significant leadership to the past two successful Home Tours. The Board expressed interest in hosting a tour in 2010. The interest appears to be there to host another tour. The Federal Tax Credit for new home buyers has been extended and expanded eligibility makes this an appealing marketing tool. Since the deadline for the program requires a purchase agreement by April 2010, the Home Tour would need to occur earlier in the program year.

Staff recommends the date of Sunday, March 21, 2010. The next action step is for Ryan, staff and anyone interested to seek a meeting with SPAAR to discuss their willingness to work with District Five. Ryan noted that without SPAAR's ability to engage realtors, the Tour would be much more difficult to manage. In the near future, Kapaun and McMurray will seek a conversation with SPAAR staff. (SPAAR is currently in a merger with another organization).

District Council Board training will be covered in January by Dianne Wanner. The ED noted that a July 2010 Board Basics training be strongly encouraged for all in the new class of Board members elected in the April 27, 2010 Annual Meeting.

It was announced that TPT had received some funding (Bigelow Foundation) and was pursuing some programming focused on the East Side. The TPT staff is working with a group called East Side Leadership Area Network. This may be an opportunity for positive community stories and is hopefully not merely a service or community-in-need themed program.

The District Five grant from CURA has been extended six months. Board members are encouraged to consider how we build on this organizing effort – possibly with some of the proposed NAC project interests.

Treasurer's report: Motion to approve October 2009 financial report, seconded. Approved. A Draft Budget will be created by the ED and will be sent to the Board via e-mail. The ED noted that it would be good if there could be a committee review of the draft prior to the December meeting.

The ED reminded the Board that we are short a week in our December schedule and are compressing 3 meetings into 3 weeks, and have a range of year end commitments to meet.

Janice Lafloe has volunteered to coordinate a new phase of the D5 Down Towner Car Wash fundraiser. The coupons will be good through 12/31/10 and they are being printed. She will notify Board members about how to pick up the tickets.

Neighborhood Honor Roll: McMurray explained that this annual City-wide recognition event is hosted by the 17 District Council organizers. She will be putting in some 7-8 hours on the event in January to

produce the event program. The event is catered and is held at the University of Saint Thomas on Friday, January 22, 2010 in the early evening. Invitations will be sent to all board members. A nominal fee to attend is requested but this is subsidized by COPP money from several Wards. This city-wide recognition award is considered a life-time achievement award and is given to individual volunteers who have contributed significantly to improving the neighborhood or City. The Boards have discretion in picking the awardees, though nominations may come from as broad a pool as is notified. A number of key District Council leaders have received the award. Rarely is a sitting board member considered for the award and giving the award to community paid professionals is discouraged, since there are so few awards for volunteer service.

The Board reviewed a list of nominees and offered additional names. Two nominees, Ray Sammons and Cheryl Peterson were withdrawn as staff informed the Board that these individuals already have received this "life-time" award. It was duly noted that their ongoing contributions to the community are well appreciated. Votes were made and awardees selected and will be announced through District Five communication networks and the website. All Board members will be encouraged to consider attending the January 22nd award event. It is a great way to see all of the District Councils together and it is a great event. The 2009 Neighborhood Honor Roll nominations for volunteer service were awarded to Laurie Krivitz and Brian Cooper (Gateway Community Garden), Mark Gallagher (Local volunteer leadership with Boy Scouts, American Legion and Living at Home Block Nurse Program), and Anne Briseno (for her volunteer support of the Payne Avenue Business Association (PABA).

All nominees will be recognized publicly at the Annual Meeting on April 27, 2010.

Consent Agenda approved by motion. Consent Agenda approved with changes.

NAC Update: Kerry Stone spoke of the successful meeting to hear of resident interests and noted the next date for the group to meet is December 8, 2010 at the Johnson High School Library (1349 Arcade). The Board expressed appreciation for NAC's positive engagement effort.

Community Announcement

Dec 5th Sues Park Tree Lighting ceremony will be held at 6:00 p.m.

The Board is reminded that the December meeting occurs a week earlier on the 3rd Tuesday which is December 15th, 2009. It is expected we will meet at the Police Station. This will be confirmed. President Oertwig asked the Board if they were interested in a holiday gathering. There were no volunteers to coordinate an effort. Note: The D5 staff shall use earned leave for much of the last two weeks of December and will return on January 4th, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned.