

# PAYNE PHALEN DISTRICT FIVE PLANNING COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes  
October 27, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting  
722 Payne Avenue, Saint Paul, MN  
6:30 p.m.  
Chair Al Oertwig

Board President, Al Oertwig convened the meeting and introduced community guests and Board Directors. Ms. Ann Olson, newly hired as Ward Five Council Member Lee Helgen's Aide, was welcomed to the community and District Five. Al Oertwig spoke of the important role that City Council Aides play in supporting residents and the communications and constituent services work of the District Council and the City. Ms. Olson spoke of her interest in working for the area and welcomed the opportunity to work with the District Five Planning Council.

Minutes and Roll Call were taken by Janice Lafloe, (filling in for Secretary Matascastillo, who is out of the country on a business trip), Motion by Kerry Stone to approve the agenda. Second by David Syers. Motion approved by vote. Al Oertwig initiated the President's Report which includes current community issues being worked on or addressed by District Five.

A brief discussion of the 3M Redevelopment Site was shifted when PED staff, Mr. Allen Lovejoy arrived. The MAC Zoning Ordinance (Holman Field) was discussed. Mr. Lovejoy presented specific recommendations flowing from the public hearing input. Mr. Lovejoy and MAC representatives have now attended two RR Island Task Force meetings to explore all concerns raised from the community. He discussed each recommendation (handouts included in these minutes) and the rationale for the recommendation. He noted the particular concerns expressed by the community and city leaders that the Rivoli Bluff redevelopment fit into the restrictions proposed in the zoning ordinance. He addressed concerns with environmental impact, waterfowl habitat, height restrictions and permitted uses. He outlined the process for final approval and hearings on the zoning ordinance (see handout). This will occur over 2010 and there are key points for further public input or response. If a city does not agree with the MAC Zoning Board – and if conflict ensued, MN DOT would have statutory power to assume independent control over the zoning overlay outcomes. All agreed this was not the desired outcome.

A The recommendation was made to the Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services (DBNHS: developer of Rivoli Bluffs) to file a variance request now with the FAA. Oertwig and Livesay responded that the plans had moved favorably towards

incorporating community input. Theisen noted his concern that impact to future development options be minimized with this zoning ordinance. Buzz Wilson moved that District Five give support for DBNHS to submit this variance request to the FAA and that District Five reaffirm its longtime support for the Rivoli Bluffs redevelopment. David Syers seconded. The motion passed by vote. Mr. Lovejoy was thanked for his work to address community concerns. Oertwig noted that should further issues arise; the District Council will communicate policy recommendations to the Zoning Committee. No formal further input from District Five is anticipated prior to the November 17, 2009 Joint Airport Zoning Board (JAZB).

B. Al Oertwig introduced the 3M Site Redevelopment issues and noted the impact of the Project 106 process and the programmatic agreement (PA) Key meetings will occur in November with the Port signing off with 3M in early December. He brought forward key elements of the agreement. Board Members and the community are urged to review details in the documents posted at the Saint Paul Port Authority website. Oertwig brought forward the matter of the HealthEast Site Plan Review as he had attended the 11/12/2009 Dayton's Bluff Land Use meeting where architects presented the plans.

D5 staff has put forward some communications that express general support for the Dayton's Bluff input on enhanced design quality and improved façade materials in the project. Through previous e-mails, the Board was informed of a proposed input letter, and the SPPA's Commissioner meeting that occurred that afternoon at 2:00pm. At first look, the SPPA proposed Design Covenant language, seemed to fairly well address the community issues. While no action is required from the District Five Board on this Site Plan Review, a letter re-stating the hopes for the project and desired enhanced design elements would be of help. Discussion ensued. David Syers stated he thought the letter needed to contain more positive language about the project and affirm elements in the Site Plan Review. He thought District Five should express more appreciation for the Site Plan and the project. A motion was made by David Syers to draft a letter for inclusion in the Site Plan Review, which includes elements of positive feedback to the SPPA on the HealthEast site at Reany and Arcade, as well as the suggested areas for improvements. Seconded by Kerry Stone. Motion approved by vote.

Informational Items: Baldinger Bakery will invest 30 million dollars in the equipment and land at the Griffin Wheelworks Site on Phalen Boulevard. The parcel has long been marketed by the SPPA. The business intended to move to the suburbs but SPPA was able to garner agreements to move to the East Side. Some 40 new jobs are anticipated. The firm originally was moving to a suburb but was lured back to Saint Paul by the SPPA. Krivitz noted media reports that the business was cutting some jobs through automation and that most jobs are transferred from the West Side location. McMurray noted that community responses she heard indicated a general optimism that jobs were being retained in Saint Paul in the current economy. A clearly defined jobs covenant will hold for all businesses moving to the industrial zoned areas that are in the Port's control.

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the City Hall. He will represent District Five but would like to see all board members also attend and be present. If they cannot be present, they should be calling their elected officials to state their hopes and priorities. Key items in this budget proposal that affect District Five include : expressing appreciation for the full funding of the District Council system; funding proposed for the Payne and Maryland Joint Recreation Library facility; Eileen Weida Park upgrades and refurbishments, Payne Avenue streetscape improvements, Invest Saint Paul and the BIF program of ESND.

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occurred that afternoon at 2:00pm. Having seen the proposed Design Covenant language, McMurray noted that the community input seemed to be well addressed with these design guidelines in the covenant. No action is required from the District Five Board, but a letter re-stating the hopes for the project and desired design elements would be of help. Discussion ensued. David Syers stated he thought the letter needed to contain more positive language about what is appreciated in the Site Plan and the project. A motion was made by David Syers to draft a letter for inclusion in the Site Plan Review that includes elements of feedback to the SPPA on the HealthEast site at Reany and Arcade. Seconded by Kerry Stone. Motion approved by vote.

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The City PED staff has conducted an extensive study of Off –Street Parking in Saint Paul and is initiative public meetings to discuss and review a proposed ordinance change. Staff discussed the potential issues and the citizen input process for this issue. Recommending a joint meeting with PABA to discuss specific issues and implications for District Five

The City Billboard Ordinance implementation includes a call for District Councils to identify 2-3 billboards for removal. Board input has been requested several times and several suggestions have been offered. The Board prioritized billboards for removal and these were communicated to Ellen Biales in the Ward 7 office.

Leslie brought forward the continued need to get the Area Plan in a final approved format for city review and adoption. This cannot be a staff driven task. Oertwig and Syers offered to serve as readers of the draft documents. A goal was set by the Board to have their review done by the December Board meeting.

Request motion to ratify letter re: Governor's 10/31/09 Booya and Liquor Service Extension application. David Syers moved to approve the letter of support for

Governors' to have an extended liquor service area for their upcoming Booya on Halloween. (Oct 31<sup>st</sup>). Seconded by Jerry Livesay. Motion passed by vote.

McMurray updated the Board on opportunities around the NSP II project and HUD funding requests. Dave Syers moved to have a letter of support sent on behalf of City requests to HUD for \$62 million for Saint Paul. Sheldon seconded motion. Motion approved by vote. Livesay noted his opposition to having exclusive focus on housing and property conditions, given the behavioral problems encountered in the Burr and Case area.

Center for Urban and Regional Affairs are exploring the options for a program extension for the extended use of the CURA grant for youth organizing. The conversations were positive and productive.

The Board was encouraged to create a wish list for the neighborhood and to envision what would improve the area. This could support area agencies seeking funding through the NSP II and ISP programs.

East Side Restorative Justice. Board members are encouraged to participate in Concerned Citizen training to understand the program and participate. The group and City Attorney are proud of the results to date and on target with incremental growth. MSU Intern helps to coordinate conferences. 12 trained facilitators and an expected 10 additional trained Concerned Citizen volunteers. 14 cases in process. Expected rate of growth. The agreement is to host the program at least a full year (Fall 2010) and ED staff role is largely to give some support to intern and volunteers while examining next stage capacity and funding potential. Board expressed interest in the long term vision of the program. Is it envisioned as a "spin off" or a lodged program within the District Council crime prevention programming. It could be either. Right now the program is just getting started so no changes are anticipated at this time. Laurie Krivitz noted the trajectory of growth that occurred with the Mpls program. It started in a neighborhood group and after ten years, was ready to launch as an independent entity. An ad hoc community advisory group will help guide this process (mostly the volunteers who really participate in the program will make up this group, but also those in the community who are interested in RJ work).

Neighborhood Clean Up: Problems with the Bulk Mail Center are being investigated as the mailing did not follow BMC stated policy. Staff is pursuing the issue.

D5 Insurance renewal: An excess policy was required due to receiving over \$75,000 in City funds. The Package Liability insurance is submitted for renewal. D and O insurance was supported by the Board and will be renewed.

FY2010 Budget Planning and Goals: Leslie passed around a handout that specified board responsibilities and timelines if an audit is desired in FY2010.

Staffing: An updated job description was passed out. The position emphasizes effective volunteer coordination and office support. Funds for this position come from Ward Six

COPP funding and this funding can be applied through June 30, 2010. We are on track. The job is currently posted. Plans are to have Al, Kerry and Janice support the 2<sup>nd</sup> interviews. This work will progress over the next month. Interviews will be in late November for a December hire.

Board fundraising: Janice Lafloe will explore taking on the task that Cheryl Peterson had handled regarding coordinating sales and outreach for the Downtowner Car Wash fundraiser project.

Treasurer's Report: Laurie Krivitz moved to approve the October 2009 Financial Report. Seconded by Kerry Stone.

CONSENT AGENDA: Dave Theisen moved to approve the October 27, 2009 Board of Directors Consent Agenda. Seconded by Jerry Livesay. Motion passed by vote.

A motion to adjourn was approved by consensus.

- Jerry Livesay voiced a special public welcome to District Five's newest member, the infant daughter of Board Director Ryan Kapaun. Rosemarie Leigh Kapaun was born on October 25, 2009 at 4:59pm. Livesay noted his high hopes that she be inclined to take after her mother. The Board approved by acclamation

Draft Minutes recorded by Janice Lafloe, with additional input from staff.