

PAYNE PHALEN DISTRICT FIVE PLANNING COUNCIL

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Meeting Minutes

Neighborhood Action Committee

December 8th, 2009

Present: Roy Evans, Jimmy Gerding, Sheldon Schwartz, Kerry Stone, Patty Lammers, Leslie McMurray, Pastor Roger Allmendinger.

Welcome and Introductions

Kerry welcomed everyone to the meeting. She noted that due to the winter weather advisory we would not have enough people in attendance to proceed with the planned agenda. She had hoped to have people commit to specific projects and develop actions for those projects. Instead the group held a more informal discussion.

Brainstorming Session

Kerry asked Roger (Arlington Hills Lutheran Church, Greenbrier and Jessamine) about his ideas for community action, since he was new to the group. He discussed several things the church is doing and community action in which the church may be interested. He noted the church holds ESL classes with the MN Literacy Council, and those students often share cooking. He said they planted a small community garden this year. He discussed how he has been looking at the concept of *The 3rd Place*, which is about home being the 1st place, work the second, and community the 3rd. He thought that Paint the Pavement was an interesting idea congregants could explore. He noted the church holds a movie and popcorn night every other Friday open to the community. The church also does Alley Shop which provides donated items to referred families. He thought the church could conduct litter pick-ups. He also thought the church would open its sanctuary or community room for community theatre or performances.

Meeting attendees mentioned action projects they're discussing:

Kerry intends to move forward with Paint- the- Pavement demonstration project for her neighborhood.

Sheldon has talked to some of his neighbors and intends to begin a boulevard gardening project. He is looking for resources to implement the plans.

Leslie discussed how we may be able to integrate aspects of the youth organizing grant into these projects. The group reflected on the particular interest many youth have in performance arts such as spoken word events, or a talent show for youth and adults to work on together.

The group discussed how to move forward. Kerry noted that next month's NAC meeting would be a workshop on involving neighbors, so NAC would not be able to meet again on action projects until February. The group considered how to communicate on project ideas over this time period. Leslie and Sheldon suggested developing a NING site online to set-up interest groups for people to communicate on projects. Sheldon agreed to work with Leslie on this in between meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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December 10, 2009

Chair Gladys Morton
Members of the Zoning Committee
City Hall
Saint Paul, MN

Dear Chair Morton and Members of the Zoning Committee:

The Payne Phalen District Five Planning Council respectfully requests that the hearing on the application for a CUP and Parking Variance for 334 University Avenue East be laid over to the January 14, 2010 meeting of the Zoning Committee.

The District Five Planning Council CPED Committee met with the applicant and their legal counsel on December 1, 2009. The matters under discussion were the CUP application, and the Class N License application. In consideration of the CUP, parking was a substantial issue for Committee members. Yet no information was provided by the applicant and we had no information from the City on the parking plans.

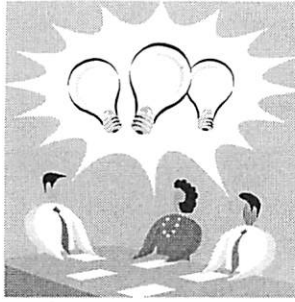
The day following our meeting, we learned from City staff that a Parking Variance is now necessary. We were informed that the applicant was requesting that the public hearing be laid over until December 29, 2009. The District Council was unaware of a parking variance requirement in our public discussion.

Given the holiday calendar, the District Council believes it would be best to allow adequate time to notify and engage area business and property owners to consider the impact of the proposed parking variance as part of the overall proposal.

As of today (December 10, 2009), the District Council has not received any notice or description of the newly required parking variance.

Sincerely,

Leslie McMurray
Executive Director / Lead Organizer



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Wednesday, March 10, 6:00—8:30 pm North Dale Recreation Center 1414 St. Albans Street North 55117 (#3,61 or 65 bus)	Building Blocks for Effective Zoning and Licensing Review and Input
Thursday, April 22, 6:00—8:30 pm Hancock Recreation Center 1610 Hubbard Avenue, 55104 (#67 bus)	Best Practices and Options for Building Community and Preventing Crime
Thursday, May 20, 6:00—8:30 pm Como Historic Streetcar Station 1224 North Lexington Parkway 55103 (#3 bus)	Conflicts Happen: How to Manage Them Productively
Wednesday, July 14, 6:00—8:30 pm Rondo Community Outreach Library 461 North Dale Street, 55103 (#16, 21 or 65 bus)	Board Basics: An Orientation for New (and Not So New) Board Members and Other Leaders
Thursday, September 16, 6:00—8:30 pm Linwood Community Center 860 Saint Clair Avenue, 55105 (#63 bus)	Beyond the Basics: Tools for Successful Board and Committee Leadership
Thursday, October 28, 6:00—8:30 pm Martin Luther King Recreation Center 271 Mackubin Street 55102 (#16 or 21 bus)	Advanced Building Blocks for Reviewing Building and Land Use Issues—Topics include Zoning and Licensing, Historic Preservation and Vacant Buildings
Saturday, November 6, 9:30 am—Noon St. Paul Youth Services 2100 Wilson Avenue 55119 (#63,70,74 or 80 bus)	Engaging and Involving Your Community— Examples of Successful Strategies and Programs

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