

PAYNE PHALEN DISTRICT FIVE PLANNING COUNCIL

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2010 Annual Meeting

Tuesday, April 27th. 2010

John A. Johnson Achievement Plus

Elementary School, 740 York Avenue East

5:30 PM

*To improve our Payne Phalen neighborhoods by engaging,
educating, and empowering all residents
in our diverse community.*

Annual Meeting, 2010

Dear Payne Phalen Neighbors:

Our District Council Annual Meeting is a great time to reflect on the past year's accomplishments and look to the future year ahead. In spite of the challenges of our economy, our neighborhood holds great potential for significant development and investment. I'd like to highlight several of the key opportunities ahead that will bring opportunity to our neighborhoods.



The former 3M site, now Beacon Bluff, promises to bring jobs and outside investment to our community and East Side families. District Five has worked hard to make sure that the community is involved in every step of the planning process for this major redevelopment.

Families continue to make Payne Phalen their neighborhood of choice. As our neighborhood grows, we continue to respond to changing needs and opportunities. The Payne Maryland Project is a major public investment and this innovative multi-use facility in the design phase of planning promises to bring new services and opportunities for our community. We hope that all residents will get involved as we work to make the dream of this joint library, recreation and community service center a reality. Our community is deserving of this investment.

The Keller-Phalen Regional Park Master Plan process gives residents an opportunity to weigh in on plans that can be implemented in the years ahead. The current planning document is over 30 years old. We hope you will join us on May 6th to offer your ideas of what we can do to preserve and improve this valuable destination park.

The Board of Directors and Board Committees, Task Forces, neighborhood volunteers and our Executive Director and Neighborhood Safety staff work very hard to create to build community, encourage public safety initiatives, support neighborhood organizing and respond to issues as they arise.

We hope you will join with your District Council in 2010 as we continue to engage neighbors in this important work.

Al Oertwig
President, Board of Directors

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***The Payne Phalen District Five Planning Council
Mission is "To improve our Payne-Phalen
neighborhoods by engaging, informing and
empowering all residents
in our diverse community."***

The Payne Phalen District Five Planning Council (District Five Planning Council) exists to promote the physical, social and economic development and human dignity of people of all colors and communities within its geographic boundaries, and is one of 17 citizen participation districts established through a St. Paul City Council resolution in 1975.

District Five serves as a civic resource, helping residents and communities increase self determination and influence over local, city and regional decisions that affect their lives. Business owners and residents of District Five are members of the Planning Council and may vote and run for the Board at the Annual Meeting. All of our meetings are open to the public and our goal is continually expand our outreach to better engage people's interests and energies focused on improving our community.

The City of Saint Paul's Planning District Five includes: East of I-35, South of Larpenteur Avenue, West of the Ramsey County Regional Trail, and North of Grove Street. As a district council, our membership consists of all residents and business within the boundaries – a population total of 31,531 (Census 2000). Fifty-one percent of our community is made up of families of color – approximately 24% Asian, 11% Latino, 11% African-American and some 1-3% Native American and 5% multiracial. Over 39% of District Five households have children and 76% of the area's schoolchildren are children of color, with 78% qualifying for free or reduced school lunch programs.

District 5 is one of the youngest and most diverse district populations in St. Paul, and this is an asset in our vibrant East Side community. However, our District ranks second in poverty across St. Paul communities, making sustainable community and economic development a key focus of our work.

The District Five Planning Council is committed to building new community leadership that truly reflects our diverse community population and priorities. We hope you will get involved and visit us at our offices just off Payne Avenue at 506 Kenny Road, Saint Paul, 55106. (In the Water and Oil Gallery Building).

www.paynephalen.org

651-774-5234

Payne Phalen District Five Planning Council Board Nomination and Election Rules

What are the Payne Phalen District Five Planning Council boundaries?

District 5 comprises the area in St. Paul, MN that is bounded by Larpenteur Avenue on the north, Interstate 35E on the west, Grove Street on the south, and the Bruce Vento Regional Trail on the east. (See map provided)

How will the Board election occur? Who may participate?

- Participation is open to all members.
- Members are all residents of the district aged 16 years or more and business owners (or their designated representative of a business concern in the district). Designated business representatives should have a letter on file with the District Council, from the business which authorizes their status. Landlords do not qualify as business owners. District Five's By-laws stipulate that two-thirds (2/3) of the Board shall be residents at large.
- Any member can seek election, nominate him/herself or any other member, and vote. Current Directors whose term is expiring may stand for re-election.
- While some people submit their names in advance for nomination, nominations from the floor are also in order.
- After all nominations have been made and each candidate has had a minute to speak, the members present will vote by ballot. Members will turn in the ticket stub they received upon registering in order to receive a ballot. The ticket stub verifies registration and residency or designated business representative status.
- Assigned tellers will collect and tabulate ballots and announce results later in the meeting.
- Those elected will serve a term of three (3) years. This term starts the third Tuesday in May of this year until the third Tuesday of April three years hence.
- The By-laws of District Five state that Board members must be present at all regular monthly Board meetings, unless formally excused. Each Director must actively serve on at least one Board Committee and fulfill duties prescribed by the By-laws and the Council.

Payne Phalen District Five Planning Council
Board Member Roles and Responsibilities

The following Roles and Responsibilities outline the basic job duties for a board member with the Payne Phalen District Five Planning Council. Please read this information thoroughly before completing the attached "Candidate Questionnaire and Nomination Form." Board members are volunteers who serve three -year terms. Ten open seats of the 20 member Board will be elected at the Annual Meeting by local residents and business owners (or their designated representatives). For more information, please contact our Executive Director, Leslie McMurray at 651-774-5234.

Roles:

District Five Board of Directors should be able to:

- Make time to prepare for and attend one board meeting a month, one committees meeting a month, one board training session each year, and other meetings and events as necessary. This commitment requires 5-7 volunteer hours per month.
- Commit to District Five Planning Council's missions, goals and policies.
- Support District Five Planning Council within the community
- Listen openly to all sides in a discussion before making a decision
- Abide by the will of the majority, report the rights of the minority, and be positive in support of decisions made by the Board of Directors
- Tolerate dissent
- Positively promote the organization and share unique skills and talents in service to its mission.

Responsibilities:

District Five Planning Council Board Members must be willing to:

- Perform Board duties ethically and in good faith, with the best interests of District Five as a foremost objective
- Serve District Five and the City of Saint Paul as a whole rather than any special interest group or constituency
- Help determine, monitor and fulfill organizational goals and objectives
- Avoid and disclose in a timely manner any conflicts of interest that might compromise the Board or District 5 Planning Council as a whole
- Know, understand, and follow the by-laws, policies and governing documents
- Attend Board meetings and relevant committee meetings regularly
- Arrive at meetings prepared to discuss agenda items
- Speak as a member of the District Five Planning Council Board only within Board meetings or when designated by the president or the Executive Committee
- Make decisions as a Board member at Board meetings only
- Speak for oneself only, except when presenting committee reports
- Speak up in Board meetings when in disagreement, silence implies consent
- Commit to understand financial statements as presented to the Board
- Assume responsibility for the financial oversight of the organization, assure that funds are used for lawful purposes, and assist in resource development
- Support, and evaluate the Executive Director / Lead Organizer
- Respect and work within the policy frameworks established by the Board.
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A reflection on the District Five Planning Council

By: Ray Sammons

I guess because I have been observing the organization for about a quarter of a century and have served on its board for many of them, I have been asked to write a few paragraphs, identifying some of the things the Payne/Phalen District Five Planning Council has accomplished.

The accomplishments are hard to quantify and hard to evaluate. Everything which is done is done through cooperation -- cooperation with each other and with others. Sometime it gets hard to identify specific accomplishments and sometimes it seems unseemly to blow our own horns too loudly when we are part of some greater orchestra. But we really do need to note some of the things in which our District Council has been involved.

Some of our accomplishments are visible and big and directly affect many. When you look on the south side of Lake Phalen where Gillette Hospital used to be, you see green space, a seniors' apartment building, and the Humanities Commission building which serves as a reminder of the site's former use. You do not see late 1970's townhouse buildings on every buildable space.

When you travel on Maryland Avenue, you see a roadway which does not extend all the way to the sidewalks, leaving neighbors at least a semblance of a residential character around their abodes. When you cross the Payne Avenue Bridge you are crossing a structure which we [at least at the time] thought much more aesthetically-pleasing than the structure proposed. And when you look over the bridge you can see the Phalen Boulevard, a project we were pushing even before it was cool to do so. When you go into the neighborhood immediately south of the Bruce Vento school you still see 100+ houses which some were suggesting be leveled. We have worked with Ramsey County to improve water quality in Lake Phalen. Changes are coming about on Railroad Island following the adoption of the Railroad Island Small Area Plan in which we were deeply involved. The Arlington Hills Library is still standing and open as a library. By operating neighborhood cleanups once or twice a year for the last 16 years we have taken an awful lot of stuff out of the area.

Other achievements are less visible or smaller and directly affect fewer. The site of Bradley Terrace Apartments was at least twice previously suggested as the site of more dense and environmentally more dubious projects which we helped never come about. There is no unsecured building to house the undiagnosed mentally ill [before a judge would rule on whether they should be sent to St. Peter or not] on Greenbrier Street. There are many duplexes which have not been crammed onto lots too small to contain them. Many block clubs have been established and/or maintained by the work of District Council staff and volunteers.

Many things are unseen and even unknown. We don't know how many dubious building or traffic management proposals never came about or were significantly modified before anybody saw them because we were here. We don't know how many crimes did not take place because of block clubs we helped establish or maintain or hardware we helped distribute.

But perhaps the most important thing we have accomplished is not in how something was built or not built or in any of the things I have mentioned. Perhaps the most important thing is that the District Council is something which is available to all and is something in which all those who participate, whether on the board, on committees, or in its activities get to work together, to understand more of the people who make up our community and get together to better improve themselves and their communities.

We continue to welcome all of our neighbors to help us as we work on our various community matters.

Payne Phalen District 5 Planning Council 2009 Financial Report

Balance Sheet: December 31, 2009

	<u>Dec 31, 2009</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking	7,405
Savings Account	10,144
Grants/Pledges Receivable	26,541
Prepaid Expenses	3,029
Total Current Assets	47,119
Equipment	
Equipment Cost	12,472
Accumulated Depreciation	(9,886)
Total · Equipment	2,586
TOTAL ASSETS	49,705
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	2,503
Payroll Liabilities	3,583
Total Current Liabilities	6,086
Long Term Liabilities	
Line of Credit - Bremer Bank	1,288
Total Long Term Liabilities	10,513
Total Liabilities	7,374
Net Assets	
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	
Otto Bremer Fdn. Grant	17,274
CURA - remaining grant available	8,849
Total · Temp. Restricted Net Assets	26,123
Unrestricted Net Assets	16,208
Total Net Assets	42,331
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	49,705

Note: Line of Credit was paid off in March 2010.

Income Statement: January - December 2009

	<u>Jan - Dec 2009</u>
Income	
Government Grants	
Citizen Participation	78,148
Neighborhood Crime Prev.	24,153
Clean-Up Grant	12,694
COPP	10,054
Invest St. Paul	7,295
Total · Government Grants	132,344
Other Grants	
Otto Bremer Fdn funds released	1,103
CURA funds released	1,567
Eureka (recycling)	1,200
Total · Other Grants	3,870
Contributions	
Fundraising	169
Donations	2,164
Total · Contributions	2,333
Other Income	
Clean-Up Fees/Metal Recycling	6,238
In-kind Donations	1,500
Other Income	190
Interest Income	11
Total · Other Income	7,939
Total Income	146,486
Expense	
Personnel	93,172
Administrative Expenses	13,651
Program Expenses	
Communications	8,905
Program Support	15,269
Clean-Up Expenses	15,239
Direct Project Expenses	3,273
Total · Program Expenses	42,686
Total Expense	149,509
Net Income	(3,023)

NAME: Robert (Bob) E. Klicker

1. What do you think are the greatest needs of the community?

- Providing and maintaining a healthy & safe environment.
- Providing opportunity for involvement at multiple levels.
- Planning for future improvement.

2. What are your goals for serving on the Board of Directors for the District Five Planning Council?

- committee participation
- community involvement
- building a stronger neighborhood

3. What skills and talents would you like to share with the community in this service role?

- organizational skills (be prepared, do homework)
- people skills (listening)
- communication skills (provide an rationale for ideas)
- financially responsible

4. Have you been an active participant in District Five actions or Committees?

No, not to date.

5. Other community involvements or Board experience?

No.

NAME: Andrew D. Noble

1. What do you think are the greatest needs of the community?

Public safety, better established standards for property owners/ landlords, more greenspace, less vacant or abandoned homes, and an encouraging economic development environment for business to locate.

2. What are your goals for serving on the Board of Directors for the District Five Planning Council?

To provide leadership, ideas, and experience in community development. I seek to better the community in which I live and work, as well as provide a safe and positive community environment for families and individuals who reside in District 5.

3. What skills and talents would you like to share with the community in this service role?

I have spent 24 years as a property owner, having in excess of 800 rental units previously (Indianapolis).

I have worked successfully on boards and with community development organizations in creating affordable housing and safer cleaner communities.

4. Have you been an active participant in District Five actions or Committees?

I just got involved – Railroad Island Task Force and am joining several other committees and orgs (hopefully).

5. Other community involvements or Board experience?

See resume submitted

NAME: AL OERTWIG

1. What do you think are the greatest needs of the community?

The community needs all the community activism we can muster to keep our community strong, safe, and a positive place for families and businesses to live and invest their energy and resources.

2. What are your goals for serving on the Board of Directors for the District Five Planning Council?

I'd like to continue to provide leadership for the council if that is the desire of the newly elected board.

3. What skills and talents would you like to share with the community in this service role?

I have experience as both a community council leader and former elected official.

4. Have you been an active participant in District Five actions or Committees?

Currently serving as chair of the council.

Also currently serving as the community council representative on the 3M community advisory council; 3M Design Committee.

Representative on the Phalen/Keller Park Master Planning Process;

Representative on the Payne Maryland Project.

Past member of the District 5 Executive Committee (1990's).

Past chair of the Railroad Island Task Force (90's).

5. Other community involvements or Board experience?

District 5 representative to the Capitol Improvement Budget (CIB) Committee's Community Facilities Task Force, 2009

Payne Arcade Business Association, Member

Past chair, St. Paul School Board (with 20 years as a board member).

Past chair, St. Paul/Ramsey County Children's Initiative Board

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Past chair, Joint Property Tax Advisory Committee (city/county/school board members serve on the committee)

Past chair, Association of Metropolitan School Districts

Past chair, Legislative Committee, Council of Urban Boards of Education (representing about 100 of the largest urban districts in the country); and past co-chair of the Urban Student Achievement Task Force.

Past Vice-President, Southwest Area District Council (14 & 15 before the separation of Highland from Macalester/Groveland (1970's/80's), and representative on Capitol Improvement Budget (CIB) Task Forces

Officer, Macalester-Groveland Community Council, and representative from this community council on groups such as the Mayor's Responsive Services Task Force, Rand Study, Housing Study, CIB Task Forces, etc.

Past chair, Property Tax Study Project (city/county/school board representatives from the three largest urban cities/counties in Minnesota)

Past Trustee, St. Paul Teachers' Retirement Fund Association

Past Board Member, Minnesota School Boards Association

Past Board Member, Council of Great City Schools (national)

Past Chair, Citizens' Budget Review Committee, Schools (80's)

Past Chair, PERC (Citizen curriculum advisory committee) (70's/80's)

Past Legislative Liaison for an Assistant Commissioner, State of Minnesota

Past chair, Legislative Committee, Minnesota Association of Professional Employees (MAPE); MAPE Board Member

Board Member, East Metro Integration District Board

Past County Social Service Supervisor

Past Community Organizer, Model Cities Program (early 70's) in the Summit University area-- this program led to CDBG funding and community councils being established citywide.

Name: Regina Rippel

1. What do you think are the greatest needs of the community?

Revitalization, business & housing

2. What are your goals for serving on the Board of Directors for the District Five Planning Council?

Be part of a solution/working towards improvement

3. What skills and talents would you like to share with the community in this service role?

**Diverse background, Business Experience
A positive attitude**

4. Have you been an active participant in District Five actions or Committees?

Currently elected Board Member at ESND

5. Other community involvements or Board experience?

District Council 4 Several Years ago

Name: Virginia Anne Rybin

1. What do you think are the greatest needs of the community?

The overarching issue is blighted housing and, to a lesser extent, commercial real estate. Dealing with this can go a long way in mitigating other problems, such as crime. Council Member Dan Bostrom has been working with the community for many years to improve the housing stock with new or refurbished apartments, condominiums, townhouses and single-family homes. But there is much more to be done; one reason for this is the dramatic increase in home foreclosures. District Five also needs continued redevelopment of commercial property.

2. What are your goals for serving on the Board of Directors for the District Five Planning Council?

My main goal would be to address the issue of blighted property, as discussed in Question One.

3. What skills and talents would you like to share with the community in this service role?

I am a retired newspaper reporter. For 34 years (1967 – 2001), I researched and wrote stories for the St. Paul newspapers – first for the now-defunct evening Dispatch and later for the Pioneer Press. I can contribute my writing skills, as well as the knowledge of city issues acquired through my job. I was the city of St. Paul/Ramsey County reporter from 1994 to 2001. I also covered many city government stories at other times; these included George Latimer's first election as mayor.

4. Have you been an active participant in District Five actions or Committees?

No

5. Other community involvements or Board experience?

St. Paul Charter Commission member 2006 to present

St. Paul Police Chief Selection Committee 2010

Pioneer Pres – Member of a union/management committee that oversaw a major new program for employee involvement in decision-making. I also served on individual committees under the umbrella of this group.

NAME: Sharny Vue Yang

1. What do you think are the greatest needs of the community?

I have lived in this neighborhood for twelve years and will continue to do so for a while. I realized that there are great potentials to bring more businesses and diversified group of people together. While some have given up the EastSiders I believe that this diverse district can be the model for other areas in the state. One of the greatest needs is to work with neighbors, the police on how we can continue to make EastSide the safest place to live and raise a family.

2. What are your goals for serving on the Board of Directors for the District Five Planning Council?

I am sure there are a lot of things we can do in district five. A few goals that I would like to partner and work with everyone are:

- Improve the perception of our D5 area. We are as good as any neighborhood.
- Improve the quality of life; bring in more neighbors engagement and elevate trust among our diverse neighbors.
- Improve housing issues; such as maintenance, vacant, etc.

3. What skills and talents would you like to share with the community in this service role?

With my previous organizing experience and my understanding of the Hmong community, culture, and traditional clanship system I believe that I can contribute in the area of reaching out to the Hmong neighbors. Since 18 months ago I have committed to doing two one-on-ones per week. One-on-ones allows me to understand other people's needs and self-interests which give me a better idea on how I can work with them to achieve mutual needs. Recently, I attended the weeklong national leadership training session in Missouri where skills of government relationships, organizing, and leadership skills were being emphasized. I hope to utilize these skills to improve our district's connection to the city officials and community neighbors.

4. Have you been an active participant in District Five actions or Committees?

For the eight years that I have been aware of District Five Planning Council I haven't been on any committee due to my children's young age but I have been to several of the meetings held. Regardless if I am on the board or not, I am looking forward to attend more meetings that matters to our district as much as possible.

5. Other community involvements or Board experience?

For close to two years, I have been organizing as a Hmong Organizing Leader at TakeAction MN. Among other organizing efforts, I sit as the vice-chair on the funeral Building Committee. Actions I have done or was part of included but not limited to bringing community forum to talk about issues, working with elected officials and persons in power position, organizing other leaders and get-out the vote campaigns.