

Meeting Minutes for the Payne Phalen District Five Board of Directors Meeting.
Tuesday, November 23, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions, Community Guests (Al Oertwig, Board President)

Roll Call & Review of Attendance Policy (Sheldon Schwartz, Secretary)

Present: Al Oertwig, Kerry Stone, David Syers, Bill Zajicek, Bob Klicker, Buzz Wilson, Roy Evans, Virginia Rybin, Ted Hecht, Sheldon Schwartz, Regina Rippel, Sharny Yang, Leslie McMurray (ED)

Excused/Absent: Cleveland Adams, Mike Venem, Darlene Adams, Antwan Flowers, Andrew Noble, Janice LaFloe

Quorum Present: Yes.

Approval of Agenda (Al Oertwig, Board President)

Agenda modified and approved to remove Treasurer's Report (to be added to December meeting), adding Community Honor Roll discussion, and adding Traffic Issues discussion.

***Motion:** Dave Syers / **Second:** Kerry Stone (Approved)

Parks and Recreation System Plan & Payne Maryland Partnership Discussion: (Al Oertwig, Board President)

- **introduction:** Al explained that he felt we had good turn out to the community parks meeting, got park's attention.
- **Parks & Rec System Plan: Issue Update** (Leslie McMurray, ED)
 - Duluth/Case & Hayden Heights: slated to be closed and demolished w/ a plan for replacement.
 - Group of 7 has been focused and active on this issue.
 - Data/input was gathered from parks meeting (Date?) on parks issues and has been sent to the city. City is gathering data/input on their website.
 - Next meeting date has been changed from December 8th meeting and updated/moved to January 10th, 2011. This will be our next organizing effort.
 - Suggestions have been made to parks for alternatives in place of demolition of buildings.
- **Discussion & Questions:** Virginia Rybin: Asked about the liability of an open attendance model for rec centers. Ted Hecht: Arlington Baseball Park: Is Arlington Arkwright part of this park planning? Arlington Rec Center to be planned closing in March - w/o access to the land yet. How are services going to be provided if Arlington is going to be closed down? David Syers: The premature closing of Arlington Rec center has come up before - and they have

never successfully answered the question. Bill Zajicek: It is still possible that the Payne Maryland Rec Center will not happen. Has there been a trend of the Eastside losing rec centers? (Leslie McMurray reported that Mike Hahm explained that St Paul once had 50 rec centers - and now has 24 or 25 rec centers remaining.) David Syers: North Dale is a good representation of the new St Paul Parks model rec/community center. Virginia Rybin: Why the special focus on the Eastside? What is the basis for the Parks decision?

- ***Motion To send Letter in Support of Community & Board Position (See CPED minutes): David Syers / Second: Bob Klicker (Approved)**
- **Letter to the Editor will also be sent to the Pioneer Press:** After being summarized/shortened with help volunteered by Virginia Rybin.

- **Payne Maryland Partnership:**
 - The \$14 million designated to the project cannot be moved from PMP to another project per Bostrom.
 - Rebuild St Paul Standoff between the Mayor & City Council. Parks staff have been removed from all RSP projects until an agreement reached.
 - PMP partners are looking into a phased approach for construction with the project leading with the public piece of the project - then followed with the privately funded piece.
 - Many issues on the table: Rebuild St Paul issue, Right of way and relocating Kendall's Hardware, Private/Public Partnership, Development agreement has not been finalized yet, meeting of partners and community requested.
- **Discussion & Questions:** Kerry Stone, Ted Hecht, David Syers, Al Oertwig
- ***Motion to renew Our Resolution of Support: Virginia Rybin / Second: David Syers (Approved)**
 - "The Payne Phalen District Five Planning Council reaffirms its support of the Payne Maryland project. While the council has no control over the proposal, its members continue to believe that the project will be good for the neighborhood and the East Side. We ask that the parties involved, especially the city, report to us regularly on the progress of the project. We request quarterly updates for the community, plus more frequent reports to the District Five Council."

New Business - Other Issues or Announcements Chair

- **Traffic Intersections Issue** (Ted Hecht) - Maryland is the most dangerous avenue. 10 of the 100 on a list of dangerous intersections (8-10 in the top 25) are between White Bear and Rice Street.
- ***Motion to Send Letter of Concern to Public Works on Maryland Avenue:** Ted Hecht / **Second:** Sheldon Schwartz (Approved)

President's Report (Al Oertwig, Board President)

- Anticipating the CIB Process 2011:
 - Looking for task force members for the three task force groups if interested in a position, please contact Al O. David Syers requested that the ED resend the information about the positions & commitment involved.
 - Community Facilities Task Force (delegate + alternate)
 - Streets & Utilities Task Force (delegate + alternate)
 - Housing Task Force (delegate + alternate)
- ***Motion that we "resubmit" our previous CIB proposal - this time for the implementation proposal piece:** David Syers / **Second:** Sheldon Schwartz (Approved)

Organizer /Executive Director Report (Leslie McMurray, ED /OR)

- Hiring: We have a candidate and are interested in interviewing. Bon and Virginia have volunteered to interview.
- Aguirre Paving Letter: Paving from Aguirre down to the Vento Trail/park. Leslie will locate the letter.
- Finance Committee Report: Committee will be working on this and will email - for discussion at our next meeting in December.

Community Honor Roll - Voting (Al Oertwig, Board President)

- Nominated: Annette Yarusso & Brothers, Summer Bond, Kitty Anderson, Cheryl & Al Kaup.
- Honor Roll Honorees: Annette Yarusso & Brothers, Summer Bond, Kitty Anderson

Consent Agenda (Al Oertwig, President)

- Draft minutes of 11/26/10 Board of Directors Meeting.
- Draft minutes of CPED 11/9/2010 Meeting
- Draft minutes of the NAC 11/2010 Meeting
- Draft minutes of the RRITF Meeting
- Executive Director updates
- ***Motion to Approve:** David Syers / **Second:** Virginia Rybin (Approved)

Adjournment

***Motion to Adjourn:** David Syers / Second: Bob Klicker (Approved)

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