

PAYNE PHALEN DISTRICT FIVE PLANNING COUNCIL

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Payne Phalen District 5 Planning Council Board of Directors Meeting
January 26, 2010
6:30 p.m.
East Team Office SPPD – 722 Payne Avenue.

Attendance: Chair, Al Oertwig, Laurie Krivitz, Brian Cooper, Buzz Wilson, Bill Zajicek, Ryan Kapaun, David Theisen, Mike Venem.

Excused absence: Ted Hecht, Danny Garcia-Velez, David Syers, Kerry Stone, Trista Matascastillo, Janice LaFloe,

Unexcused absence: Jerry Livesay, Steve Lee, Antwan Flowers.

Staff: Leslie McMurray

President Al Oertwig called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

2010 Census and District Council Training

Diane Wanner, St. Paul District Council Coordinator, addressed the board about 2010 District Council Training and 2010 Census.

Ms. Wanner handed out information and maps for Census 2010. The Census questionnaires will be mailed out to the public in March. The Census is incredibly important for federal, state and local public budgeting and funding. It is believed that undercounting in the 2000 Census cost St. Paul \$40 million. District Council funding is also Census based – on population and poverty levels.

Minnesota is also on the verge of losing a U.S. Congressional seat and an accurate count is important.

All U.S. citizens and non-citizens should complete the Census. For more information or questions go to www.2010census.gov. The District Council office will also be a site for Census assistance.

Ms. Wanner also announced that the 2010 District Council training series schedule is now available for current board members or future board members. The sessions are free, but registration is required. To register, contact Diane Wanner at 651-266-8572 or diane.wanner@ci.stpaul.mn.us. (session schedules are available from D5 office and are in the board packets).

President's Report
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Mr. Oertwig is looking for alternate for the MAC task force on airport development. Buzz Wilson was reappointed by the Mayor and City Council to the St. Paul Board of Zoning and Appeals.

Mr. Oertwig asked for volunteers for the D5 2010 Nominations Committee. Meetings will typically be held the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the 506 Kenny Road office. Volunteers are Al Oertwig, Mike Venom, Bill Zajicek, Cheryl Peterson, Sharny Vue Yang.

Dave Thiesen made a motion to appoint the Nominations Committee. Buzz Wilson seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Oertwig congratulated the D-5 Neighborhood Honor Roll winners (Anne Briceno, Brian Cooper, Mark Gallagher, Laurie Krivitz). The awards ceremony was very well attended and nominees will also be recognized at the D5 Annual Meeting.

Laurie Krivitz announced that the community garden on Arlington and Mississippi won the best community garden at the St. Paul Golden Bloom Award Nomination. This is a high honor for Payne Phalen and the Board warmly congratulated all who participated in establishing the garden.

Ms. Krivitz made a motion that D-5 send a letter of appreciation to the DNR for their assistance and support for the community garden at Arlington and Mississippi. Mr. Cooper seconded. Motion passed.

Ray Sammons Memorial – Feb. 8 at Arlington Hills Lutheran Church at 6:00pm
Mr. Oertwig spoke about the planned memorial for former D-5 Board Member, Ray Sammons.

Ms. McMurray said that a planning group met to plan the event. Mr. Sammons' employer, City Wide Cab and his church will also participate in the memorial. At least one member of Mr. Sammons family will be present. Ms. McMurray asked for board commitments regarding donations of food etc. She also asked for follow through on any promised volunteer commitments – noting she will not have time closer to the service to fill any gaps. There will also be some costs associated with the event (\$250 for the janitor and organ). Ms. McMurray asked for board volunteers to help during the evening of the memorial and volunteers to bring food.

Mr. Sammons was very proud of the work on the development of the Arlington/Arkwright Dog Park. Murph Dawkins asked the board to consider a motion for naming the Dog Park after Ray Sammons. Murph Dawkins also volunteered to represent D-5 through the process of naming the dog park after Mr. Sammons.

Dave Theisen made a motion to support the re-naming of the Arlington/Arkwright Dog Park after Ray Sammons. Buzz Wilson seconded. Motion passed.

Phalen Park Master Plan

Mr. Oertwig discussed the Phalen Park master plan and meeting process. The meetings are public.

Dave Theisen made a motion to appoint Ray Ogren, a resident on the West Side of the Lake, and Mr. Oertwig to the committee and Bill Zajicek and Ms. McMurray as alternates. Mr. Schwartz seconded. Motion passed.

3M Site Process

Mr. Oertwig gave an update on the 3M site process (Beacon Bluff).

The 3M Design Advisory Committee is evaluating design requirements for the 3M redevelopment. Parcel 5 (area north of Phalen Blvd.) is going to be demolished soon. D-5 is pushing for a neighborhood meeting to discuss how the parcel and street-design will fit into the neighborhood. The topic will be discussed at the Feb. CPED meeting.

Payne Maryland Partnership

There is a community information meeting tomorrow (Jan. 27) at Arlington Hills Church at 6:30 pm.

Ms. McMurray asked for Board volunteers to help with the meeting to help streamline the input process. The meeting will be for soliciting ideas and responses to the current concept and to update and inform residents of the overall commitments and process of the project. Mr. Oertwig will help facilitate to represent the Board and the partners with equity in the project (Parks and Rec, Library, Arlington Hills Lutheran Church, Bradshaw Funeral Home and Merrick Community Services) will make brief presentations followed by community input session.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Oertwig pulled out the Pawn America motion from the CPED minutes. Mr. Oertwig explained where the Pawn America application has gone through the city process. Both applications were denied by the Zoning Committee and subsequently by the St. Paul Planning Commission.

Todd Phelps (Legal representative from Leonard, Street and Deinard, PA) from Pawn America spoke to the board about the Pawn America appeal process. The Planning Commission was concerned about hours of operation, use of the building, parking and the highest and best uses of the zoning district to create jobs. Pawn America can appeal the Planning Commission vote to the City Council. Mr. Phelps asked for the Board's support for the Pawn America process and noted he was uncertain if an appeal would be filed.

Ryan Kapaun made a motion to send any further discussion around the Planning Commission decision on Pawn America to CPED. Schwartz seconded. Motion passed.

It was noted that Buzz Wilson should have been marked as excused in the January CPED minutes. Staff will make this notation on filed minutes.

Kapaun made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Laurie Krivitiz seconded. Bill Z. requested that the CPED motion on Pawn America be pulled. Motion passed.

Discussion around the Pawn America issue.

Kapaun made a motion to approve the CPED motion on Pawn America. Theisen second. Motion passed with one nay vote. Wilson abstained.

Tenet Remedy Action for 1205-1225 Westminster

McMurray gave an update on the process. D-5 is a plaintiff in the case and is represented by the City Attorney and Southern MN Regional Legal Services (SMRLS). A housing court hearing is scheduled on February 11th as well as a pre-meeting to provide information with tenants.

Executive Director Report

Home Tour – D5 is working with St. Paul Area Association of Realtors on scheduling a Home Tour in March or April.

D5 received a grant for \$35,000 for Invest St. Paul planning around the Payne/Maryland Partnership project.

Restorative Justice is very successful and moving forward. All the trained facilitators will be meeting in Feb or March for program planning.

Community service volunteers are sometimes providing support at the office. A professional temp staff will be hired for some hours in the coming week.

There have been ongoing concerns about parking on Hawthorne. The board recommended that the concerns be brought before CPED.

Treasurers Report

Ms. Lafloe was not able to make the meeting.

Ms. McMurray reported that the City Contract has not been submitted, but this is a priority. The 2010 Budget is not changed apart from the new infusion of city ISP grant.

The year end accounting and reconciliation process was outlined.

Dave Theisen made a motion to accept the November financials and the preliminary December financials. Schwartz seconded. Motion passed.

Flowers were distributed to all members in recognition of the Golden Bloom Award!

Krivitz made a motion for adjournment. Cooper seconded. Motion passed.