

PAYNE PHALEN DISTRICT FIVE PLANNING COUNCIL

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Community Planning & Economic Development Committee (CPED)

Tuesday, November 1, 2011 6:30 PM

722 Payne Avenue – Eastern District Police Station

Chair: David Syers




DRAFT AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions - Chair David Syers

- 1. Update on Payne Maryland Project**
Brian Tourtelotte, Saint Paul Parks and Recreation
- 2. Proposed acquisition and redevelopment of housing at 686 Bradley Street, 754 Payne Avenue, 856 N. Burr Street and 982 N. Burr Street.**
Michael Buelow, BB Housing Associates
- 3. Update on Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 (NSP 3)**
Joe Musolf & Sarah Zorn, Planning & Economic Development (PED), City of Saint Paul
- 4. Application for NE Corner of Arcade and Maryland (Pending)**
- 5. License Application Renewal – CHECKS R US, 942 Payne**

COMMUNITY UPDATES, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

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Tuesday, October 4, 2011 6:30 PM

722 Payne Avenue – Eastern District Police Station

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DRAFT MINUTES

CPED Members Present: Chair David Syers, Al Oertwig, Ryan Kapaun, Regina Rippel, Ted Hecht, Buzz Wilson, Cheryl Peterson,

Excused Absence: Virginia Rybin **Absence:** Ed Davis

Community Guests: Jimmy Gerding, Dawn Goldschmitz (ESNDC), Mike Nelson (Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity), Brian Tourtelotte (St. Paul Parks and Recreation).

The Chair, David Syers called the meeting to order and introduced the Committee and community guests.

Agenda Approved:

Ryan Kapaun moved to approve the Agenda. Regina Ripple seconded the motion. Agenda approved by vote.

CPED Minutes Approved

The draft minutes were reviewed with the following discussion points raised by CPED members:

- Committee members proposed that minutes shall generally record community input on issues without attribution. Minutes will record motions and the sentiments in discussion of motions leading to vote or Committee action.
- CPED minutes shall avoid comments that can be construed as personal criticism unless this is essential to a CPED Committee action or motion.
- An example was cited where an individual name appeared. That statement was excised and all personal attributions were excised.
- Written guidelines that clarify future minute-taking may be helpful across the organization. Motion to approve the minutes with edits. Seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The CPED Chair noted appreciation for the work of volunteers who undertake recording CPED minutes with detail and accuracy even in difficult meetings such as the previous meeting where many people were in attendance and where the acoustics were less than ideal.

Committee Roster Needs Update: The Executive Director reported that Ms. Rybin had an excused absence and that she had issued a clear request. Ms. Rybin wanted it known that she had excluded Sheldon Schwartz from the list of CPED attendees in the minutes - based upon her having only limited information about the current CPED roster. The Executive Director noted that a formal roster for CPED should be finalized at this time. This task rests with the

Committee. Board members annually declare their committee assignments and that a formal roster has not yet been formally fixed in the current activity year. Typically all District Five Committee and Board rosters are refreshed annually after the new board members have a few months to “test drive” a committee and make a decision. Al Oertwig noted that the Board had formally appointed the non-Board members to the CPED Committee – but that it is time for all Board members to declare their committee assignments. David Syers affirmed this need and urged CPED members to make sure that the current lists being circulated via e-mail are accurate. Members should inform him of their intention if there is a change and he noted attendance records are tracked. Any CPED changes will be noted to the Committee and Board at upcoming meetings.

Update on Payne Maryland Project

Brian Tourtelotte, Saint Paul Parks and Recreation

Mr. Tourtelotte presented updates on the Payne Maryland Project and passed out a detailed update (attached to these minutes). CPED members noted with great appreciation the proposed alterations in the building exterior design to fit in with the existing character of the neighborhood. This input came from a number of residents who attended the design presentation meeting. Changes will be brought forward for community review in November. District Five will be included in that meeting process. CPED thanked Mr. Tourtelotte for his work and presentation and he agreed to attend future CPED meetings with updates.

Community Dental - Caroline Bass, Director. Community Dental has applied for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to provide off-street parking that exceeds the maximum permitted for a dental clinic. 1236 Arcade St, NE corner at Hawthorne. Zoned TN2. Ms. Bass provided some background on the business and the process to find suitable parking for clients. This business has made several attempts to develop parking options and the purchase of the Heartland lot has received strong neighborhood support. She mentioned some communication is occurring with Mr. Chu Wu who operates the funeral home on the west side of Arcade and the potential for a shared parking arrangement. The Executive Director noted that the surrounding neighbors have expressed concerns with nuisance issues in the past with this business, but that the reports of problems have diminished following several community meetings with enforcement agency staff, the business owner and District Five residents. Shared parking is a creative solution to parking density problems. CPED voted unanimous support for the CUP application and Ms. Bass was thanked for her persistence and for involving the nearby residents in planning efforts.

Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity (TCHF) Mike Nelson seeks endorsement by CPED for TCHF to rehab and develop two currently HRA (City of St. Paul) owned properties; 730 Jessamine and 1150 Edgerton. The CPED Committee thanked Mr. Nelson for HFH’s excellent rehab work – particularly with the house on Rose Avenue. CPED voted unanimous support for TCHF to be given preferred developer status for these properties.

Housing Infill Design Guidelines – Review of Community Committee work


Dawn Goldschmitz, ESNDC spoke of the work that engaged residents from both D5 ISP areas and the ESNDC ISP area to work with consultants on articulating visions for Infill Housing. Durability, energy efficiency and removing structural impediments to neighbor connectedness were highlighted. CPED thanked ESNDC for leading the process and noted that District Five had been well-engaged in the duration of the planning. CPED moved to approve the guidelines and will apply these as future developers approach CPED seeking approval of new development projects.

COMMUNITY UPDATES, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

District Five has organized a Landlord Workshop, October 10, 2011 6:00 PM, Arlington Lutheran Church, 1115 Greenbrier
The District Five Neighborhood Clean Up – October 22nd, 2011 7:30 – 12:30 - HAMM’s PARKING LOT

Meeting Adjourned. (Draft minutes by L. McMurray)

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DRAFT MINUTES

District Five Community Planning and Economic Development Committee
September 13, 2011, 6:30 p.m.
Wilder Recreation Center, 958 Jessie St.

This meeting was entirely devoted to a hearing on a proposed bicycle lane on Edgerton Street between Payne and Maryland Avenues.

CPED Members Present: Chair David Syers, Darlene Adams, Ed Davis, Roy Evans, Ted Hecht, Ryan Kapaun, Janice LaFloe, Al Oertwig, Cheryl Peterson, Regina Rippel, Patrick Ruble, Virginia Rybin, James Smith, and Buzz Wilson. Others present: Sheldon Schwartz; District Five staff Patty Lammers; Ramsey County Commissioner Janice Rettman; Linda Jungwirth, assistant to Rettman; East Side resident Jimmy Gerding; Mai Xiong of the East Side Neighborhood Development Corp.; three representatives of the City of St. Paul Public Works Department – Emily Erickson, Mike Klassen and Kevin Nelson, and Eastside residents who live on or near Edgerton Street (See Sign In Sheet).

Chair David Syers called the meeting to order. One agenda item will be addressed – bike lanes proposed for Edgerton by Saint Paul's Public Works.

Bike Lane Proposal - Mike Klassen, project manager for transportation planning in the Public Works Department, presented most of the information on the two proposed bicycle lanes. Although this part of Edgerton is a Ramsey County road, city employees will be doing a mill and overlay project (replacement of the first layer of pavement) on Edgerton between Payne and Maryland for the county in late September and October. Klassen said the street improvement project provides an opportunity to add two bike lanes while saving about \$25,000 of the total cost if the lanes were added separately.

The city has studied parking and traffic patterns on the stretch of Edgerton between Payne and Maryland at various times of day, Klassen said. The planners concluded that, absent a big event like a wedding, one lane would be sufficient for parking. Noting that Edgerton probably is one of the city's busiest streets, he said the bicycle lanes would encourage traffic calming (slower driving speeds) on a street used by school buses. There would be one parking lane and two driving lanes, one in each direction. The location of the parking lane would vary from one side of Edgerton to the other.

Chair Syers said proposed bicycle lanes usually provide connections to trails and asked if there are any such connections here. Klassen said the Edgerton bike lanes would improve access to trails. After the meeting, Emily Erickson, a sustainable transportation planner for the

city of St. Paul, said that, while there are no direct connections, the new bike lanes would make it easier to get on the Vento Trail.

INPUT AND DISCUSSION POINTS RAISED BY COMMUNITY RESIDENTS AND CPED MEMBERS –

“The plan looks really promising,” “The city definitely needs more bike lanes.”

“Safety! Have been hit by several cars while biking” (favors bike lanes)

“Would like to see Edgerton connected to the Gateway Trail”

“Bike lanes would cause many problems for neighbors. “

“Buses would not fit on the street if it were implemented”

“Don’t currently see or observe bikers currently using Edgerton”

“There are other places you can go (with the bike lane),”

“There already is a bike path connected to Larpenteur Avenue. Suggest that bike lanes should be located on a quieter street, such as Greenbrier.”

“Nothing tops enforcement as the means to calm traffic – this is the wrong answer to the wrong problem”

“St. Paul has a great reputation as a livable city and has received awards for this (biking amenities and biking lanes). Residents should not have to drive a car to take care of their day-to-day needs. More bicycle lanes will increase the use of bikes. Even with police patrols, drivers will tend to go as fast as they can go.”

“The weaving across the centerline is a bad idea. Greenbrier may be one other option. Shouldn’t plan suggest one bike lane on Edgerton; as this would leave two parking lanes?”

“I don’t get it! (This plan) Parked cars (on Edgerton) would be hit if the plan were implemented...”

PROPOSED MOTION: Ed Davis moved that the bike lane proposal be approved as submitted. Cheryl Peterson seconded the motion.

Clarifying questions:

What times did the city make parking checks on this stretch of Edgerton while planning the bike lane project? Klassen said they were done in the morning and early afternoon, at rush hour and after rush hour. He said the city planned to add a weave in the centerline on Edgerton to encourage slower traffic so pedestrians can cross the street more safely.

Does the City have any similar plans for other streets in the area or City? Klassen said stretches of Cleveland, Fairview and Hamline Avenues are being considered for bicycle lanes.

Role of Ramsey County in road improvements? Edgerton between Payne and Maryland is a Ramsey County roadway. To add the bike lanes will require a variance from the County Commissioners.

Informal assessment of resident input:

Resident participants were asked to indicate their support or disapproval of the plan as presented. The community input appeared largely in opposition to the plan.

CPED ACTION:

A move to a CPED vote was suggested. Davis repeated his motion. CPED members rejected the proposal with a vote of 11 to three. The dissenters were Davis, Peterson and Rybin.

The meeting was adjourned.



CITY OF SAINT PAUL
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375 Jackson Street, Suite 220
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101

Telephone: 651-266-9090
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October 27, 2011

Dear Neighborhood Organization:

The Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) has received notification from the Minnesota Department of Commerce for the renewal of the currency exchange license for Checks R Us Inc., doing business as same, located at 942 Payne Avenue.

Minn. Stat. §53A.04 requires the approval or disapproval of an application by the local governing body after published notice and public hearing, within 60 days after receipt of the application from the Commissioner of Commerce.

You have 15 days from the date this notice was mailed, to express any objections. The response deadline is given on the reverse side of this document. If you have any objections to the renewal of this license as described on the reverse side of this document, please send your objection(s) in writing to:

Christine A. Rozek
DSI Deputy Director
Department of Safety and Inspections
375 Jackson Street, Suite 220
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806

Or fax to Christine A. Rozek at (651) 298-4197.

If objections are received, the matter shall be scheduled for a hearing before an administrative law judge, and the hearing requirements of Saint Paul Legislative Code §310.05 shall apply. You will receive notice of the time, place, and date of the scheduled hearing from the City Attorney's Office. If you have any questions regarding this license renewal or the hearing process, please contact me at (651) 266-9108.

Sincerely,

Christine A. Rozek
DSI Deputy Director

CAR/jwf

LICENSE RENEWAL NOTIFICATION

License Number: 20000005546
Purpose: License renewal for a State of Minnesota Currency Exchange License
License At: 942 Payne Avenue
Applicant: Checks R Us Inc., doing business as same

Response Date: November 11, 2011 - 4:30 PM (Friday)

If you have any objections to the renewal of this license, you must respond in writing by Friday, November 11, 2011, to:

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Department of Safety and Inspections
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Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806

Or fax to Christine A. Rozek at (651) 298-4197

If you have any questions regarding the license renewal, please contact Jeff Fischbach, DSI Inspector III, at (651) 266-9106 or Christine A. Rozek, DSI Deputy Director, at (651) 266-9108.

Notice Mailed: October 27, 2011



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Patricia Ann Potts
Checks R Us Inc.
942 Payne Ave
Saint Paul, MN 55101

RE: Currency Exchange License Renewal for Checks R Us Inc., for the premises located at 942 Payne Avenue.

Dear Ms. Potts:

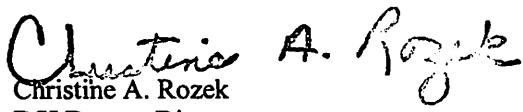
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Minn. Stat. §53A.04 requires the approval or disapproval of your application by the local governing body after published notice and public hearing. The procedure established in the Saint Paul Legislative Code §381.02(c) requires that the director of DSI shall, in writing, notify the council and the affected neighborhood organization(s) established for citizen participation purposes and shall publish notice of intention to consider the possible renewal application.

Proper notification has been sent to the council and the affected neighborhood organizations in which you intend to operate, giving them until **Friday, November 11, 2011**, to voice any objections to your license renewal. If no grounds for objection have been raised within fifteen (15) days of such notice, DSI shall recommend issuance of the license to the commissioner of commerce. If objections have been raised to the issuance of a renewal license, the matter shall be scheduled for a hearing before an administrative law judge, and the hearing requirements of Saint Paul Legislative Code §310.05 shall apply. You will receive notice of the time, place, and date of the scheduled hearing from the City Attorney's Office.

Saint Paul Legislative Code Section 381.02(c) requires the license applicant to pay a fee to the City to cover the costs of administering and processing the currency exchange renewal. The fee for this renewal is \$345.00 and must be paid within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of this letter. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (651) 266-9108.

Sincerely,


Christine A. Rozek
DSI Deputy Director

CAR/jwf

Enclosed: Invoice