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HDC BOARD MEETING

July 16, 2020

eMeeting via Zoom

Call to Order

700 pm

Roll Call

Margaret Isom, Bob, Anne excused. Josh Braaten seated as alternate. Hurse not present.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made, seconded to approve agenda. Approved.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Motion made, seconded, approved.

Representative Dave Pinto-Q and A

Used to be on the HDC, second special session of summer now. Reviewing Governor's declaration. Working on bonding bill and police reform bill. Getting support for Saint Paul for rebuilding is important. Hosted conversation with the HBA and several businesses that had been impacted. Several proposals in for bonding, River Learning Center and Riverview Corridor. Questions: Peter asked about LGA budget. Rep. commented that we are heading in to next year with a significant deficit. LGA is a high priority. New revenue sources? Pressure to cut in a lot of areas. Perhaps no cuts in this fiscal year. Most likely starting 2021.

Sally asked about police reform, what can be legislated at State level? The laws that the police on are at the State level. If a civilian uses deadly force, or when appropriate, that is being worked on at the State level. The Board of Standards and Training is being looked at, ie Warrior Training. Residency of officers is prohibited by the State. Dispute between employer; arbitration standards being looked at.

Mat asked 1: bonding. 55m in House 2: what is Riverview bonding for?

55m in bonding would pay for two new bus transit lines. One in to Saint Paul.

Riverview Corridor bonding, 3m to do the next phase of the process—environmental. Street car is still being looked at by County.

Lynn asked about if the Senate changing parties, what about passing the End of Life Options Act? General support in House DFL caucus.

Tim asked about MN being set up for election. See any issues regarding COVID? Option to go all mail if necessary, resistance in Senate. Encourage to use absentee ballot. Please vote by mail if you can. MN is leading the country in terms of responding to the US Census.

Public Comment

NONE



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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development---Tim Morehead, Chair.

Approved community members and alternates.

5 Star Café liquor license. Future vote.

3 resolutions. Ford/Ryan had 5 variances. All approved by committee.

Matt asked about the hardship of going from 75' to 90' variance. Has to do with the number of parking spaces for the grocery store down below. 50,000 sq feet grocery store and underground parking.

Mat stated that the BZA denied two of the variances. Goes to City Council now.

On August 18, meeting to define Open Space more clearly between Ryan and CDC.

3 variances on 830 Cretin.

1970 Beechwood. Committee did not approve variance.

Community Engagement---Matt McGuire, Chair.

Approved community members. Quinn will be the alternate for the summer while home from College.

COVID has complicated our community events due to restrictions on large gatherings.

Shift Highland Together event and focus on highlighting a local business on social media. Sam and Quinn working on this.

Community safety event: make a more interactive event.

Blood Drive in September. Memorial Blood Center.

Restaurant Week or Evening in order to feature our local restaurants somehow.

Tenant's Rights discussion—ie make it easier to obtain a lease, background checks, rights and responsibilities information, etc

Transportation---Kevin Gallatin, Chair.

Approved community members and alternates.

Last meeting focused on Edgcomb Road. City policy is to build sidewalks on both sides of streets. Next year construction.

There will be a meeting this Fall about the Edgcomb project with public works.

Special meeting last night about Snow Plowing. Informative and the plowing process power point presentation was presented. 873 miles of plowing of Saint Paul roads.

August will have car-sharing topic.

Slow Roll probably in September.

Executive Director's Report

Attached



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City Council Report

Melanie is going to be the City Liaison on Development and other projects. CM Tolbert is in process of hiring someone.

Election Review: HDC Electronic Voting Assessment

Kevin presented a plan, along with Tom Romens, to review, survey and analyze information and assess how the election went electronically. Survey board members. Document findings and authorized by our bylaws.

A motion was made to have HDC authorize on-line election analysis done, survey and discussion with Board. Seconded. Approved.

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Executive Committee Report

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Howard, Rebecca, Peter and Michelle will be the committee. Tim or Diana perhaps if needed. Directive would be to review for conflicts and best practices. By October/November timeline. Sally asked if we were going to be working with an Attorney or City resources? Matt said that he could help review them. Kathy suggested perhaps the MN Council of Nonprofits could provide guidance.

Motion made, seconded, approved.

Treasurer's Report---Bob Whitehead, Treasurer. Presented by KC.

Attached

Motion to approve, seconded, approved.

Business Representatives Reports

HBA: Anne Langford **EXCUSED**

W7BA: Kathy Soderberg **NONE**

New/Other Business

NONE

Next Meeting: September 5, 2020

Adjourn

Motion made, seconded, passed.

Adjourned at 855pm.

Submitted by: Rebecca Reiners, HDC Secretary and Grid 12 Rep