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DISTRICT COUNCIL

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HDC Board Meeting Minutes November 7, 2019

Call to Order: 7:00pm

Roll Call

17 Directors present.

Executive Director Carruth: absent

Approval of Agenda

Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve November, 2019 agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve October, 2019 meeting minutes as presented.

Public Comment

NONE

Outside Speakers

Kris Fredson, Kris.fredson@metc.state.mn.us, Met Council, Highland Rep (not yet officially appointed) and Peter Grafstrom, Met Council, Community Relations Specialist.

Peter.grafstrom@metc.state.mn.us

Speaker discussed issues that the Met Council could complete within the next four years. The C Line is up and running.

Metro Plant: 70 percent wastewater of this region flows down there. Most then goes back in to the Mississippi River, cleaner than the River itself.

The Council has long-term employees and appointed members. Spent time recently looking at what to do with disparities of the Region. Regional Administrator is the current leader. Kris serves on several committees, including several related to transportation. Looking at I-94, between downtown-downtown to fix up some issues that may have damaged areas, like RONDO. Kris wants to look at the Snelling Ave area by the soccer stadium. Appointees want to help make a difference in our community and be responsive. Big concern over affordable housing.

City Council Report

Melanie McMahan, City Council Member Tolbert's Aide

The Mayor is holding three community meetings to address gun violence.

Winter Skate will be at CHS Field. Free skating and Giant Slide.

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Standing Committee Reports

Community Development Committee: Susan Duffy

RESOLUTION in Support of a Conditional Use Permit for Starbucks drive-through located at 2525 West 7th Street.

YAY: 11

NAY: 6

Starbucks CUP resolution: lots of positive feedback from that immediate community, concern over traffic (traffic study showed no real concerns). Sally had concerns over the traffic, cars idling and pedestrian safety. Kevin had similar concerns but spoke in support to approve. Lynn spoke in support and encouraged people to look at this as a positive thing, ie jobs, development. Mat spoke against, with concerns of Climate Change. Diana spoke about poor designs, too many cars, ped safety. Howard is concerned with Global Warming, spoke against. Kathy spoke to apartment residents and they were in favor. Bob spoke to apartment residents and homeowners and they were in favor.

Michelle moved to vote on [resolution](#), seconded.

MPCA Ford Site discussion

Ward 3 Design Standards, code updates, 2015 variances changed. NO action needed from HDC. 1827 Highland Pkwy variance, tabled since Board doesn't have any more information.

Community Engagement Committee: Matt McGuire

Planning 2020, much time was spent at last meeting working on next year's events.

Night of Peace—Paul Langenfeld, presented idea event for Christians, Muslims and Jewish communities in Highland to host a Night of Peace. A grand social mixer for the three communities to meet and talk. A panel of speakers has been chosen. Evening of December 4th, 6-8pm was chosen for event to be held at Highland High School and a Minnesota Potluck will be held after the speakers and questions. Paul contacted the Islamic Resource Group, with Nate's assistance and the Assistant Principal at Highland Senior will be on panel. Senior Rabbi at Temple of Aaron and Pastor at Lumen Christi have agreed to be on the panel. Paul is adopting a Polish tradition where you use bread, and each person will get a piece of the bread and will exchange the Peace Bread then you say something nice to the other person. And so on....

Transportation Committee: Kevin Gallatin

Community Transit Conversation, did not receive a grant applied for. Two reps from Metro Transit attended and listened as to what community members preferred in Highland in terms of transportation.

Resident with traffic concerns, may be addressed at next committee meeting.

Trader Joe's, still waiting to partner up with the owner of the parking lot to address traffic and safety concerns at the entrances to TJ.



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Executive Committee Report

Resolution presented to support xxx. Motion made, and following discussion, passed to support the resolution as presented.

Personnel Discussion: Rebecca will be sending out an email to the Board members (probably on Monday when Kathy is back) for a Survey Monkey link. This will be your opportunity to look over the Executive Director's job description and rate her in each category based upon her performance. You will also have the opportunity to write in comments.

All surveys/comments are de-identified.

Michelle recommended that the Exec Dir also do a self-review.

Sally is wondering what happened to the information and feedback she wrote up last year. If anybody has previous information regarding the process or feedback, send to Rebecca, who is managing the process.

EQUITY PLAN was discussed. Sally brought forward some wording concerns. Matt expressed his concerns and what he feels needs to be in the Plan. Sally has more edits she would like to present. Kevin discussed that when HDC does our work plan, we use this [Equity Plan](#) and okay to pass at this time. Tim recommended that we date revisions as they come. Michelle asked, how many times do we need to vote on it when revised? Mat suggested quarterly as changes accumulate. Matt recommended Sally bring her notes to CEC is she would like to.

Voted:

YAY: 16

NAY: 1

Treasurer's Report

Motion made, seconded and passed to approve the treasurer's report as presented. 2020 Board Operating Budget draft approved.

Business Representatives Reports

HBA – Langford

NONE

W7BA –Soderberg: ALDI is supposed to open November 14th, 2019.

Executive Director's Report

FULL REPORT WILL BE EMAILED

New/Other Business: November 19, Black Dog Café, Mayor will present his Transportation Change Climate Change program. And 21st at the Science Museum.

Adjourn

Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

Submitted By: Rebecca Reiners, HDC Secretary