

District 6 Planning Council-Board of Director's Meeting
Monday August 7, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Present: Katheryn Schneider, Alison Warford, Steve Struhar, Rich Holst, Betti Ingman, Karin Groenig, Jeanette Jones, Ethan Osten, Matt Sletten, Noel Nix, Shannon Eckman

Absent: Patty Lammers, Keith Allen

The meeting opened with welcome and introductions

A motion to approve the agenda was M/S/A

A motion to approve the consent agenda was M/S/A

Action Item: Review and Accept Updated Financial Policies-Move lower on the agenda due to Patty Lammers not in attendance.

Review and Discuss Updated By-Laws-Phase I

Betti Ingman went over the specific items that were changed; the by-laws are presented before the next scheduled meeting. There may be a review and vote. The Executive Committee has a term limit of one year and a in any role but can serve four terms in any role.

The Board will be 21 members with two high school students, one at large and two business appointees Land Use and Transportation are two recognized committees and Land use will no longer be an autonomous committee. Types of committees were discussed and their membership guidelines and structure was gone over. The voting age at elections will be sixteen. 50% of other District Councils have an age of sixteen.

Term limits may be a great idea but there might not be enough people interested and there could be few members-most current members will be termed out at the same time. The City of Saint Paul extended term limits until a replacement was found and the member would then step down. A cliff will give members incentive to find replacements. Committees could be a pipeline to the Board. There is no provision if additional people are not brought in as members. There should be continuity and a possible recruitment plan. If there are no one who do not want to take an executive seat, who would be obligated to an executive position. There could be an outreach or marketing team created to assist with recruitment. There is a suspension clause in the by-laws. Some sort of memorializing what is the intention regarding the by-laws.

It would have been helpful to track changes to see what changes were made.

Committee Structure: what is the difference of the titles of committees-the definition is found under Article 3. Everyone is concerned about crime on the North End, a board member may be asked to address and research specific concerns and the Board will decide if a partnership or a standing committee should be formed. Land Use and Transportation under the Board and vetting requirements of what committees are. A Standing Committee is permanently placed committee. A Task Force or Ad

Hoc could go on. Is there a mechanism to show what is meant? There should be a process for a committee. The Board is able to dissolve a committee. The More information should be put into section 3. Board is ultimately responsible for committees work. It may be helpful to have an end date for ad hoc committees. What would constitute an ad hoc committee-there could be a subcommittee that would take over an issue.

The Board was kept the size and the committee structure may be a way to get others involved.

Membership: It is still a 21 member board/4 precinct/1 at large/2 business-institution/2 students Business appointees will be referred by another agency. It adds a two year limit to business appointees, students are one year. Why are businesses for a two year term? It is a broader sense of who is in the business community.

There was much discussion about the revisions. Noel Nix suggested that some of the suggested changes should be made before the Board votes to approve these sections. The task force argued that this will slow the process because our bylaws state that by-laws may be amended only if amendments have been brought before the last regular meeting. This means that if they make these changes we cannot vote on these sections until October.

The question was raised what is the rush to get this done in one month. A member brought up the PED risk assessment and the reasons why a high risk rating. The audit is not that unusual and it is not uncommon.

It was suggested that a streamlined comment process be used moving forward.

Conflict of Interest Statement

Rich Holst distributed the conflict of interest statement for signatures. Board members are requested to sign the conflict of interest statement.

Seating Shannon Eckman to the Board

Shannon has attended two meetings and Board Training. A motion to count Board Training as a meeting was M/S/A with a show of 10 hands. A motion to seat Shannon to the Board was M/S/A

Updates

There were no updates

New Business

Tobacco Ordinance, the information was distributed and the Board will make a recommendation in September

Moving the Board meeting to Rice Street Recreation Center starting in September 2017. A church may not be appropriate for everyone in our community, the Church is being closed. A motion to move the meeting to Rice Street Recreation Center was M/S/A

September's meeting will be the day after labor day-September 5 2017.

D6 went into a lease agreement for ten years at 168 Front Avenue.

Old Business

Artist Flyers for Marydale Festival are ready. Ramsey County created a design for the garden at Rice and Maryland.

Public Comment

There was no public comment

Board Comment

Library Lunches Saturday August 12, 2017.12:30 to 2:30.

The consultant interviews were Monday August 7, 2017 to create a Strategic Plan.

Adjourn