

SAINT PAUL LONG-RANGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES: MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023

5 – 7 pm | Rondo Community Library

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Tobolt at 5:03, quorum was not met, informational presentations and the Public Hearing continued without quorum.
- II. **Roll Call and Establish Quorum**
 - **Members Present:** Abshir Ali, Lauren Dees-Erickson, Jack Fei, Darren Tobolt, Pang Yang
 - **Members Absent: Excused:** Raymond Hess, Natasha Jones, Jon Kelly, Pat McQuillan, Baret Steenrod, **Unexcused:** Abdi Ahmed, Elsa Vega Perez, Ryan Vue
 - **City Staff and Guests Present:** NENO: Maeve Christieb, Jubilee Dee, Kerry Antrim, Beth Hyser, Parks: Alice Messer, Demetrius Shaw and Leah Sullivan, Saint Paul Parks Conservancy: Michael-jon Pease, 30,00 feet: Vanessa Young, Neighborworks Home Partners: Beth Hyser, Jordan Burt-McGregor Cerenity Senior Care: Julie Thelen, Far East: Blia Vang, Som Lee, ESNDC: Anne DeJoy, YOB and SPYC: Haley Vien, and Steohany Lopez, UPDC: Leah Sullivan, Mayor's Office: Noel Nix
- III. **Budget Amendments**
 - **Parks Budget Amendments,** Alice Messer from Parks and Recreation presented on the following budget amendments, committee members asked questions about the projects, the official recommendation vote will take place at the next committee meeting.
 - i) RES PH 23- 129 Mica Park Bud Amd for U of St Thomas Funds
 - ii) RES PH 23-136 NECC ORLP Grant Bud Amd
 - iii) RES PH 23-137 Fish Hatchery and Sam Morgan Fed Grant Bud Amd:
 - iv) RES PH 23-138 NECC NFL Foundation Grant Bud Amd: no questions
 - v) RES PH 23-146: Midway Peace Park
 - vi) RES PH 23-148: Cochran Park Fountain
 - vii) RES PH 23-150: Pedro Park
- IV. **2023 Public Hearing:** Chair Tobolt called speakers up from the speaker sign up sheet, each speaker was given two minutes to speak. Comments below summarized by project supported.
 - **NENO:** Kerry Antrim spoke in favor of the projects submitted by NENO, discussed their organizational capacity and history in their projects and work with the STAR Board and other City programs and potential funders.
 - **NeighborWorks Home Partners:** Beth Hyser presented in favor or project and, project goals, and mission.
 - **30,000 Feet:** Vanessa Young testified in favor of the proposal and detailed current building state and improvement needs.
 - **Parks:** Alice Messer presented on the importance of parks projects and the history of funding, as well as the removal of the playground annual program funding in last few years.

- **Cerenity Senior Care, Humboldt Building Improvements:** Julie Thelin presented on the importance of Elevator modernization and door upgrades and discussed these as first priority for funding.
- **East Side Neighborhood Organization:** Blia Vang; and Som Lee from Froggies farm restaurant spoke in support of the east side neighborhood organization and detailed their experience working with the organization.
- **East Side Neighborhood Organization:** Anna DeJoy spoke in favor of the proposal and detailed the difficulty and expense of building repair and the importance of the work done by ESNDC.
- **Parks, Midway Peace Park:** Demetrius Shaw and Leah Sullivan discussed play area replacement fund request as well as parks CDBG funding, siting the Midway Peace Park specifically. They would like to see a park they love continue to grow and flourish in years
- **Saint Paul Parks Conservancy:** Michael-jon Pease spoke in favor of the Parks CDBG proposals as well as reinstating the play area replacement fund for 2024 2025
- Additional written information was provided for committee review.

V. Other Business

- **2024 Operating Budget Engagement:** Noel Nix, Office of the Mayor Noel described the budget engagement process for 2024 with sessions throughout the community and with commissions hosted with the goal to have a more in-depth conversation about the budget and host a discussion Newly this year, in addition to community engagement they are specifically working with committees and commissions related to their budget priorities. Members engaged in a discussion about individual and group priorities in budgeting and completed the engagement tool priority submission.

VI. Announcements

- Next CIB Meeting: Monday, June 26, 3:30 – 5:30 pm, at Rondo Community Library
- July Meeting: Monday, July 10, 3:30 – 5:30 pm

VII. Adjournment