

## CapitolRiver Council Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting, 5:15 p.m. via Zoom videoconference.

- I. Chair Jess Grams called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Attendees were asked to introduce themselves and answer the following ice-breaker question: What was your first house or apartment as an adult (after moving out of parents' home, and / or after college)?
- II. The March 2022 board meeting minutes were approved.
- III. Rent Stabilization Rules: Danielle Swift, Community Organizer, and Jon Grebner, Political Director for the Office of Mayor Melvin Carter, participated in this discussion. The City of Saint Paul is seeking feedback on proposed rules to implement the 3% cap on rent increases. The CRC Development Review Committee discussed the rules on April 12. Executive Director Jon Fure created a summary of feedback from the committee, and from other discussions with people who live and / or work in District 17.

### Action Item

- IV. Short-term loan application: Jon Fure explained that the City Council authorized funding for district councils on February 2, 2022, and each district council works with City staff to get a contract reviewed and approved. He said he and other district council employees provide work plans, budgets, proof of general liability insurance, and other documents to City staff as part of the review and approval process. Even though the money was already authorized to be spent, the City only reimburses district councils for eligible expenses after a contract is approved. None of the money is provided in advance. Therefore, the loan will enable CRC to pay its bills until the first reimbursement check is received. He said the contract for CRC should be approved and signed in the next week or two, and reimbursement should be received in May or early June, therefore, a loan of \$10,000 will likely be repaid in one-two months. The officers also asked Jon Fure to write a letter to Councilmember Rebecca Noecker and to the Mayor's office explaining the problems associated with this process and requesting action.

**Officers motion to apply for a \$10,000 loan from Hiway Credit Union to cover expenses until reimbursement is received from the City through the Community Engagement Contract. Motion passed.**

- V. Financial Update and Review and Approval of the IRS Form 990: Treasurer Will Travis said the monthly Financial Statements and 990 are posted on the website, and he recommended approval of the 990.

**Motion by Joe Baierl, seconded by Kathy Blair, to approve the contents of the 990 for 2021, and to certify that the CRC Board of Directors has assumed, and will continue to assume, responsibility for determining matters of policy, and have supervised, and will continue to supervise, the operations and finances of the organization. Motion passed.**

- VI. Annual Meeting Updates: Jon Fure said the Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 28, at 5:15 p.m., and the location will be on 4th Floor of Osborn 370, with an option to connect via Zoom. Board members briefly discuss potential topics / speakers and strategies for recruiting prospective board members for the Annual Meeting.
- VII. Committee Updates: Attendees were asked to review the monthly summary on the CRC website prepared by CRC Secretary Judy Miller and Committee Chairs.
- VIII. Other updates: Per the board's motion to submit an application for public bathrooms in Mears Park through the City's Capital Improvement Budget process, Jon Fure submitted that application.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.