

CapitolRiver Council Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2022, Annual Meeting, 5:15 p.m.

Location: Osborn 370, 4th Floor Conference Room. Board members and the public were invited to attend in person or via Zoom videoconference.

- I. Chair Jess Grams called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and read aloud the Land Acknowledgement.
- II. Board Member Candidate Introductions: The 5 candidates for 5 open seats to a 2-year term introduced themselves. There were no other nominations. The following candidates were elected: Jess Grams, Meredith Heneghan, Rich Johnson, Olga Nichols, and Julie Printz.
- III. Presentation and Q&A: Michael-Jon Pease, Executive Director, Saint Paul Parks Conservancy – A Catalyst for Community Vibrancy By Making Strong Parks Superb. His presentation included updates on city-wide parks projects, and the group discussed ways to advocate for improvements to downtown parks.
- IV. Request from Skyway Governance Advisory Committee to consider signing onto a letter of support for the Listening House, which is seeking a permanent location for its facility that provides a range of services for people who are experiencing homelessness. Sara Fleetham, Director of Development for Listening House, discussed this project with attendees. The location will be the former Savoy restaurant on East 7th Street, which is outside of District 17, however, CRC has received a lot of questions and concerns about people who are experiencing homelessness, and Listening House is providing services to address those concerns. Motion by John Ganey, seconded by Alan Ostergaard, for the CRC to sign onto the letter of support for the Listening House. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.