

CapitolRiver Council Meeting Agenda

November 15, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting, 5:15 p.m.

Board members and the public are invited to attend via Zoom videoconference.

Zoom Meeting Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87480273918?pwd=K1ppS1RycFpZMlZSZGIxeEQxNHBPZz09>

Meeting ID: 874 8027 3918, Passcode: 122532

Rules of Procedure

Welcome to our meeting! When we make decisions as a group, we want all board members and guests to have the opportunity to participate in the discussion. Please wait to be recognized by the Board Chair or other person who is facilitating the meeting. Keep comments and questions brief, and relevant to the agenda item that is being discussed. Avoid making personal attacks or using disrespectful language.

Please see the complete Rules of Procedure at the end of this document for more detail.

Call to Order, Introductions, and Review Meeting Minutes, Chair Jess Grams (5:15-5:25 p.m.)

Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge that this meeting is taking place on Dakota land and the home of the Ojibway people. We also note that we are blessed to use this digital platform, which is not always available to low-income, rural, or indigenous people and communities. We reflect on this to remember our responsibility and privilege to protect these spaces -- both physical and digital -- and to maintain a respectful environment where all people feel welcome, safe, and able to access the process of decision-making in our work.

- I. Introductions and Welcome – attendees are asked to briefly introduce themselves to the group.
- II. Previous meeting minutes: Please review the October 18 meeting minutes. If there are no objections or requested changes, the minutes will be adopted.

Discussion Item – CRC Strategic Planning Overview (5:25-5:40 p.m.)

- III. Chair Jess Grams, Julie Printz, and Jon Fure met on November 3 and continued the strategic planning discussion. A suggestion was made to add the word “connected,” to the mission (“... to support sustainable, safe, healthy, connected, and vibrant neighborhoods.”), and to ask board members, what would success look like if we were to achieve our highest possible value?

Financial Update and 2023 Budget Draft (5:40-6:00 p.m.)

- IV. Jon Fure will provide a draft budget for 2023.

Committee Updates (6:00-6:25 p.m.)

- V. Public Realm: Following up on the committee’s request to form a work group to work with City staff to study and develop strategies to make public bathrooms available downtown, Chair Jess Grams and Jon Fure are scheduled to meet with Council Member Noecker on Nov. 17. The committee met with Public Works staff and discussed issues related to snow removal. Downtown residents and workers are encouraged to call the DSI complaint line with complaints. The group also discussed a new volunteer opportunity with the Saint Paul Parks Conservancy, which is seeking volunteers to help maintain the planted areas along bike lanes Downtown.

- VI. Skyway Governance Advisory Committee: The normal committee meeting would be the Friday after Thanksgiving, so the meeting has been rescheduled for Friday, December 2, at 9 a.m.
- VII. Development Review: An idea was discussed to create a Living At Home program (formerly known as a block nurse program), either through a collaborative partnership, or as a CRC program. This would involve recruiting volunteers to do things like bring people to their medical appointments and help with shopping or delivering meals. The programs are funded through [Trellis, the Twin Cities Area Agency on Aging](#), and Downtown is one of only two Saint Paul neighborhoods that do not receive funding for those activities through Trellis. The committee also agreed to help recruit people to serve on a Station Area Planning task force for the Purple Line transit project.

Board Member Updates (6:25-6:45 p.m.)

- VIII. Board member updates and requests for future agenda items.

Adjournment – 6:45 p.m.

CRC MISSION

CapitolRiver Council, an official advisory group to the City Council, represents and works in partnership with all District 17 stakeholders to act on urban planning and community building efforts as part of a shared vision to support sustainable, safe, healthy, and vibrant neighborhoods.

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Welcome to our meeting! When we make decisions as a group, we want all board members to have the opportunity to participate in the discussion. The following rules enable us to move through our agenda efficiently, while giving people with different opinions the opportunity to participate in the discussion. When we invite guests to participate, we ask that you also agree to the following:

- Turn off or silence cell phones.
- Wait to be recognized by the board chair before speaking.
- Only one person speaks at a time.
- Keep comments brief – please stay within the allotted time on the agenda for committee updates and other agenda items, and keep other questions and comments to 1 minute.
- Keep comments to the agenda item that is being discussed.
- When you have given your opinion or asked a question, allow others time to give their opinion or ask a question before speaking again.
- Avoid making personal attacks or using disrespectful or offensive language.
- Unless otherwise specified in CRC Bylaws or policy, board action requires:
 - A motion by a board member, seconded by another board member (except that a motion by a committee does not need to be seconded).
 - Discussion by board members.
 - Discussion by the public at the discretion of the chair.
 - A majority of board members must vote in favor of the motion.
 - If a board member proposes one or more changes to a motion, the board must first vote on the proposed change(s) and then vote on the motion.
 - If a board member makes a motion to end the debate on an agenda item and call the previous question, and if it is seconded by another board member, the board must vote on that motion without debate, and if a majority of board members vote in favor of the motion to call the previous question, the board must vote on the motion that was being debated.