

## PROPOSED

### Capitol River Council Planning & Economic Development Committee

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#### Committee Objective

The Capitol River Council's Planning and Economic Development Committee advances community-led planning and development in District 17 by aligning its advisory role with initiatives that generate measurable economic outcomes, attract and retain local investment, and strengthen the long-term vitality of neighborhood corridors. This alignment includes:

- The City of Saint Paul's Planning and Economic Development (PED) strategies
- A unified Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) framework guiding real estate, economic development, and quality of life standards
- Key development projects and strategies:
  1. Downtown Alliance Development
  2. Central Station Development
  3. District Council Neighborhood Area Plans
  4. The Neighborhood Area Plan co-developed by ReConnect Rondo and the City

#### I. Core Responsibilities

1. *Strategic Alignment & Policy Review*
  - i. Shape a holistic economic development approach, including funding mechanisms and community support
  - ii. Track and interpret PED strategies: zoning, land use, housing, and economic development
  - iii. Monitor city, county, and state projects impacting Downtown and adjacent neighborhoods
  - iv. Create pathways for community-informed feedback on public initiatives
2. *Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) Development & Oversight*
  - i. Co-develop a CBA framework with ReConnect Rondo, Summit-University, other District Councils, and city partners. Ensure CBA provisions include:
    1. Mobility, walkability, and accessibility standards
    2. Public realm enhancements and cultural preservation
    3. Local hiring and workforce development with benefits that support Downtown vitality
    4. Affordable housing goals and funding strategies
    5. Procurement targets for downtown and St. Paul businesses
    6. Youth development initiatives
3. *Project Review & Recommendations*
  - i. Evaluate proposed developments for alignment with community priorities
  - ii. Provide advisory recommendations to the CRC Board and City Council
  - iii. Advocate for inclusive design, anti-displacement strategies, and climate-resilient infrastructure

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4. *Coalition Building & Stakeholder Engagement*
  - i. Host quarterly roundtables with ReConnect Rondo, PED staff, local businesses, and residents
  - ii. Collaborate with other district councils to share best practices and amplify impact
  - iii. Support grassroots leadership and elevate community voices in planning
5. *Data & Impact Tracking*
  - i. Develop metrics to monitor progress on CBA and neighborhood plan goals
  - ii. Publish annual reports on development trends, equity outcomes, and community feedback
  - iii. Use data to guide CRC's strategic priorities and advocacy

#### II. Committee Protocols

1. Meeting Schedule
  - i. CRC-PED Committee Meetings: 4th Tuesday of each month
    1. *In-person*: May, September
    2. *Virtual*: February, March, August, November, December
  - ii. Optional CRC Board Meetings: January, April, July, October
  - iii. Annual Meeting: June (Recommended)
2. Members may miss up to two meetings annually; additional absences reviewed case-by-case

#### III. Communication

1. Members will share personal contact information (email and mobile) for coordination

#### IV. Committee Composition

1. Chair (Appointed CRC Board Member)
2. CRC voting members (residents, business owners, workers)
3. City of Saint Paul PED liaison
4. Fellow district council members
5. Youth and elder representatives
6. Subject matter experts in housing, finance, and restorative infrastructure

#### V. Getting Started

*Step 1:* Attend your first CRC-PED Committee meeting

*Step 2:* Review the Neighborhood Area Plan and CBA framework materials

*Step 3:* Connect with fellow members and share your contact info

*Step 4:* Choose a working group or priority area to support

**Step 5: Stay engaged—your voice shapes the future of District 17**