

## CapitolRiver Council Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting, 5:15 p.m., via Zoom videoconference.

- I. Call to Order, Introductions and Welcome. Chair Jess Grams called the meeting to order, read aloud the land acknowledgement, and invited attendees to introduce themselves.
- II. Previous Meeting Minutes – the March 21, 2023 board meeting minutes were adopted.
- III. Strategic Planning Update: CRC Development Director / Event Coordinator Amy Lee provided a summary of the feedback received from board members, following a survey that was sent about the CRC mission. The group discussed ways that other voices could be engaged in our work.
- IV. Financial Update -- Executive Director Jon Fure said the City contract has been approved but not yet signed by all City officials. CRC does not receive any money from the City until after the contract is signed, and then requests reimbursement of expenses from earlier in the year. The CRC officers authorized the application of a short-term loan to pay bills between now and the estimated timeframe for the City to reimburse CRC for expenses from January – April.

### Action Items – Pride Fest Sponsorship, updated CRC budget, and Annual Meeting Scheduling

- V. **Motion by CRC officers to spend up to \$1,600 to sponsor a table at Pride Fest in Rice Park on June 10.** Board members expressed concern about the amount of money, and what it would pay for. **The motion failed.**
- VI. **Motion by CRC officers to adopt the draft budget, as recommended by Jon Fure. The motion was tabled.** Jon Fure said that without the authorization to spend the money for the event sponsorship fee, the other recommended changes aren't urgent. For example, there are donations that are being made to support community gardening, and those will appear on the financial statements.
- VII. Annual Meeting Schedule – Jon Fure said the Annual Meeting was tentatively planned for June 20 at the Cabaret at Camp Bar, and as of April 20, the venue was tentatively available. We were informed on May 9 that in fact the venue has been scheduled on Tuesdays through July. The recommendation is to schedule the Annual Meeting on June 27 at the Hep Cat event space on the lower level in the Osborn 370 building. The agenda will be a social hour from 4:30 to 5:30, board member election, followed by a break, from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m., followed by a presentation by the Downtown Alliance on its Downtown Investment Strategy and Q and A. **Motion by Julie Printz, seconded by Amanda Duerr, to schedule the CRC Annual Meeting for June 27 at Hep Cat. Motion passed.**
- VIII. Appointed members for 2023-2024: The CRC Bylaws allow for up to 7 organizations to appoint a person to serve as a CRC board member. **Motion by Amanda Duerr, seconded by Alan Ostergaard, to offer an appointed seat to the Downtown Alliance. Motion passed.**

### Committee Updates

- IX. Public Realm Committee: The committee will meet on June 1, at 5 p.m. Location and agenda are TBD.
- X. Skyway Governance Advisory Committee: The committee will meet on May 26 at 9 a.m. via zoom.

### Board Member Updates

- XI. No additional board member updates.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.