

CapitolRiver Council (CRC) Annual Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2023, 4:30 p.m. social hour, meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. meeting, at Hepcat, 370 Wabasha St. N, Floor - 2.

Sign In and Small Group Discussions

Attendees are invited to join small-group discussions led by people representing organizations that serve Downtown. Presenters / topics include The Saint Paul Downtown Alliance / Downtown Improvement District; the DRAFT Saint Paul Bicycle Plan; community gardening opportunities; Food Waste Reduction; Minnesota Cooperative Conflict Collaborative; Saint Paul Planning and Economic Development; and Saint Paul Department of Safety and Inspections.

Call to Order, CRC Board Chair Jess Grams (5:30 p.m.)

- I. Chair Jess Grams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. She welcomed attendees and read aloud the Land Acknowledgement:

We acknowledge that this meeting is taking place on the ancestral homeland of the Dakota and Anishinaabe people, near the sacred convergence of the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers, known as B'dote. We also note that we are blessed to spend this time together in this place, which might not be possible for people who have other work or family responsibilities. We reflect on this to remember our responsibility and privilege to protect these spaces, and to maintain a respectful environment where all people feel welcome, safe, and able to access the process of decision-making in our work.

- II. Opening Remarks: Chair Jess Grams provided an overview of CRC's work and asked attendees to review the rules of procedure. She explained that the rules are intended to make sure that everyone has a chance to participate in discussions and is treated with respect.

Board Member Election

- III. CRC Executive Director Jon Fure introduced the three candidates who are seeking election. There are 5 open seats to serve a 2-year term on the Board of Directors. The candidates -- Linda McBrayer, Will Travis, and Brett Bacon, each introduced themselves.

Other candidates: Jon Fure asked if there were other nominees. Two attendees expressed interest but were ineligible, because this was their first CRC meeting in more than 12 months.

A motion was made and seconded to elect the three candidates to the board. Motion passed.

Presentations / Q and A: Representatives of the Small-Group Discussions briefly addressed the large group. The Downtown Alliance facilitated small group discussions for the remainder of the meeting. A summary of the feedback is posted on the CRC website.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.