

CRC Board Meeting Minutes

5:30-7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2025

Location: Saint City (formerly known as Creator's Space), 218 7th Street East

Board member attendees: Brett Bacon, Thomas Burke, Kim Chung, Ed Coleman, Guillermo Hernandez, Christopher Melendez, Lynn Pingol, Tom Pippitt, Julie Printz, Joe Spencer, Haley Taylor Schlitz.

Other attendees: Matt Banker, David Bendickson, James Daniels, Sarah Dragg, Tom Erickson, Jon Fure, John Ganey, Adam Hertell, Amy Lee, Marti Lybeck, Laura Mullins, Josh Olson, Taisha Robinson.

Chair Haley Taylor Schlitz called the meeting to order and invited attendees to introduce themselves, and to answer the question, why are you involved with CRC (or if this is your first meeting, what makes you interested in being involved)?

Discussion Items

1. [Tree Preservation Ordinance presentation](#): Council President Rebecca Noecker provided an overview of her proposed ordinance and responded to questions. No follow-up action was requested.
2. [Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area](#): Ramsey County Director of Community and Economic Development Josh Olson explained that a proposed City ordinance was recently modified to place height limits for new buildings along the river, along with new regulations and processes, which would make it nearly impossible for the Riversedge development to go forward. A public hearing is scheduled for November 19, and he said it would be helpful for CRC to provide feedback. Motion by Joe Spencer, seconded by Julie Printz, to oppose the height restrictions component of the MRCCA proposed ordinance and to direct CRC staff to provide that feedback to the City. (Note: This was done on Nov. 19.) Motion passed, with two board members abstaining from voting.

Action Item

3. Lynn Pingol: [Planning and Economic Development Committee -- proposed Charter and 2026 Meeting Schedule](#). The draft charter was sent to board members and to people who have expressed interest in joining the committee. The recommendation is to officially rename the committee (formerly known as Planning and Zoning), and approve the charter. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Close Public Meeting and Meet in Closed Session

Board Leadership Activity

4. Board members were asked to take turns delivering their "elevator speech," for feedback. Vice Chair Julie Printz facilitated the discussion.
5. Fundraising Update: Amy Lee provided a summary of the work that she has been doing as a volunteer to help CRC raise money to support its work.

Board Chair Updates

- Chair Haley Taylor Schlitz: FYI, There will be a performance appraisal conducted before the end of this year for Executive Director Jon Fure.

The meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.