

# SAINT PAUL LONG-RANGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET COMMITTEE

Monday, Monday, March 10, 2025, 5:00 – 7:00 pm | Rondo Community Library

## MINUTES

- I. Call to Order at 5:04 pm by Chair Dees Erickson  
Roll Call
  - a. Members in attendance: Makayla Cox, Lauren Dees Erickson, Raymond Hess, Demetrius Shaw, Darren Tobolt, Carl Johnson, Liam O' Brien, Nardos Ashenafi, Pang Yang, Brian Jackson, April Eh
  - b. Members excused: Jes Braun, Tim Marino
  - c. Members absent: Pat McQuillan
  - d. City Staff and Community Members in Attendance: Nichelle Bottko Woods, Shannon Forney - Office of Financial Services; Anne Weber- Public Works; Alice Messer- Parks and Recreation; Beth Ulrich and Jessica Deegan – Planning & Economic Development Department
- II. Approval of Meeting Agenda: O'Brien moved to approve the agenda, Cox seconded, motion passed.
- III. Approval of February 10th Meeting Minutes: O'Brien moved to approve the minutes, Hess seconded, motion passed.
- IV. Budget Amendments
  - a. Alice Messer from Parks and Recreation presented the following budget amendment:
    - i. **Parks RES PH 25-44 Crosby Pk Fishing Pier \$125k:** *Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to amend the financing and spending plan in the amount of \$125,000 and to enter into a grant agreement with the Metropolitan Council to accept fishing pier grant funds, which includes an indemnification clause.*  
Discussion followed. Medium level of usage, due to poor condition. This amount likely covers the full replacement cost, if not there are available Legacy funds for additional expense. Hess moved and Ashenafi seconded to recommend approval of the motion. Motion passed.
  - b. Anne Weber from Public Works presented the following budget amendment
    - i. **Public Works RES PH 25-45 Randolph Bridge \$2,550,000:** *Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Capital Budget for the Randolph Bridge Project.* Weber explained a complicated project history where the project was agreed to in 2021, but not fully funded and was therefore cancelled. Now there is bond funding is in alignment and the project is moving again. Tobolt moved and Cox seconded to recommend approval of the motion. Motion passed.
  - c. Jessica Deegan and Beth Ulrich from the Planning and Economic Development (PED) Department presented an overview of the CDBG funding program and application:

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- CDBG Federal HUD (Housing and Urban Development) funding since 1974
- \$4M available to the City of Saint Paul – both departments and community groups, nonprofits, etc. can apply
- Projects must meet PED Consolidated Plan Goals and National Objectives
- The City must not have more than 1 ½ times their previous allocation as an unspent balance by April 1 annually.
- Each project/program must achieve National Objective outcomes within 1 year of drawing funds.
- HUD requires that a risk analysis be part of the subgrant selection process, including but not limited to:
  - Amount of funds requested (can they be spent in one year)
  - Capacity of organization
  - Feasibility of project/program
  - Past performance of the organization

## **V. Announcements**

- a. Next Meeting: Monday, April 14 at Rondo Community Library
- b. April 21 and 28<sup>th</sup> at Rondo Community Library: CDBG Project Presentations

## **VI. Meeting Adjourned at 6:05pm**