

# **SAINT PAUL LONG-RANGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Monday, Monday, May 12, 2025, 5:00 – 7:00 pm | Rondo Community Library

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call: Meeting was called to order by Chair Dees-Erickson at 5:08
  - a. Members
    - i. In Attendance: Chair Lauren Dees-Erickson, Vice Chair Demetrius Shaw, Nardos Ashenafi, Makayla Cox, April Eh, Raymond Hess, Robert (Brian) Jackson, Carl Johnson, Timothy (Tim) Marino, William (Liam) O'Brien, Darren Tobolt, and Pang Yang
    - ii. Excused: Jessica (Jes) Braun
    - iii. Absent, unexcused: Pat McQuillan
  - b. City Staff and Community Members in attendance: Nichelle Bottko Woods, Anne Weber, Alice Messer, Joshua Schaeffer,
- II. Approval of Meeting Agenda: Hess moved to approve the agenda, Cox seconded, motion passed.
- III. Budget Amendments: Parks: PH 25-90 Victoria Park: Alice Messer presented on the resolution to accept funding. Tobolt moved to recommend approval, Cox seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. CDBG Project Presentations for the Parks Department by Alice Messer, committee members asked questions about the specific proposals as well as Parks department decision making processes for identifying playgrounds to submit. Proposal presentations included: Baker Park Play Area, Ryan Park Play Area, West Minnehaha Play Area, and Conway Park Play Area.
- V. CIB District Council and Community Outreach: Nichelle Bottko Woods explained the community poll and shared materials for committee members to reach out to discuss the community poll and membership applications with district council and other community organizations. Committee members will reach out to community groups and district council to promote and then report back at the June and July meetings as time allows for reporting back.
- VI. Capital Planning Team Report: Members of the Capital Planning Team: Nichelle Bottko Woods, Alice Messer, Anne Weber, and Joshua Schaffer explained the process that the Capital Planning team took to create recommendations for the CIB Committee, shared the results of discussion, as well as the results of the CIB Committee scoring, each annual program and one-time project recommended for funding were presented in detail.
- VII. Committee Discussion- Tentative CIB Recommendations
  - a. Wide range of answers and level of commitment to projects, in particular community engagement questions and equity and inclusion prompts in particular, it is important for these answers to include how many people were engaged, how were they engaged, how were they found, departments who provided more information
  - b. Lack of information was reflected in the scores of committee members
  - c. Departments should commit to responding to the community engagement and equity and inclusion in particular
  - d. Why the specific amount for Riverview- possible to break up projects

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- e. Yang moved, and Shaw seconded to tentatively approve the tentative recommendations, motion passed.
- VIII. Announcements
  - a. Upcoming Meetings at Rondo Community Library
    - i. May 19: Additional Process Meeting
    - ii. June 9: Public Hearing
    - iii. June 16: Additional Process Meeting
    - iv. June 23: Tentative Additional Process Meeting
- IX. Adjournment at 7:19 pm by chair Dees- Erickson