

CapitolRiver Council Meeting Agenda

Nov. 17 2020, 5:15-6:45 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting

Board members and the public are invited to attend via Zoom videoconference.

I. **Zoom Meeting Link**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88927594662>

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II. Call to order and introductions

III. Motion to adopt agenda.

IV. Motion to approve Oct. 20, 2020 board meeting minutes.

Appointed Members

V. Motion to accept the organizational appointments (which will expire after the 2021 CRC Annual Meeting): Kathleen Conger – Central Library, Nick Cusick – Visit Saint Paul, Tom Erickson – Saint Paul Building Owners and Managers Association, Paul Mandell – Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board, and John Smith – Saint Paul Area Chamber.

VI. Motion to appoint Olga Nichols to serve the remaining year of a vacant 2-year term.

Olga Nichols is a graduate of the University of Minnesota who majored in Architecture and Studio Art, with continued education from the Art Institutes International in interior design. Prior to graduation, she received the Eliza A. Painting Award of the Year from Hamline University. She was also an associate member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the Assembly of Architects (AOA). From 2014 to 2015, she served as a board member on the American Chamber of Commerce, Uganda. She has also acquired further professional experience designing spaces of and running operations in an architectural design firm, restaurant, dance studio, property management company, television production studio, and at an auto dealership. With her architectural background, she designed and remodeled the first state-of-the-art dance studio space in Kampala, Uganda, in 2013. After a series of life-altering events in 2016, Olga finally returned to her first love – Visual art. In April 2017, Olga was interviewed and featured on the Pioneer Public Television broadcast show, “Post cards,” which was a narrative of her journey as an Artist from Africa to Rural Minnesota.

<https://video.pioneer.org/video/olga-nichols-hyzeci/> Now on a new journey, Olga is a freelance Artist and Activist spending her time teaching workshops, creating and exhibiting her work in her studio/ gallery space in downtown St. Paul. Through her work, she vividly and avidly portrays her life experiences - both the delightful and the hardships. Olga has worked on various public Art including murals in advocacy against systematic racism. Two of her murals are currently displayed on Kmart on Lake Street, Minneapolis. Through her creativity, Olga continues to highlight awareness of various causes such as Breast cancer and Mental health. Olga is eager to share her work with downtown dwellers, the corporates who frequent her studio as well as impact the world at large. As an activist, creative, immigrant and a resident of downtown St. Paul, joining the CRC board will enable me to impact the neighborhood by bringing a unique perspective for change as well as preserve what is near and dear to the residents of District 17.

Downtown Resident Seeks Recommendation to Serve on Transit Committee

VII. Riverview Corridor Transit Project, Request to recommend Jay Severance to represent CRC on the [Community Advisory Committee](#). He is a Downtown resident, retired planning and operations

executive, and is co-founder of Citizens Advocates for Regional Transit, and a board member of All Aboard Minnesota.

Election of Officers

- VIII. Each year, the board elects officers to serve in the following roles: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Internal Affairs Officer, and External Affairs Officer. If more than one person seeks to serve in an officer position, the board may vote via a Google form.

Community Engagement / Committee Updates

- IX. Downtown Business Engagement – CRC has had a Small Business Committee in the past, and questions often come up in our community engagement about what we can do to attract and support more small businesses. There is some overlap with the Arts, Culture and Entertainment Committee, which has included discussions about supporting local artists and arts-related events. The purpose of this agenda item is to talk about what groups are engaging business owners and managers, including arts-related organizations, and how CRC can add value to that work.
- X. Wayfinding Project Update – CRC received a Cultural STAR grant through a partnership with the Downtown Alliance to develop recommendations for Downtown wayfinding, which includes signage on streets, buildings and skyways, and related concepts. Two groups of students are currently working on this project through the [Resilient Communities Project](#).

New Business

- XI. Draft Privacy Policy – Aliya Mohamed, CRC Marketing and Technology Specialist, has prepared a draft policy that would be posted on the CRC website. She will provide some background information and answer questions.

Other Board Member Updates and Feedback

- XII. Board members and other attendees are welcome to provide updates or suggest future agenda items.

Adjournment

CRC MISSION

CapitolRiver Council, an official advisory group to the City Council, represents and works in partnership with all District 17 stakeholders to act on urban planning and community building efforts as part of a shared vision to support sustainable, safe, healthy, and vibrant neighborhoods.

CapitolRiver Council Rules of Procedure

Welcome to our meeting! When we make decisions as a group, we want all board members to have the opportunity to participate in the discussion. The following rules enable us to move through our agenda efficiently, while giving people with different opinions the opportunity to participate in the discussion. When we invite guests to participate, we ask that you also agree to the following:

- Turn off or silence cell phones.
- Wait to be recognized by the board chair before speaking.
- Only one person speaks at a time.
- Keep comments brief – please stay within the allotted time on the agenda for committee updates and other agenda items, and keep other questions and comments to 1 minute.
- Keep comments to the agenda item that is being discussed.

- When you have given your opinion or asked a question, allow others time to give their opinion or ask a question before speaking again.
- Avoid making personal attacks or using disrespectful or offensive language.
- Unless otherwise specified in CRC Bylaws or policy, board action requires:
 - A motion by a board member, seconded by another board member (except that a motion by a committee does not need to be seconded).
 - Discussion by board members.
 - Discussion by the public at the discretion of the chair.
 - A majority of board members must vote in favor of the motion.
 - If a board member proposes one or more changes to a motion, the board must first vote on the proposed change(s) and then vote on the motion.
 - If a board member makes a motion to end the debate on an agenda item and call the previous question, and if it is seconded by another board member, the board must vote on that motion without debate, and if a majority of board members vote in favor of the motion to call the previous question, the board must vote on the motion that was being debated.