

CapitolRiver Council Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Chair Shevek McKee.
- II. Motion by Joe Baierl, seconded by Will Travis, to approve the Feb. 16, 2021 board meeting minutes. Motion passed.
- III. Update from RADIUS Health regarding response to people who are experiencing homelessness: RADIUS Health staff were unable to attend the meeting.
- IV. Discussion about forming a CRC Recruiting committee: Chair Shevek McKee said that he will not be seeking re-election to the board, and the proposed changes to the bylaws would reduce the number of board members, but there is still a need to recruit prospective board members, including people who could be appointed to represent a local organization. The proposed changes to the bylaws would also make the recruiting committee a standing committee, which is intended to result in more frequent, consistent efforts to recruit and retain board members and committee members, and to continually build institutional knowledge. Anyone who is interested in serving in that capacity should contact him or Jon Fure.
- V. Pedro Park Work Group: Chair Shevek McKee provided an update on the efforts to recruit people to serve on the work group, which will work with City staff in several departments to help plan the long and short-term future of Pedro Park and the surrounding neighborhood. The deadline to apply is March 26, and he invited board members to volunteer to evaluate the applicants and select the members.

Michael-Jon Pease, Executive Director for the Saint Paul Parks Conservancy, was in attendance, and he was asked to introduce himself, and to talk about strategies for improving parks. He said his work will include fundraising and looking for ways to partner with organizations to bring more resources to parks.

- VI. Financial update: Jon Fure asked board members to review the monthly financial statements and the IRS form 990, which was prepared by Harrington Langer and Associates, which is the firm that also prepares the monthly financial statements.

Motion by Will Travis, seconded by Crystal Meriwether, to approve the contents of the 990 for 2020, and to certify that the CRC Board of Directors has assumed, and will continue to assume, responsibility for determining matters of policy, and have supervised, and will continue to supervise, the operations and finances of the organization. Motion passed.

- VII. Update on the CRC Fundraising committee: Joe Baierl, CRC External Affairs Officer, provided an update on the committee's work, and invited board members to send him ideas and / or questions about potential grants or other fundraising ideas.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.