

# CapitolRiver Council Meeting Agenda

April 27, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting (rescheduled from April 20)

The board meeting will begin after the conclusion of the special meeting to consider proposed changes to the CRC Bylaws.

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

## Zoom Meeting Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87480273918?pwd=K1ppS1RycFpZMlZSZGIxeEQxNHBPZz09>

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- I. Call to order and introductions
- II. Motion to adopt agenda
- III. Motion to approve March 16, 2021 board meeting minutes

## Information Items

- IV. Introduction / Update / Q&A with RADIAS Health. (RADIAS Health does outreach work and has offices in the TPT building.) Staff from RADIAS Health have been invited to attend the meeting.
- V. Residential Improvement District study: Merritt Clap-Smith, a downtown resident and principal for Moxie Urban Consulting, will present information about her work on a proposed district that would be similar to the Business Improvement District for residential buildings.
- VI. Student worker internship wrap-up: Aliya Mohamed was hired through the City's Right Track program in the summer of 2020, and will be leaving CRC and will be working for 3M.
- VII. Board Member Recruiting Update

## Public Realm Committee Resolutions

- VIII. Wacouta Commons Flower Bed Resolution Draft:  
The CapitolRiver Council enthusiastically supports the plan for the Wacouta Commons fountain to be converted into a flower bed. We understand that this is a measure to make safe use of the malfunctioning fountain as part of a long-term plan to eventually renovate the area entirely with a splash pad in partnership with the Saint Paul Parks Conservancy. The CRC thrives on our relationships with other organizations in our community and believes that some of the best investments the city can make are those supporting hard-working community volunteer efforts.
- IX. Public Bathrooms Concern Resolution Draft:  
The CapitolRiver Council Public Realm Committee has identified the lack of public bathroom facilities downtown as a growing concern. We've determined that the small number of publicly owned bathrooms is supplemented by low-barrier private restrooms (restaurants & retail), but a growing number of these public and private bathrooms have been closing or increasing restrictions for access. Reports of public

defecation have noticeably increased as well. The COVID pandemic has certainly exacerbated the situation, but the increase is partially an acceleration of what was already a growing issue in our neighborhood. We understand that the solutions may be complex and costly, but the current cost being paid (loss of vitality, dignity, and livability and increased public health concern) is steadily growing and it would be prudent to address before the scales tip.

We would like to engage in an effort with the city, county, MET Council, and any other relevant organizations to find innovative solutions and funding for this issue. We've discussed the potential of directing some of the new federal infrastructure stimulus funds towards this issue. Please let us know who to contact to discuss the financials and logistics of this concern.

## **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.