

## CapitolRiver Council Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting, 5:15 p.m., via Zoom videoconference.

- I. Call to Order and Introductions. Chair Jess Grams called the meeting to order and asked attendees to introduce themselves and answer the ice-breaker question, what is your favorite sport to watch during the Winter Olympics?
- II. Previous meeting minutes: The December 21, 2021 board meeting minutes were approved.
- III. 2022 Budget Recommendation: CRC Executive Director and Treasurer Will Travis briefly summarized the proposed budget and an overview of the monthly financial reports. Motion by Joe Baierl, seconded by Will Travis to approve the 2022 budget. The motion passed.
- IV. Community Engagement Contract Work Plan and Goals: Jon Fure. Each year, district council staff work with City staff to execute this contract for services. A guidance document was sent to board members, which has helpful information about the contract. The purpose of the work plan is to require district councils to state how they will achieve the agreed-upon goals, and how they will measure results. Board members briefly discussed the goals, which are:
  - Serve as a conduit of information between the neighborhoods and the City Council, HRA Board, Mayor, and City Departments.
  - CRC leads and implements high-quality planning and public policy decision-making activities, related to land use, housing, transportation, economic development, food systems, waste management, neighborhood livability, public safety, and the natural environment. This work ensures that the City's planning and public policy decision-making processes include diverse voices and a local perspective.
  - Improved Neighborhood and City Livability and Sustainability -- engage the community in the concrete work of making the District 17 neighborhoods better and more sustainable places to live, learn, work, and play. Provide technical assistance and support for community-based livability and sustainability initiatives, including but not limited to community gardens, place-making projects, neighborhood clean-up events, tree restoration projects, local library associations, etc.
  - Community Building-- build connections within and between communities. This work includes coordinating large neighborhood events, support for National Night Out and other block-level organizing, outreach to underrepresented populations, and technical support for small-scale community building initiatives.
  - Participate in a peer support/best practices network composed of district councils or similar grassroots, place-based organizations in the region.
  - Review and adopt policies and practices that intentionally create space for residents who currently are under-represented. Pursue systemic work that reflects the needs and priorities of residents who have been historically under-represented.

Board members were invited to provide feedback or ask questions. A question was asked about the different amounts of money that district councils receive from the City. Jon Fure said district council staff have been in contact with City staff to discuss this, including whether the allocations will change based on new census data. Jon Fure will submit the completed work plan and other contract documents in February.

- V. Revised CRC Inclusion Plan Draft: Revisions were made based on the December board meeting discussion with Lissa Jones-Lofgren. The intention is to use the document in board member recruiting and orientation as guidance for CRC staff and volunteers. The plan was approved.
- VI. Monthly summary prepared by CRC Secretary Judy Miller and Committee Chairs. Board members were asked to review the written updates, which included a request by members of the Public Realm Committee to pursue a pilot project to reinstate a Park Patrol.
- VII. Other future agenda items: Board members briefly discussed issues related to homelessness, including temporary funding for shelters that will be ending in 2022.

The board meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.