

## CRC Board Meeting Minutes

5-6:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Location: Zoom video conference

Board Member attendees: Allie Affinito, Brett Bacon, Thomas Burke, Km Chung, Ed Coleman, Guillermo Hernandez, Sara Maruska, Christopher Melendez, Julie Printz, Haley Taylor Schlitz, Joe Spencer

Other attendees: Jon Fure, Amy Lee, Laura Mullins,

Chair Haley Taylor Schlitz called the meeting to order and asked attendees to introduce themselves and answer the ice-breaker question, who is someone you follow. Responses included friends who share memes, Georgia Fort, Glen Kirschner, Marcus King, New York Times opinion page, Maya Angelou, St Paul Public Library, and West 7th Fort Road Federation.

1. Board member resignation and recommended appointment. Motion by Haley Taylor Schlitz, seconded by Thomas Burke, to appoint Lynn Pingol to fill the vacant term due to the resignation of Jerome Richardson, and to appoint her to be the Chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee. The motion passed.

2. Action requested on CRC Skyway Governance Advisory Committee (SGAC) motion:

Motion by Thomas Burke, seconded by Haley Taylor Schlitz, to approve the following SGAC motion, as amended (two board members abstained):

Given the critical value of our fully-connected skyway, and given the critical value of our fully-connected skyway system to Saint Paul workers, residents and visitors, the CapitolRiver Council Skyway Governance Advisory Committee and Board of Directors urgently requests the Mayor and City Council to explore and support every technically feasible option for restoring full skyway access before winter, 2025.

3. Review and approve the 990 (continued from August meeting agenda). The board tabled the motion, as some board members were unable to review the document online.
4. Request to create a part-time, contract position (continued from August meeting agenda item)

CRC Executive Director Jon Fure said we are on pace to only request \$50,600 in direct expense (staff wages and payroll taxes) of the budgeted \$54,715. Our indirect expenses are only paid at 15 percent of direct expenses, so we will not be able to receive the full amount of the contract without increasing direct expenses. Motion by Sara Maruska, seconded by Haley Taylor Schlitz, to approve the proposal to hire a part-time, contract worker, as recommended. Motion passed.

5. Proposal to reschedule the November meeting to Nov. 18. The board agreed to reschedule the meeting, which will be a in-person meeting, starting at 5:30 pm, at St. City (Creator's Space).

6. Fundraising event: The CRC board and Fundraising Committee has discussed this periodically, and the purpose of this item is to get more input on potential dates, venues, and activities or themes that will be effective in encouraging people to attend and make a donation to support our work. Ideas that were discussed included a holiday fundraising party and a partnership with the Saint Paul Arts Collective to do a combined fundraising event.

7. Other Updates or Future Agenda Items

The board decided to move one of the CRC Fundraising Committee meetings to the second Sunday of the month at 1 pm, and the location will be Saint City, 218 7th Street East (former Creator's Space location). The committee will also continue meeting on the 4th Friday of the month.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.