

SECIA Annual Meeting Minutes, November 14, 2017

6:30 – Registration (name, address, e-mail), Mix, Mingle, Treats and Displays

Called to Order at: 7:15 pm

1. Officer Mike Standen (Lieutenant, MPD, Second Precinct)
 - a. Works overnight shift
 - b. Main concern this time of year is UMN
 - c. Saturation details
 - i. Extra squads here and in Dinkytown and Marcy Holmes
 - ii. Makes sure party houses get shut down
 - d. Questions
 - i. Are most parties concentrated near new high rises?
 1. Things get pretty busy near the high-rises for PD
 2. Follow-up: do they call on each other
 - a. Sometimes- occasionally someone who can't get in, other people in buildings bothered by noise
 - ii. I've heard crime has been down this year. (not a question)
 1. PD tracks numbers all the time, doesn't have current numbers handy tonight
 - iii. PSA: unlocked doors lead to crime – resident appreciate PD and alerts
 1. PD informs new students that they are living in a city and the safety concerns associated with that
 2. PD also pushes out crime alerts
 - iv. PSA: call 911 on random people walking around checking doors.
 - v. Who responds to calls in Como?
 1. If it's on UMN property, only UMN will respond
 2. It depends on the type of crime, Minneapolis PD may also get called for serious things
2. Lydia – Southeast Seniors - <http://www.seseniormpls.org/>
 - a. Marcy Park, Prospect Park, SE Como, serves several hundred people
 - b. Non-profit, always welcomes donations
 - c. Offers many services
 - i. Connection club connects students with residents over 65
 1. Teaches students about the community
 2. Teaches elderly about student life
 3. Dispels many stereotypes
 - d. Contact SE seniors if you know someone who could benefit
 - e. History project
 - i. Recruiting next year, will collect stories from the neighborhoods
 - f. Please spread the word about SE seniors
 - g. Currently looking for board members
 - i. Only meets 5-6 times per year
 - ii. Looks at fundraising and financing

3. Kari Dziedzic – State Senate, Cam Gordon – Ward 1 City Council, Chris Meyer – Park Board
 - a. Chris – newly elected (last week), currently recovering from the election
 - i. Walk in the Park with Chris – pledged to go on a walk with anyone anytime
 - b. Cam – More committed than ever to see what we can do at the local level to move issues forward
 - i. Climate change, social injustice, economic change, working together in harmony, no need for fear and hate
 - ii. Very excited about the transitions in city hall based on the recent election.
 - iii. Comes every month to SECIA meetings with a written report – brings us the most important points that the community wants to hear about
 - iv. Budget approval is in process – curious about how recent elections will change the budget
 1. Maybe we can provide more money for SE seniors
 - c. Kari – Elected in 2012, all of east Minneapolis
 - i. Did the budget this year
 1. Kari only voted for Agriculture budget
 2. The governor didn't sign the \$1B tax bill
 - a. Kari wants to avoid going back into a deficit
 3. There has been a lot of recent drama in the papers
 - a. Senate might run out of money
 - b. Government will shut down Dec. 1 if no agreement is made
 4. Public office hours November 20th at Augsburg
 5. Will have a town hall meeting in January?
 - d. Questions
 - i. Could we have more native plants around the parks – Chris?
 1. Could make improvements to tower park in Prospect, and Van Cleve
 - ii. What can we do about over occupancy in Como – Cam?
 1. If someone knows about an over-occupied house, they can notify the police – who will knock on the door and ask them.
 2. Intentional communities can be a way around occupancy rules.
 3. Comment – the problem with having people self-admit is people lie, and then we can't do anything about it
 - a. Most common response from 311 or PD is “we can't do anything about it”
 - b. Cam – “the best way for me to deal with it is for me to know about it”
 - i. We want to have the capacity to have a visit.
 - ii. City council can hold PD and landlords accountable, can force an inspection when people are repeatedly lying about it.
 - iii. It is really difficult to enforce the current law and has lots of problems.

- iv. Are the residents of the over-occupied placing simply bothering you by being there, or are they causing other problems?
 - 1. Identifying other problems (cars on the grass) can lead to a resolution.
 - v. Even if you're not in Ward 1, you can email Cam about an issue in SE Como
 - iii. Will staff be cut from current state budget cuts – Kari?
 - 1. Yes, staff is getting furloughed, hopefully will be hired back.
 - iv. Lack of access to programming for middle school, nothing for many kids, needs parks to engage kids and get them together. – Chris
 - 1. We need to restore funding for Parks programs and strengthen the connection between the park and school boards
 - 2. Memorandum has already come into effect to share resources between the park and school boards
 - v. This area has been neglected, happy to see “east of the river plan”. What can you do for us – Chris?
 - 1. Actually from SE Minneapolis, first in a long time
 - a. Lived in Marcy Holms
 - 2. Is going to make sure SE Minneapolis get's its fair share
 - a. Equity clause will determine how park resources are distributed amongst areas in Minneapolis
 - vi. How can we add more useable green space when adding density – Cam?
 - 1. Lots of density coming by the light rail station
 - 2. Need to do “full court press” on the “missing link”
 - a. Missing link is part of Grand Rounds plan
 - b. Connection between east side and river
 - c. Chain of lakes and everything can benefit
 - 3. University is redoing their transit ways
 - 4. Addressing greenspace to compensate for density is a very tough issue and will continue to be a challenge
 - a. City can address this in the 30 year comprehensive plan that is currently being drafted
 - vii. PSA – there is UDA funding available that has never been requested. Expanding greenspace could be a use for that money. – Kari
 - 1. Meeting about missing link and 280 and University happening soon (not public)
 - 2. It's difficult to put in greenspace when trying to add to transitways, there are several ongoing discussions with UDA and MN government and MNDOT, etc.
 - 3. It's complicated and the government keeps working on 'it' (greenspace)
4. Year in Review (Annual Report)
 - a. 1 year anniversary of having an office
 - b. See slides for details
 - c. Highlights

- i. Restarted Printed newspaper Commotion
- ii. Updated Website – www.secomo.org
- iii. Livability committee – shout out to Katie Fournier
 - 1. Diverter project
 - 2. Neighborhood sign project
- iv. Environment committee
 - 1. TCA lawsuit
 - 2. Community Gardens
- v. Community building
 - 1. Restarted this year
 - 2. Needs more members
- vi. Utility box project
 - 1. Funding for 5 boxes in 2017
- vii. Como Cookout
 - 1. 900 People attended
- viii. Lots of upcoming events
 - 1. Check online calendar
 - 2. <https://www.secomo.org/calendar>
- ix. Give to the Max – 11/16/2017
 - 1. Donations are necessary and appreciated
 - 2. Utility boxes are an example
 - 3. Student interns are another – need more for next year
 - 4. Can we designate? – Utility boxes?
 - a. Message Cody if it's a personal check
 - b. Add a line item when donating online with Give to the Max
 - 5. We take donations year round, but could win extra money with Give to the Max (lottery system)

5. Elections

- a. Electing 4 regular board members
- b. People who aren't elected can still serve on committees and stay involved
 - i. Can run again next year
- c. Two appointed positions
 - i. One from MSA
 - 1. Katy Baker was nominated, just needs community approval
 - 2. **Motion to approve Katy as appointed MSA rep.**
 - a. **Seconded and Unanimous approval**
 - ii. One from graduate student association, GAPSA
 - 1. Requires bylaw updates since GAPSA doesn't exist anymore
 - 2. GAPSA split into COGS and another association
- d. Results – new board members
 - i. **Abbey Burtis**
 - ii. **Cody Hoerning**
 - iii. **Will Roberts**
 - iv. **Karl Smith**

6. Other

- a. Katie F. – December livability meeting about Bunge development

- i. Tuesday Dec 19th at 7pm at Van Cleve Park
 - ii. From Project for Pride in Living (PPL) about developing Bunge site
- b. Kathy – Cam, how did you run unopposed?
 - i. “I’m not sure”
- c. Katy B. – MSA rep.
 - i. Organics recycling in student apartments and renewable energy programs in the works.
- d. Jordan – Van Cleve Park director
 - i. Open house 2nd Tuesday of December (12/12) at 6:30 pm on Master Plan
 - 1. What can we do differently about SE parks
 - 2. Master plan is mostly focusing on park grounds
 - 3. Largely funded by agreement with the city secured last year
 - 4. Grand rounds is on the table for this meeting since Van Cleve is the closest site

Adjourned: 8:47 PM

Note Taker: Ben Brummel Exec Reviewed: 11/28/2017