

SECIA Board Meeting – Minutes
Tuesday, April 3, 2018, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Van Cleve Park, 901 15th Avenue SE

Present: Karl Smith, Cody Hoerning, Cody Olson, Wendy Menken, Joan Menken, Stewart Smith, Phil Roban, Ben Brummel, Ramy Selim, Bill Dane, Katy Baker
Excused: Jim Nyberg, Will Roberts

Other: Lt. Rich Sheldon (Second Precinct, MPD), Pat Hilden (Manger, Housing Regulatory Services), Benjamin Oppong (Inspector, Housing Regulatory Services, SE Como), Erick Garcia Luna (Director of Community and Local Government Relations, UMN), Alex Simpson (SECIA Intern), Jordan Nelson (Van Cleve Park Director), Katie Fournier (Livability Committee Chair)

Meeting Called to order at: 6:31
Introductions (5 min)

1. MPD – Rich Sheldon, shift lieutenant, Second Precinct
 1. Previously worked downtown; attends community meetings with crime prevention specialists
 2. Working with UMNPD for Spring Jam crime prevention – 38 officers working the street during the event, April 20-21
 3. Joan – the response to Spring Jam in the past 3-4 years has been excellent
 1. Big parties – sometimes violent – have stopped
 4. Cody H. – are there any special plans in place to prevent crimes from students walking home from parties?
 1. More officers are on each shift and can be moved around, precinct wide at-large squads can be dispatched to potential problem areas to mitigate such issues.
 5. Wendy – are there any plans in place to remind students to keep doors locked (and other common sense things) as the weather gets warmer?
 1. Yes, PD is reinforcing these messages as much as possible, but people should still remind each other
 6. Karl – do you interact with the UMN community engagement task force?
 1. Yes, they are pretty good guys, we interact quite a bit
2. Erick Garcia Luna- Introduction and UDA Update (5 min)
 1. Director of community and local government relations, UMN
 2. Worked for Mayor Hodges for 3 years, had several other related positions in the past, always closely connected to communities
 3. Now under supervision of JD Burton – chief government relations officer at UMN
 4. Has been working on where UDA will go in the future
 1. UDA has done great work in the past and is still relevant
 2. What can be done to leverage the strength of the connection between the university and neighborhoods?
 1. Erick is working on this and letting people know that this connection exists
 3. Would love to hear about our experiences with the University – district relationships.
 4. How can we make these relationships more productive?
 5. Wendy – recommend an assessment of goals and keeping UDA within the original vision of the organization
 1. There needs to be a serious discussion about the comprehensive city plan that is in the works
 6. Open conversation about the goals of UDA is underway – Erick is open to any and all feedback and ideas
 7. Joan – people are desperate for affordable housing and nobody is looking at this population of renters – they are being left out of the comprehensive plan
 8. Patrick - many elected officials tout affordable housing
 1. The comp plan conversation is very important
3. Representative from City of Minneapolis – Regulatory Services. (20 min) Como has been selected for the 2018 All Together Now Program. **All Together Now** is an initiative sponsored by

the Department of Regulatory Services with neighborhood organizations and participating businesses throughout the city. The program reminds Minneapolis property owners to spruce up their yards and keep our neighborhoods safe and clean. Now in its sixth year, inspectors from the Department of Regulatory Services will be going out into your neighborhoods to inspect for common exterior violations throughout the summer.

1. Pat Hilden – manager of housing inspection services
 1. 612-673-3317
 2. 612-658-8547
 3. Patrick.hilden@minneapolismn.gov
2. Lived in Como 18 years ago, worked with Bill Dane
3. Former housing inspector in charge of Southeast
4. Worked in licensing for 8 years, then got back into housing services
5. Ben Oppong – Housing Inspector, primarily in the Como neighborhood
 1. The guy who writes the violation letters
6. When Pat left Como and came back – was amazed by the change in the neighborhood
 1. So many single-family places are gone and there has been a dramatic increase in the number of rentals
7. Nick Juarez is a good resource
 1. Works together with Pat at the Southeast Strategic Meeting on the third Tuesday of every month
 1. “Problem Properties” meeting
 2. Business licensing, zoning, all kinds of other resources at this meeting
8. All Together now
 1. Program in partnership to keep neighborhoods safe and clean
 2. More partnerships around the city are being added – improved community engagement
 3. Caitlin Maxwell-Glenn is the Program assistant, Administration and Community Engagement
 1. Caitlin.maxwell-glenn@minneapolismn.gov
 4. More info at minneapolismn.gov/regservices
 5. Partnership designed to improve livability of neighborhoods
 6. Here today to provide explanation for what this is
 1. City is spending money on new development and not putting it back into neighborhoods to help current residents
 2. Nuisance violations have decreased in neighborhoods participating in this program
 3. Due process language for things like shoveling sidewalks is poor
 1. The 7-day correction clock resets if it snows again
 4. Como is one of the neighborhoods selected for this program
 5. Can use UMN students to do community service and help the city correct violations (like not painting a house)
 6. Nuisance violations are very common and peak during the summer
 1. Trash breeds more trash
 2. Neighborhood must be kept clean to avoid things getting out of hand
 7. Stronger violations like broken windows should be responded to by calling 311
 1. Small violations can be reported as well
 8. The program has worked in other neighborhoods and driven down violations
 9. Program sends out letters for properties who commit violations
 1. In the future these letters will be sent directly to renters
 2. Rental license fees can be increased as a result of violations
 3. After 3 letters, the department can preauthorize action
 1. Fees can be ~\$200 for mowing a small yard
 10. Works close with sanitation to get things taken care of quickly
 1. Asking inspectors to take a picture of a mess that is then sent to sanitation
 1. They often take care of it quickly

2. Supervisors have pickup trucks
 7. Katie – is the city thinking about raising fees for “dirty collection point” pickups?
 1. Pat – not sure, will send to Herbert Holtz
 8. Will Email a link with the Ward 2 Department of Regulatory Services statistics
 1. Infographic packet
 9. Cody H. – Is there more detailed information, specific property statistics?
 1. Yes, you can get to it on the web, can look up number of police calls, number of housing violations, and rental licenses
 2. Link will be sent to Karl
 10. Cody – have you seen any functional models implemented by neighborhood orgs to help people get into compliance?
 1. Navigation program has been showing a lot of success
 1. City-wide program
 2. Caitlin has more info on this
 3. Will email with more details
4. Community Updates (20 min)
1. Van Cleve Park - Jordan Nelson
 1. Spring Egg hunting party on Saturday
 1. ~200 people
 2. Coordinating with the community education offices at Waite Park and Pratt in Prospect Park to collaborate and pool resources to provide more senior citizen geared or based programming in fall 2018 and going forward.
 3. Master Plan meeting was on March 13th – fairly fluid, lots of good feedback
 1. Currently working through some of the master plan info – Jordan is working as a sounding board for feedback on what will and won't work
 2. Plans will be available for public review in a couple of months
 2. Park Commissioner – Chris Meyer – no update
 3. City Council Members – Kevin Reich, Ward 1; Cam Gordon, Ward 2
 1. See update emails
 2. Cam Gordon
 1. City has drafted new comprehensive plan
 1. Different land uses have been put forward
 1. Key is available to understand maps
 2. Most of Ward 2 is an urban neighborhood
 3. New zoning categories
 4. Cam has many concerns, especially about the housing market
 5. Council won't make decisions until December
 2. Meeting on April 26th in Prospect Park St. Francis Church, 7-9pm about the comp plan
 3. Katie – does comp plan contain anything about permeable surfaces on a lot
 1. Setbacks are likely what they currently are now – probably won't change
4. Meeting summaries – updates (See below for details)
 1. Como Arts – SECIA/Como Arts Task Force will update (Will Roberts/Wendy Menken) ***motion to establish a Como Arts Alliance budget line to accept donations and make payments for the Como Arts project***
 1. 2 Key points
 1. We have someone who is willing to donate an extraordinary amount of money towards this project – worth fighting for
 2. We need information
 1. Current understanding is that compliance will add \$700k to the price tag, but this wasn't a thorough estimate
 2. Looking for solutions that don't cost as much, but are still in compliance – a big report is underway to get another opinion

3. Landmark environmental will be doing a 7-hr survey of the property
 4. Knowing the price tag, we can go out and fundraise
 2. Karl – when we met with Cindy, she was encouraged that SECIA is working to salvage the project
 1. Also, the owner pulled the property from the market to allow an opportunity for this arts project to pull together
 3. Wendy – need a motion for a funding line to fund a fundraising campaign for funds to fill the funding gap
 4. **Motion: Approve budget line for Como Arts alliance to accept donations and make payments for the Como Arts Project**
 1. Mover: Ben, Second, Cody; Unanimous approval
 2. Neighborhoods 2020 Roadmap: Public comment period now open (e-mail request attached). Link to draft of [the Neighborhoods 2020 Roadmap](#)
 3. MPD Second Precinct Police Advisory Council (PAC) – update (Cody Hoerning)
 1. No March Meeting, Bike For Kids will be at the April Meeting next Tuesday at 6:30
 5. Upcoming Meetings
 1. SECIA Community and Committee Meeting Night – Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Van Cleve Park
 6. Other Developments - none
5. Board and Organization Business (40 min) – Final Agenda set by Executive Committee, 3/27/18; revised by Karl Smith, 4/3/18
 1. Board and staff updates
 1. Executive Director Cody Olson resignation effective April 19, 2018
 1. **Motion: Authorize Cody Olson’s continued appointment to help with the transition**
 1. **Mover: Ramy, Second: Wendy, Unanimous approval**
 2. **Motion: Post a position description for Executive Director, as approved by the executive committee**
 1. **Mover: Wendy, Second: Bill, Unanimous approval**
 3. Call for volunteers to work on transition
 4. SECIA Executive Committee meeting, Tuesday, April 10th, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Sporty’s
 5. Cody Olson Farewell Event – Tentatively Monday, April 16th, 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Details to follow
 2. Review and approve Board Meeting (March 6th) minutes (attached)
 1. **Motion: Approve March Board Meeting Minutes**
 1. **Mover: Joan, Second: Katy, Unanimous approval**
 3. Community Yard Sign Proposal (documents attached)- Alex Simpson and Cody Olson
 1. **Motion: Authorize up to \$1500 of earmarked signage funds for a first run of yard signage project**
 1. **Mover: Wendy, Second: Katy, Unanimous**
 2. Originally planned for seasonal release, then planned all at once so people have options
 2. **Motion: Finalize and approve sign designs at April Joint committee meeting**
 1. **Mover: Wendy, Second: Katy, Unanimous approval**
 4. CEE Housing Program (documents attached) ***motion for Exec to review and approve housing program administrative costs for 2018*** Revamping criteria for existing housing programs, possibly: focus emergency deferred resources to help with aging in place; review how other neighborhoods utilize waivers from some guidelines, review current funds with CEE and recommend allocations
 1. Need to get a program running and money moving
 2. Neighborhood can waive criteria to allow someone who needs a loan in the neighborhood to obtain one – especially useful for seniors
 3. **Motion: Approve CEE fee of \$2500 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year**

1. **Mover: Karl, Second: Cody, Unanimous Approval**

5. Neighborhood 2040 (future funding) – Public comment ends April 30. Board should have a statement. Individuals are also welcome to provide comment.
 6. Mpls 2020 – public comment open to July 20 – will affect what kind of changes can happen in Como. Board should have a statement at some point. Individuals are encouraged to also provide comments. This should be discussed in conjunction with Marcy/Holmes and Prospect Park.
6. Committee Updates (40 min)
1. Community Building & Communications - Jim
 2. Zoning – Joan and Executive Committee
 3. Environmental – Calder
 4. Livability & Housing Implementation – Katie
 5. Housing - Wendy
 6. University District Alliance - Bill & Katie – meeting with neighborhood organization leadership April 2, 2018
 7. Projects - Gardens, Utility Box Wraps, etc.
 8. Safety - MPD 2nd Precinct Police Advisory Council (PAC) meeting notes - <https://courtwatch2pac.com/>
 9. Other
7. New Business
1. 1. A letter of support (to be joined by St. Anthony Park Community Council-St. Paul, already approved by their Transportation committee) to ask the city of St. Paul to address the bikability concerns of Como Avenue near 280 where numerous potholes and road bed deterioration are preventing safe biking from our neighborhood into theirs and vice-versa.
 1. **Motion: Write a Letter of SECIA support to Planning Commission chair, public works director and city council member in St. Paul regarding the condition of the section of road between Eustis Ave and the city limit on Como Ave**
 1. **Mover: Joan, Second: Cody, Unanimous Approval**
 2. Update on the closed street BNSF railroad crossing at 21st Ave SE between Como and Talmage
8. Adjourn (estimated time 2hr))

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Note taker: Ben Brummel Exec reviewed _____ ; Board Approved: _____

9. Meeting summaries

1. Minneapolis 2040 Open House - Saturday, December 2, 10:30 - 11:30 am, Van Cleve Park. More information - <https://minneapolis2040.com/>
2. MPRB - East of the River Plan - Tuesday, December 12, 6:30-8:00 pm, Van Cleve Park. More information - https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/park_care_improvements/park_projects/current_projects/east_of_the_river_park_master_plan/ <http://www.mndaily.com/article/2018/02/n-minneapolis-park-and-recreation-board-plots-future-for-neighborhood-parks>
3. Bunge development - Tuesday Dec 19th at 7pm at Van Cleve Park. See attached letter from Barbara McCormick, Senior Vice President of Housing with Services, Project for Pride in Living. Also attached is a letter of support from SECIA to Shanna Sether, City of Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development Department
4. U of M Protected Bikeways project update – Wednesday, December 20, 5:30-6:30 pm at Van Cleve Park. Public Works developed refined concepts for the whole project corridor based on the initial concepts shared at the SECIA meeting in April 2017. Those concepts are available on the project website: <http://minneapolismn.gov/bicycles/projects/WCMSP-197539> December 20, 2017 presentation to SE Como posted to the following website - <http://minneapolismn.gov/bicycles/projects/uofmbikeways> <http://www.mndaily.com/article/2018/02/n-new-bikeway-layout-would-add-protected-lanes-on-and-around-umn-campus>

5. Como Arts – proposal to purchase property at 1035 14th Ave SE (see attached description). Meeting with Cindy Polich, Wednesday, January, 17, 2018, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Van Cleve Park. Meeting handout attached. Task Force authorized by Executive Committee to coordinate between SECIA and Como Arts. Will Roberts agreed to chair the Task Force.
6. Connections Conference - Saturday, February 10, 2018 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Theme - Aspire, Collaborate and Transform, the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department – More information -<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/>
7. Minnesota Compass Annual Meeting - <http://www.mncompass.org/>
 1. Compass Points – 2018 - http://www.mncompass.org/_pdfs/compass-points-2018.pdf