

SECIA Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 5, 2017, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Van Cleve Park, 901 15th Avenue SE

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

Excused: Abbey Burtis, Cody Hoerning

Other: Jordan Nelson (Van Cleve Park Director), Abdu Ahmed (East of the River Plan CAC appointee), Kevin Reich (Ward 1 City Council)

Meeting Called to order at: 6:34

Introductions (5 min)

1. Community Updates (15 min)
 1. Van Cleve Park - Jordan Nelson
 1. Volleyball is almost over, basketball is starting up
 2. Rink are set up, need a couple of cold weeks for ice
 3. East of the River Master Plan–Open House
 1. Next Tuesday, 8:30 PM
 4. Meeting about protected bike lanes
 1. Wednesday 12/20, 5:30 PM?
 2. City Council Members – Updates only due to full agenda. Send questions/comments via e-mail kevin.reich@minneapolismn.gov cam.gordon@minneapolismn.gov
 1. Kevin Reich
 1. Comprehensive Plan Meeting
 1. Lots of Multi-department interactions
 2. Some people were disappointed with lack of Q&A at the meeting
 3. Also some disappointment with interaction “Gap” – community members give feedback in meetings, then see the plan again as a complete draft with nothing in between.
 1. Community members are not always clear about implications of items in the plan – especially concerning zoning.
 2. Suggestion (Wendy) – The city should present information to the community transparently with full implications in order to increase community engagement. “Honest Involvement”
 1. Allow people to ask questions after receiving information about “What this plan means to me”
 3. “The Como Blueprint “ small area plan was submitted and recognized in advance of the master plan planning, giving us an advantage
 1. Other neighborhoods are rushing to finish small area plans
 2. Cam Gordon – See emailed notes
 3. Meeting summaries
 1. Minneapolis 2040 Open House - Saturday, December 2, 10:30 - 11:30 am, Van Cleve Park. More information - <https://minneapolis2040.com/>
 4. Upcoming Meetings
 1. 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/
 2. Bunge development - Tuesday Dec 19th at 7pm at Van Cleve Park
 3. 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>

2. Board and Organization Business (40 min) – Agenda set by Executive Committee, 11/28/17
 1. Review and approve Board Meeting (October 3rd) and Annual Meeting (November 14th) minutes (attached)
 1. **Motion: Approve October 3rd Meeting Minutes**
 1. Mover: Joan, Second: Wendy, Unanimous Approval
 2. **Motion: Approve November 14th Annual Meeting Minutes**
 1. Mover: Wendy, Second: Stewart, Unanimous Approval
 2. Elect Executive Committee – Cody
 1. **Motion: Retain 2017 Executive Committee for 2018 (President: Karl Smith, VP: Stewart Smith, Treasurer: Wendy Menken, Secretary: Ben Brummel)**
 1. Mover: Phil, Second: Ramy, Unanimous Approval
 3. Board Terms
 1. **Motion: Approve Board Terms as Decided by Exec (see attached table) (4 board members elected each year to 3 year terms)**
 1. Mover: Karl, Second: Jim, Unanimous Approval
 4. Proposed Staffing Plan (attached)
 1. Approval recommended by the Executive Committee
 2. **Motion: Approve 2018 Staffing Plan**
 1. Mover: Ben, Second: Will, Unanimous Approval
 5. SE Como neighborhood signage recommendation (attached)
 1. Approval recommended by the Executive Committee
 2. **Motion: Approve Como Neighborhood Signage Recommendation**
 1. Mover: Phil, Second, Joan, Unanimous Approval
 2. Received estimate from graphics company – money is available
 6. Recommendations to Board from livability committee (Two letters to Council Members Reich and Gordon attached)
 1. Approval recommended by the Executive Committee with provision of format changes and editing
 2. One about improving safety of Talmage Crossing
 3. Second letter about improving crosswalk safety on 15th and SE Brook St. (no sign or crosswalk)
 4. **Motion: Approve finalizing and delivering letter to city council members about 15th and SE Brook St. crossing safety**
 1. Mover: Wendy, Second: Joan, Unanimous Approval
 5. **Motion: Approve revising and delivering letter about railroad crossing safety at 21st ave and Talmage**
 1. Mover: Wendy, Second: Stewart, Unanimous Approval
 7. SECIA Committees – Executive Committee recommends restructuring
 8. **Motion: Approve Committee Meeting Restructuring as recommended by the Executive Committee:**
 1. **Restructure Committees to prioritize community building and efficiently utilize staff and volunteer time and effort. Hold a joint meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at Van Cleve Park at 6:30 pm beginning January 2018.**
 1. Mover: Wendy, Second: Ben, Unanimous Approval
 2. A preplanning committee will meet in Dec 2017 to organize first joint committee meeting
 2. Discussion:
 1. Focus on events, communication, how to structure new meetings, recruit community members to committees, engage members
 2. Katy- student group she is involved with uses joint committee structure with summaries followed by individual group work, and one member floating around to other committees
 3. Focus on how to use existing funds at these meetings
 4. Recommendation to have group of board member volunteers to organize first joint committee meeting
 1. Community Building committee: Katy, Will, Ben, Jim

2. Suggestion to have Stacy Sorenson attend
9. Finances/Banking update
 1. October Cash & Activity Reports (attached)
 2. Unfrozen NRP funding and CPP funding, also Hawken Chemical money
 1. Need to come up with approved plans for how to use the money
 3. **Motion: Authorize Cody Olson (Executive Director) and Wendy Menken (Treasurer) as signers on SECIA's (Southeast Como Improvement Association) UBS Financial Services account**
 1. Mover: Bill, Second: Jim, Unanimous Approval
 4. **Motion: Approve the UBS document that makes it possible for SECIA to open and maintain their account**
 1. Mover: Wendy, Second: Joan, Unanimous Approval
10. January Board meeting – Executive Committee proposes January 9, 2018 (instead of usual first Tuesday)
 1. **Motion: Move January SECIA Board meeting from January 2nd 2018 to January 9th**
 1. Mover: Wendy, Second: Stewart, Unanimous Approval
11. Board Potluck (January or February) planning
 1. Discussion about converting February meeting into a board retreat
 2. Can can wonderland suggestion
3. Committee Updates (40 min)
 1. Zoning – Joan and Executive Committee
 1. Como Arts – proposal to purchase property at 1035 14th Ave SE (see attached)
 1. Old church building, in semi-disrepair, may be purchased and remodeled into a theatre
 2. Meeting tomorrow night to ask questions about it
 3. Not enough information yet for us to act, but promising proposal – will definitely be something to look at as it develops
 2. 949 East Hennepin
 1. Looking to convert into a store, “Ombibulous” (one who enjoys beverages/ alcoholic beverages of all sorts, H. L. Mencken - the journalist who created the term)
 1. Minnesota-themed gift shop and local liquor store - <http://ombibulousmn.com/>
 2. Community Building & Communications - Jim
 1. Jim finished chemotherapy and is feeling much better and is planning to continue as committee chair
 3. Environmental – Calder
 1. Committee report and recommendations, November 28, 2017 meeting (see attached)
 2. Minnesota pollution control agency rejected General Mill's statement that they were finished with TCE pollution cleanup – GM is still liable.
 4. Livability & Housing – Katie
 5. University District Alliance - Bill & Katie
 1. UDA did not meet in November
 2. Katy is working on a report about investigating excess trash pickup locations (dumping, especially around moving days, 9/1)
 6. Safety - MPD 2nd Precinct Police Advisory Council (PAC) meeting notes - <https://courtwatch2pac.com/>
 7. Other
4. New Business
5. Adjourn: 8:28 PM, 1hr 54 mins

SECIA Minutes December 5, 2017:

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

Annual Meeting Board Election Results - November 2017				
Board Member	Dec 2016-Nov 2017	Dec 2017-Nov 2018	Dec 2018-Nov 2019	Dec 2019-Nov 2020
Ben Brummel	Ben (Sec)	Ben B (Sec)	2019	
Abbey Burtis		Abbey B		2020
Bill Dane	Bill D	Bill D (2018)		
Cody Hoerning		Cody H		2020
Joan Menken	Joan M	Joan M (2018)		
Wendy Menken	Wendy M (Tres)	Wendy M (Tres)	2019	
Jim Nyberg	Jim N	Jim N	2019	
Phil Roban	Phil R	Phil R	2019	
Will Roberts		Will R		2020
Ramy Selim	Ramy S	Ramy S (2018)		
Karl Smith	Karl S (Pres) (2017)	Karl S (Pres)		2020
Stewart S	Stewart S (VP)	Stewart S (VP) (2018)		
1 Year Appointments	1 Year Appointments			
Grad & Prof TBD				
Katy Baker (MSA)		Katy B (MSA)		
Staff				
Cody Olson (E.D.)	Cody O	Cody O		