

SECIA Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Van Cleve Park, 901 15th Avenue SE

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

Excused: Katy Baker, Abbey Burtis, Bill Dane

Other: Ashlee Lange, Chris Fonseca (UMN PD Community Engagement team), Katie Fournier (housing and livability), Jake Jacobi (environment committee)

Meeting Called to order at: 6:36pm

Introductions (5 min)

1. Community Updates (15 min)
 1. Community Engagement team (UMN PD)
 1. 3 officers, one sergeant
 1. Ashlee Lange, #2078, amlange@umn.edu, 612-626-9081 (office)
 2. Christopher Fonseca, #2073, fons0016@umn.edu, 612-301-1312 (office)
 3. Josh Becks
 4. Sergeant Nystrom
 2. CET officers don't have to take calls, represent UMNPD at neighborhood orgs
 3. Safety talks, orientation, outreach, involved in multiple orgs off and on campus
 4. Can relay concerns to CET team
 5. Recent Shooting close to Como, 500 block of 12th ave SE, Jan 7th
 1. Two adults with gunshot wounds
 2. House party, witnesses interviewed, no one in custody
 3. Footage of the incident captured on PD trailer camera
 1. Cameras parked near potential problem areas
 6. Can help raise awareness of SECIA among student population
 7. Not involved (currently) with Off-campus Living joint neighborhood safety committee
 8. Decisions regarding which crimes to report to student body are dictated by the federal Cleary Act, designated person at PD for Cleary act compliance
 2. Van Cleve Park - Jordan Nelson
 1. Ice up and running
 2. Basketball teams
 3. Volleyball teams finished, took first and second
 3. Park Commissioner – Chris Meyer - no update
 4. City Council Members – Kevin Reich, Ward 1; Cam Gordon, Ward 2
 1. Cam Gordon
 1. Inauguration yesterday
 2. Committee restructuring
 1. Created housing committee (Gordon is chair)
 2. Kevin is still chair of the transportation committee
 3. Cam is now the second longest serving council member
 4. Office Hours changed to Monday from 9:30-11am, rotating between Black Coffee and Waffle, T-rex Cookie Café, and East Lake Library
 5. Building at 1035 14th maybe converted into a theater or art center, prospective buyer is working with Cam and others on zoning/variances
 1. See Upcoming meetings section – public meeting to be held next Wednesday 1/17/2018
 2. Kevin Reich – no update
 5. 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/

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.
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>
6. Upcoming Meetings
 1. SECIA Community and Committee Meeting Night – Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Van Cleve Park
 2. 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
 3. 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/>
 1. Board members are encouraged to participate by Stacy Sorenson
 2. Neighborhood showcase
 1. Space for neighborhood associations to share something they are working on (Utility boxes – Lila)
 2. 2-3 min brief presentations by neighborhood orgs
 3. Could distribute SECIA flyers that we already have printed
2. Board and Organization Business (40 min) – Final Agenda to be set by Executive Committee, 1/5/18
 1. Review and approve Board Meeting (December 5th) minutes (attached)
 1. **Motion: Approve December 5th Minutes**
 1. **Mover: Joan, Second: Wendy, Discussion: Amend to include Karl and Stewart as Present, Unanimous approval with amendment**
 2. SECIA Committees – Board approved restructuring to focus effort on our number one priority goal, community building. Secondary goal of restructuring committees is better utilization of staff and volunteers time and effort. Presentation of structure for Committee meeting night, third Tuesday of each month by Community Building Committee (Jim Nyberg, chair; Ben Brummel; Will Roberts; Katy Baker)
 1. See attached powerpoint presentation
 2. Additional points:
 1. One person who visits all committees to keep track of what is going on
 2. Consider combining Zoning and housing, Safety and Livability
 3. Kendre Turonie (UMN Program Director for Off-Campus Living) is leading a project on trash cleanup at UMN move out/move in times
 1. Could be a project to add to the list
 2. Wants to come next week – should accommodate early
 3. Board Potluck (February) planning
 1. Can-can wonderland
 2. Cody is looking into how/whether we can fund the event, and reservations
3. Committee Updates (40 min)
 1. Community Building & Communications - Jim
 2. Zoning – Joan and Executive Committee
 1. House on Rollins was quickly remodeled into a duplex
 3. Environmental – Calder
 1. General Mills – TCE Update – MPCA letter (attached) – Jake Jacobi
 1. General Mills demanded that MPCA free them from responsibility for TCE cleanup – MPCA rejected this request, and outlined requirements for GM to continue cleanup efforts

2. Environmental committee recommends that SECIA monitor the situation by periodically calling Timothy Grape – Environmental Specialist for MPCA
3. Jake Jacobi needs another person to step up, monitor and keep Board and community informed
4. Need to get an update from MPCA about recent testing results.
4. Livability & Housing – Katie
 1. Two letters about safety approved last month
 1. Written and sent – were received, no formal response yet
 2. Cam – you can keep bothering us (the city) about it
5. University District Alliance - Bill & Katie
 1. UDA executive committee is meeting to figure out how UDA can be most useful to constituent organizations.
 1. Survey may be sent to organizations to get specific feedback, rather than inviting them to meet
6. Projects - Gardens, Utility Box Wraps, etc.
7. Safety - MPD 2nd Precinct Police Advisory Council (PAC) meeting notes - <https://courtwatch2pac.com/>
8. Other
4. New Business
 1. Good neighbor fund – money set aside from TCF stadium project
 1. \$47k available this year (for 5 neighborhoods)
 2. Need to use on projects that benefit neighborhood
 1. Need new ideas – more involvement with people
 2. Should focus on community engagement
 3. Needs very reasonable budget proposal
 4. March 31st due date for proposals
 2. Property Tax refund for renters
 1. Need to increase awareness

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