

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

Present: Karl Smith, Wendy Menken, Alex Farrell, Katy Baker, Will Roberts, Jim Nyberg, Ben Brummel, Stewart Smith, Joan Menken, Cody Hoerning

Excused: Bill Dane

Absent: Phil Roban, Ramy Selim

Other: Jordan Nelson, Lynn Anderson, Ashlee Lang (UMNPD Community Engagement), Corde Pearson, Katie Fournier

Meeting Called to order at: 6:35PM

Introductions (5 min)

1. Community Updates (20 min)
 1. MPD Second Precinct Representative and/or UMPD Community Engagement Team (CET) Representative
 1. Busy with incoming student orientation at the moment
 2. Present 3-4 times per week to parents
 3. Homicide on campus
 1. Off of Washington, near Sally's
 1. Employee charged with manslaughter
 2. Cooperative suspect
 3. Isolated incident
 2. Sunday evening 6/31
 4. Homicide in 7 corners
 1. Few details known
 2. UMN student involved
 3. Minneapolis PD is handling both investigations
 5. Joan – burglaries have increased
 1. Signs have been posted around the neighborhood
 6. Multiple thefts on campus as well
 1. Applebee hall
 2. Mostly unlocked doors and windows and unattended items
 1. Laptop thefts are very common
 7. Email with any security concerns or questions
 8. UMNPD hosting a soccer game on 7/4 holiday
 2. Van Cleve Park – Jordan Nelson
 1. Camps are going well
 1. Serving ~40 meals/day
 2. Park plans are drafted, details available online
 1. www.minneapolisparks.org/eastoftheriver
 2. Comment period is July 2-29
 1. There is a survey available online
 2. 'missing link' on east side of the neighborhood is involved in the plan
 3. See flyer and website for details on events and meetings
 3. Cookout planning is underway
 1. Planning document has been distributed to the board
 3. Park Commissioner – Chris Meyer (quarterly in-person updates)
 1. No update this month
 4. City Council Members – Kevin Reich, Ward 1; Cam Gordon, Ward 2
 1. Cam
 1. Also was concerned about readability of the 2040 plan comments
 1. Wanted print copy from day 1
 2. Comments on this draft may be extended, but it's unlikely
 1. May be extended later in the process
 2. Cam offers to help us run a community meeting on the 2040 plan

3. Another draft of the comp plan will be out later this year (maybe September)
 1. This version won't have the same level of public feedback
 2. This version will be sent to city council for final approval
 4. Other wards have had similar complaints about the plan
 5. Katie- was it just city planning working on the plan
 1. Many other staff members were also involved in various stages of the plan
 6. The city is hoping to approve plan by the end of the year – send to the Metropolitan Council for final approval
 7. Safety
 1. There was another student death a bit earlier than the murders (see above) in Marcy Holmes fraternity due to a drug (alcohol?) overdose
 2. Cam – was the social hosting ordinance employed?
 8. Wendy – will 10th ave bridge close during repairs?
 1. Cam –there might be some lane(s) open
 1. Website says it will be closed
 2. Improvements will focus on pedestrians and bikes
 9. Lynn – anything about Stone Arch bridge?
 1. Karl – there is planning money for assessing and keeping the bridge open for use.
5. Upcoming Meetings
 1. SECIA Community and Committee Meeting Night – Third Tuesday – Tuesday, July 19, 2018, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Van Cleve Park
 1. Make Homes Happen (MHH) Coalition. Jeff Washburne offered to present. See attached description.
 2. Como Cookout, Saturday, September 15, 2018, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
 1. Planning Document (6/21/18 version) attached
 6. Other Developments
 1. Como Arts Project
 1. Still looking for someone to fund the project
 2. Everything else is in place for the former church to be converted into a theater
 3. A few groups are interested, but none have committed yet
 1. Might be more interested if we address parking concerns
 4. Need to host another meeting with interested partners
 5. The main roadblock in this project is parking – will need to develop a parking plan
 6. Could revisit ArtSpace as an option for securing a partner
2. Board and Organization Business (40 min) – Final Agenda set by Executive Committee, 6/29/18.
 1. Board Business
 1. Executive Director Update
 1. Board e-mail vote approved hiring Alexander (Alex) Farrell hired June 15th contingent on passing background check. E-mail ballot with motion attached. Unanimous support from 10 Board members who responded. Thanks to the hiring committee (Emily Anderson, Ben Brummel, Bill Dane, Wendy Menken, Jim Nyberg, Karl Smith, and Stewart Smith) for their dedicated and timely work.
 2. Good Neighbor Fund – Como Cultural and Dance Series – Update
 1. MN Daily article - <http://www.mndaily.com/article/2018/06/n-neighborhood-funding-reduced-by-mn-united-relocation>
 1. Planning is under way. Will and Emily (intern) are working on it.
 1. Gathering dates, performers, food, etc.
 3. Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) grant for diverter project approved
 1. MWMO agreement attached.
 2. Board approval requested for use of Como Phase II NRP Rain Gardens / Low Impact Development strategy would be a good fit for the project

you described. Stacy Sorenson recommends this strategy. There is \$2,000 in the strategy that has never been contracted. The strategy description and narrative read as follows: Reduce storm-water runoff from commercial and residential properties that is contributing to pollution of the Mississippi River and help property owners minimize their City utility fees. Initiate community demonstration projects to encourage residents to undertake activities on their properties that will reduce runoff and pollution, including rain-gardens, storm-water collection sites, native plantings, and other Low Impact Design elements. This NRP funding is to be used to leverage Mississippi Watershed Management Organization and other outside funding.

1. The Diverter Project Steering Committee recommends the board reallocate the NRP funds (\$2000) set aside for Storm Water Management to the Diverter Garden Project which is also intended to mitigate storm water runoff.
3. **Motion: Approve reallocating \$2000 from the Como Phase II NRP Rain Gardens/Low Impact Development Strategy to the Diverter Garden Pilot Project for use in planning and implementation stages of the project.**
 1. **Mover: Wendy, Second: Joan, Unanimous approval**
4. **Motion: Agree to the Metro Blooms Professional Services Agreement for Diverter Design. (attached)**
 1. **Mover: Wendy, Second: Katy, Unanimous Approval**
4. **Minneapolis 2040.** From March 22 through July 22, 2018, the City will be reaching out to the Minneapolis community to discuss this draft plan and to encourage review and feedback. [Click here to learn how to comment.](#)
 1. We are running out of time to comment
 2. **Letter of complaint** regarding difficulty and accessibility of the draft plan review process and the lack of paper (PDF) version until recently
 3. **SECIA hosting** a July 10th Minneapolis 2040 Forum 6-8 at Van Cleave
 4. Push to maximize comments
 5. Information out in specialized Tidbits
 1. **Star Tribune** letters to the editor - <http://www.startribune.com/readers-write-mail-carriers-and-community-factfulness-minneapolis-2040-plan-suicide-rates-remembering-ron-meshbesh/485712131/>
 2. **Additional links to be provided in tidbits**
 6. Current zone plan has multistory buildings along our corridors
 1. 3 story buildings in much of the interior
 2. The rest is open to 4-plex construction
 7. Corde – compliments SECIA’s work, Marcy Holmes was initially overwhelmed as well by the online version of the plan
 8. How will the comp plan be used?
 1. Is it new zoning law?
 1. It’s not in strict legal language
 2. Corde – it may trump other zoning laws ,allowing developers to follow the comp plan and ignore any contradictory zoning laws
 9. Joan
 1. Many educated members of the community are unaware of the plan
 2. There are so many alarming items in the plan
 3. Our small area plan is being completely ignored
 10. **Motion: Approve sending a letter of complaint—on the feedback process associated with the Minneapolis 2040 plan—to the City of Minneapolis. Letter to be sent after executive committee edits this week.**
 1. **Mover: Cody Hoerning, Second: Jim Nyberg, Unanimous approval**

11. Corde - Prospect Park noticed a change in a park dedication ordinance in the 2040 plan
 1. Confusion about park dedication and funding underserved areas
 2. This is a good discussion point for UDA, and for our neighborhood associations
 12. University District Alliance feedback on the 2040 plan
 1. University district should have specific language in the plan different from the rest of the city
 1. Special district
 2. Small Area plan should be included in full plan
 2. Documents attached
 3. Provide feedback to Cody Hoerning and Katie Fournier
 4. UDA exec meets this Thursday
 13. Katie - Minneapolis for everyone website – might be something worth looking at
 1. <https://minneapolisforeveryone.org/>
 14. Action steps:
 1. Tidbits series (Nextdoor as well)
 2. Complaint letter to the city
 2. Review and approve June 5th Board Meeting minutes (attached)
 1. **Motion: Approve June 5th Board Meeting Minutes**
 1. **Mover: Joan, Second: Stewart, Unanimous Approval**
 3. Committee Updates (40 min)
 1. Housing – Wendy
 1. Working on 2040 plan
 2. Community Building & Communications - Jim
 1. Updated the mission statement – now on the website
 2. Discussed SE Seniors Taste of Southeast Event
 1. Determined that the committee should look at a different event, or revisit later due to several factors
 3. Flyers for door knocking campaign
 1. Should have a finished flyer shortly
 3. Livability & Housing Implementation – Katie
 1. Neighborhood signs haven't been installed yet
 1. Contacting public works people in charge of it to get it moving forward
 4. University District Alliance - Katie & Karl
 1. Stakeholder Discussions
 1. Katie Boon is a third-party facilitator for discussions on UDA, has been interviewing people
 1. Creating a recommendation for how to reorganize UDA – how often the board should meet ...etc
 2. 2040 comments – attached
 3. Livability committee
 1. Focused on alcoholism and binge drinking
 2. Alcohol policy and prevention task force rep to attend next livability committee
 5. Projects - Gardens, Utility Box Wraps, etc.
 1. Utility boxes
 1. New letter providing info and requesting donations
 2. Will be taken door-to-door to fund new box wrapping
 6. Safety
 7. Other
 4. New Business
3. Adjourn 8:26PM 1hr 52min

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

1. Project/Meeting summaries
 1. Minneapolis 2040 - <https://minneapolis2040.com/>
 2. Neighborhoods 2020 - Works in collaboration with the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission, community partners, neighborhood organizations, City leaders and other stakeholders to determine policy recommendations for the future role of neighborhood organizations. View the current [draft 2020 Roadmap - A guide for conversation](#). Website <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/2020>
 1. Roadmap: Public comment period open until April 30th. Link to draft of [the Neighborhoods 2020 Roadmap](#)
 2. MN Daily article - <http://www.mndaily.com/article/2018/04/n-2020-roadmap-lets-minneapolis-readjust-neighborhood-oversight>
 3. MPRB - East of the River Plan - More information - https://www.minneapolisarks.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>
 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. Brook Avenue Co-op Groundbreaking Ceremony. Thursday, April 26, 2018, 3:30 – 4:30 pm. Bunge Grain Elevator, 1200 Southeast Brook Avenue. (program attached)
 1. MN Daily article - <http://www.mndaily.com/article/2018/04/n-riverton-community-housing-expands-presence-near-campus>
 2. Earlier MN Daily article - <http://www.mndaily.com/article/2018/03/n-95-unit-co-op-style-housing-slated-for-como-neighborhood>
 6. Como Arts – SECIA/Como Arts Task Force (Will Roberts/Wendy Menken)
 7. Elmwood Properties Como Apartments at 1040 Como Ave Meeting April 24, 2018 (Joan Menken)
 1. MN Daily article - <http://www.mndaily.com/article/2018/04/n-four-story-apartment-building-proposed-for-southeast-como>