

SECIA Board Meeting – Agenda
Tuesday, June 5, 2018, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Van Cleve Park, 901 15th Avenue SE

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

Excused:

Other: Tiffany Bui and Hannah Ovcharchyn (Minnesota Daily), Jordan Nelson, Rick Sheldon (MPD 2nd Precinct), Tom Bohrer (UMN PD), Stacy Sorenson, Katie Fournier (Livability committee chair), Lynn Anderson

Meeting Called to order at: 6:35

Introductions (5 min)

1. Executive Director Search Update
 1. Initial candidates dropped out
 2. Inviting additional candidates for interview
2. Minneapolis 2020 Plan – Meeting with Stacy Sorensen
 1. Works Groups – see attached from Marcea Mariani District 8 Representative Neighborhood Community Engagement Commission.
 1. Minneapolis 2020 Plan – Work Groups – news article - <http://millcitytimes.com/news/opportunity-to-join-the-neighborhoods-2020-work-groups.html>
 2. Work groups run for about 6 months
 1. Not going to be particularly easy
 2. 2-3 meetings a month in the evening
 3. Some homework
 4. Probably about 6 hrs/month
 3. 3 groups
 1. Neighborhood funding and implementation
 1. Stacey may become part of this workgroup
 2. Advisory structure for neighborhood programs
 1. Whether NCEC is correct body to advise
 2. Primarily looks at NCEC and NRP policy board
 3. Citywide community engagement efforts
 1. Add consistency
 2. Respond effectively to residents
 3. Looks primarily at how city engages neighborhood groups
 4. ‘Government processes’
 4. Need representatives for these groups
 1. 5 total neighborhood reps per group
 2. 84 neighborhoods represented in these 15 members
 3. Looking for some diversity in membership
 4. Some applications are in already
 5. Applications due June 18th
 6. 2-page application
 7. Would like applicants to have significant experience and applicants who are new and eager to learn
 8. Group 3 is very important for how neighborhoods interact with the city
 9. Cody – a student voice would be very good
 1. The executive committee is willing to provide background to any applicant
 5. Goal is to develop recommendations for City Council approval
 2. Wendy – NRP (Neighborhood Revitalization Plan) history
 1. Huge amount of money assigned for communities over 20 years
 2. Allowed neighborhoods to get creative
 3. Provided much more than former community block grant program
 4. NRP policy board required by state statute, still exists and governs program

1. City of Minneapolis has attempted to phase out NRP policy board
 2. Might shift model towards having money in a different 'pot', making it easier for the city to control and harder for neighborhoods to access
 5. NRP policy board may be merged with NCEC
 6. Neighborhoods are bottom-up, city is top-down
 7. We could end up back on \$3k/year block grants without taking action
 1. SECIA needs much more to support staff and current organization
 8. NRP originated when neighborhoods approached the state and asked for support
 1. Had little support on the city level
 9. Not everyone sees the value in neighborhoods, and some would prefer to see money spent elsewhere
 3. Joan – NRP has had quite an impact
 1. Neighborhoods were failing prior to NRP
 2. A single entity downtown can't be expected to understand neighborhoods
 3. Now, although things are different than before, there are many that don't appreciate the benefits of neighborhoods and would prefer to eliminate support
2. NCEC elections are 6/14 6:30-8pm
 1. Each neighborhood can vote to elect one representative from our area
 2. Will see people from other neighborhoods here
 3. Marcea Mariani is asking us for support
 4. **Motion: Approve Will Roberts as SECIA's Elector to the NCEC elections with Wendy Menken as an alternate**
 1. Mover: Cody, Second: Bill, Unanimous Approval
3. Community Updates (20 min)
 1. MPD Second Precinct Representative and/or UMPD Community Engagement Team (CET) Representative
 1. 2nd precinct starting new police reporting system today
 1. Be patient, will take some time to get used to new system
 2. Katie – how do UMN PD and MPD cooperate
 1. Informally, special Olympics outreach
 2. Formally, UMN PD listens to 2nd precinct channel and communicates with their officers
 1. May be in a position to back each other up and respond more quickly
 2. Work in tandem, same reporting system
 3. Karl – interaction was documented thoroughly in previous minutes
 4. Cody – what is the biggest thing the traffic control unit looks at?
 1. Limited personnel
 2. Call 311 to report traffic-related violations
 5. Joan – how does this affect calling 911?
 1. Data sent to 311 doesn't affect 911 calls
 2. Info gets reported and organized into file system
 6. Hannah – what other data gets handled in the system?
 1. Same items as old data base
 2. Easier to search specific data
 1. Can look up things like nicknames
 3. More accurate statistics
 7. Jim – is it helpful for residents to report license plate numbers for vehicles violating traffic laws?
 1. Yes, makes it easier to identify repeat offenders
 2. Van Cleve Park – Jordan Nelson
 1. Gearing up for summer
 2. Hours start around noon
 3. Programming for every age group
 1. Day trips, art, fishing program ...
 4. Wading pool opened on Memorial Day
 1. Open 10am-9pm

2. Closes early on some days, depends on when building is locked at night
3. Stewart - Pool floor seems rough, cuts kids feet
5. Tai Chi on Fridays for senior citizens in fall
6. East Side Master plan
 1. Redesign drawings of parks have been completed
 2. Vetted at open house in May for public feedback
 1. Feedback seemed positive
 3. 2 plans for Van Cleve
 1. Nearly the same, removing ball field, more green space, condensing playgrounds, adding volleyball court
 2. Removing ball field, adding 'adventure course', dog park
 3. Approval will happen this fall
 4. Ball park is part of Minneapolis Public Schools
 1. Takes up ~40% of the park's space
 2. South High School's playing field
 3. Joan – historically, Marshall University also used the ball field
 5. Joan – what about the Tennis courts
 1. Also being looked at with this plan
 2. Maybe consolidate courts to just a couple of parks
 3. There are federal standards that require upkeep on the courts
 6. Will be getting funds to improve pathways for ADA compliance
 1. Fall 2018
7. Good neighbor fund project
 1. Arts Programming at Van Cleve
 2. Will Roberts to assist with implementation
 3. See note from Community Building Intern Emily Anderson who will work on this project.
8. Cody – is there money allocated for the gymnasium
 1. Nothing yet, maybe in a few years
 1. Could add a yoga studio or fitness center building out towards the parking lot – won't happen for several years
 2. Most building money goes towards necessary structural improvements and upkeep
3. City Council Members – Kevin Reich, Ward 1; Cam Gordon, Ward 2
 1. Cam will provide an e-mail update
4. Project/Meeting summaries – updates (See below for details)
 1. **Minneapolis 2040 is in draft form.** 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](#), and consider attending an [open house](#) in May.
 1. Want to focus on understanding the first 5 policies, which primarily concern housing
 2. 97 policies in the plan
 1. 8 goals that encompass these policies
 3. Need to distill and disseminate info relevant to our neighborhood
 4. Then as many people as possible should provide feedback to the city
 5. There is now a 200+ page pdf document
 6. Comments must be sent in the online version
 7. We need to be vocal
 1. Being silent is dangerous
 2. Need both individual comments and SECIA comments
 2. SE Como – Minneapolis 2040 Review Working Session – Thursday, May 31, 5:30 – 7:00 pm. Van Cleve Park
 1. Processing the plan
 2. Developing educational materials
 1. What in this plan is relevant to SE Como?
 3. Developing SECIA's response to the plan

5. Upcoming Meetings
 1. East of the River Park Master Plan, June 13th, 6-8 pm, Northeast Recreation Center, 1530 Johnson Street NE
 2. Kevin Reich Minneapolis 2040 Listening Session – Thursday, June 14, 5:30 – 7 p.m. Northeast Library, 2200 Central Avenue NE
 3. SECIA Community and Committee Meeting Night – Third Tuesday – Tuesday, June 19, 2018, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Van Cleve Park
 4. Como Cookout
 1. Saturday, September 15th 11-3pm
 2. Need another board volunteer to step up since we don't have an executive director
6. Other Developments
4. Board and Organization Business (40 min) – Final Agenda to be set by Executive Committee, 5/29/18
 1. Board Business
 1. Proposed meeting dates (due to conflicts):
 1. July board meeting will remain on July 3rd
 2. Reschedule August Board meeting to Tuesday, July 31st
 3. **Motion: Move August Board meeting to Wednesday, August 8th**
 1. **Mover: Wendy, Second: Stewart, Unanimous approval**
 2. National Night Out August 7th. Ordinarily would schedule for the following Tuesday; however, August 14th is the Primary
 2. Housing loan administration term changes (Wendy)
 1. Details to follow from Wendy
 3. US Pollution Control Agency – conference – SECIA participation – update – Wendy
 1. July 19-21
 2. Voted for \$500 to be allocated for our contractor
 1. **Motion: Move the \$500 from the PCA conference expenses to the Como Arts Fund**
 1. **Mover: Wendy, Second: Cody, Unanimous Approval**
 3. Wendy is representing us at the conference, working on presentation
 2. Review and approve May 1st Board Meeting minutes (attached)
 1. **Motion: Approve May Board Minutes**
 1. **Mover: Joan, Second: Stewart, Unanimous Approval**
 3. Committee Updates (40 min)
 1. Housing – Wendy
 2. Community Building & Communications - Jim
 1. Mission statement for the website has been drafted
 2. Finalize statement next committee meeting
 3. Environmental – Calder
 4. University District Alliance – Katie, Bill & Karl
 1. UDA board decided in December to consult with organizations about future directions of UDA
 1. Future directions have not been finalized yet
 2. UDA has revealed a plan for finalizing this process
 2. Exec and livability committee meetings met
 1. Bill Dane is the chair of the UDA livability committee
 2. Working on conversations with the railroad
 3. Party house problems have gone way down
 3. Stakeholder discussions
 1. Agreed that UDA has value
 1. Networking, connecting with neighborhoods
 1. Forums
 2. Cooperative projects between neighborhoods and UMN
 3. Safety and other concerns
 2. Despite this, UDA's condition has not been resolved
 5. Livability & Housing Implementation – Katie
 1. Meeting with Cam Gordon May 15, 2018 – Minneapolis 2040 Plan

1. New city policy and development committee
 1. City encroaching on renter's rights and other property issues
 2. Lots of other things being addressed
 3. Meets the first Wednesday of the council cycle
2. Housing strategy and implementation working on approving neighborhood signs
3. Working with website manager to finish website updates
6. Projects - Gardens, Utility Box Wraps, etc.
 1. Accord Native Garden prep and planting, May 18 & 19, 2018.
 1. Many people contributed with excavation and planting
 1. Board members, community members, gardeners, and students
 2. Katie – Sculptor should increase volume of sounds that are played at Accord
7. Safety
 1. MPD Second Precinct Police Advisory Council (PAC) – (Cody Hoerning)
 1. Meeting next Monday, June 11th at 6pm
 1. Cops for Kids – MPD outreach
 2. Burglary prevention signs
 1. New program in NE after burglaries last fall
 1. Signs
 2. Additional overtime
 3. Burglary prevention unit
 2. If we think this is something SE Como needs, we can request the same
 3. Wendy – signs are very nice and visible, could be good to have here as an alternative to block club model
 1. Could also have informational signs in fall and spring
 4. Could be useful just to have signs and not entire program
 1. Maybe revise to remove the giant “CRIME ALERT” on the sign
 2. Make it more informational
 3. Cody will follow up on this
 2. MPD 2nd Precinct Police Advisory Council (PAC) meeting notes - <https://courtwatch2pac.com/>
8. Other
 1. Como cultural music and dance series
 1. GNF funding
 2. Will will bring ideas to the joint committee meeting
 3. Katie – should have a committee dedicated to project
 2. Diverter project
 1. Steering committee meeting this Friday morning to talk over design
 2. Pilot project for a single diverter
 1. 15th and Talmage
 3. Neighborhood meeting on June 20th

4. New Business

5. Adjourn: 8:22pm (1hr 47min)

SECIA Minutes June 5, 2018:

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>