

SECIA Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 7 2016, 6:30 – 8:00
Van Cleve Park
901 15th Avenue SE

Present: Wendy Menken, Cody Olson, Karl Smith, Joan Menken, Bill Dane, Rami Salim., Marlaine Cox, Hilary Lovelace, Stewart Smith

Excused: Lee,

Absent:

Other: Lynn Anderson, Amy Mahler (sp?) Off Campus Living, Sarah Becker Asst City Attorney, 2nd Precinct Community Attorney, Cam Gordon.

Meeting Called to order at: 6:42

Introductions (5 min)

1. Committee/other updates (15 min)

- a. Park—no one present from parks, but Jordan had his baby, everyone is healthy and happy. Wendy—there is water in the pool. Karl reports that Lila and other gardening folks did an addition to Accord Garden at the corner of 15th and Como.
- b. Housing & Livability—none.
- c. Zoning—Haven't heard back from PPL yet, haven't heard anymore from Como Imports site, Joan put in a call to the City Planner but hasn't gotten back to her yet.
- d. Others—No environment meeting last month, but just as a point of information on TCE, the lawyers that are representing complainants have it filed as a class action in a lower court, General Mills appealed the classification as a class action, and the court agreed with General Mills and took away the class status.
 - i. Wendy hands out Southwest Journal article on 3 Minneapolis Sites for Superfund list, including Vapor Intrusion area at 2010 E N Hennepin. Wendy mentions we should make contact with PCA and learn more about what that means.
 - ii. Gardens are getting going, Marlaine reports that Fair Share is all in the ground and the bread oven is almost done, opening planned for July 9th as a community garden day and there will be pizzas to celebrate. They are looking for more members. Rami explains the difference between bread and pizza ovens.

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2. Review prior meeting minutes (5 min)

- a. **Review and approve May 2016 minutes (tbd)** Joan offers minor text edits and spelling corrections. Karl Motions, Bill seconds, unanimous approval.

3. Housing & Livability

- a. **Letter of support for PPL Bunge Tower Project (in packet)**
Joan Motions, Karl Seconds. Unanimous Approval.
- b. **Letter of support for Community Land Trust Application to Minnesota Housing Funding.**
Suggestion to provide feedback by text by tomorrow, June 8th. **Motion that we support the CLCLT in their application to Minnesota Housing for Bond Funding from the Homebuyer Initiated Program.** Wendy Motions, Hilary Seconds, Unanimous Approval.

4. Organization Business

- a. NCEC Commissioners elections
 - i. Review (in packet)
 - ii. **Sending an elector and alternate (need to inform the City by end of June 8**

iii. **Hilary offers to go. Wendy motions, Stewart seconds, unanimous approval.**

iv. **Cody will notify NCR.**

b. Next Standard Meeting dates: July 5, August 2, September 6, 2016

i. **August conflicts with National Night Out – set new date**

ii. Does September conflict with anything?

iii. Wendy moves that we move the August Meeting back a week to August 9th, Bill seconds, Unanimous Approval.

5. Presentations from Visitors

a. Nick Juarez—2nd Precinct Police Officer

Passes out Year to date Crime statistics, biggest increases in burglary and larceny, lots of phone scams, these phone scams are included in larceny counts. A majority of burglaries are unforced entries (remove/cut screen, open windows), The 2nd precinct has seen a spike in bike theft over the last couple of months, many at the housing co-op over on 27th. Lots of activity on Como and on 12th/13th, robbery up on the corner, 2 males with weapon, approached guy with backpack right on the corner. Sees a lot of for rent signs and vacant properties, the calls that they go to aren't UM students anymore.

Nick asked what we're seeing. Wendy agreed with Nick's statement about housing tenure. Wendy asks for backstory on Gopher Nutrition, Juarez can't give us any info, it is still under investigation. Juarez reports that most robberies have been with weapons. Noise and Assembly Ordinance calls have gone down.

Wendy asks about where people who have been arrested are from, and Juarez says they are from outside of Minneapolis more frequently. Students have become known as an easy target. Juarez mentions he can bring maps every month. Wendy brings up difficulty of acquiring information about crime, Juarez agrees that the block leader model doesn't fit our neighborhood or the decade, Juarez says that crime and safety committees of neighborhood organizations can request information through their staff person (Cody), also suggests [RAIDS online](#). Juarez says they are happy to use social media with block club leaders, takes only an hour or two training to become a block club leader. Over the summer, Officers are happy to do some door-knocking for national night out.

b. Cam Gordon

i. Cam is happy to partner with a Safety Committee to help find a good communication strategy about crime, when, where, and how. Promotes partnerships with the University. Wendy sites that capacity for a Safety Committee is strained.

ii. Intentional Community Ordinance had a meeting in downtown, about 30 people attended, gotten some more press.

iii. Clean Energy Partnership Annual Report passed around, smaller landlord rentals have been more difficult to work with.

iv. City passed a Complete Streets Policy that puts pedestrians first.

v. Blueprint for Equitable Engagement has been adopted by the Council. There has been an external evaluation of NCR. Using these documents, Cam's next step is to have a larger discussion about how neighborhood organizations will continue to be funded and supported by the City. It will be critical that we get creative. Cam sees the neighborhood organizations as one of the strengths of Minneapolis. NCEC is going to help with this, too. Cam thinks that the NRP policy board function can merge with NCEC in the future, will make things more transparent and less confusing.

1. Other sources of funding: fee for service model for engagement, participatory budgeting style investment with the Capital Fund (which currently goes through Capital Long Range Improvement Committee).

- vi. Wendy asks about Vikings Stadium, if there are excess sales tax money, it could be used for Neighborhoods. After asked by Joan, Cam thinks that neighborhoods are on the agenda for the City.

6. Organization Business, Continued.

- a. Wendy hands out Athletes Village Construction Update
- b. Wendy shares Good Neighbor Fund Tour, Joan and Cody mention that they are going to attend.
- c. Financial updates
 - i. Current bank account ledger to review (in packet)
 - 1. The City's money actually hit our account, so things are a little bit more stable.
 - ii. Draw request in for CPP funds is in \$\$ amount?
 - iii. Still waiting on GNF Van Cleve Park Reimbursement
 - 1. Cody is dealing with some bureaucratic information items from Peg at GNF.
 - iv. Update from Cody on work with our accountant
 - 1. Coy and Betsy reconciled the books up through April. Right now all of that is stored on the desktop, so once they get a physical place to put down the desktop, they can keep working again on the finances.
- d. Bank Accounts
 - i. US Bank – primary account, set-up with correct access and one active debit card
 - ii. US Bank – secondary account for targeted donations – board approved – still to be done
 - iii. UBS (Hawkins) – account still not updated
 - iv. Move Hawkins to Bremer – board approved – still to be done
- e. Office Space
 - i. Mega thanks to all who were in town and able to help on a Holiday Weekend, done in about 3 ½ hours, everyone shared stories of how much fun it was and how impressive the stack on top of Phil's car was.
 - ii. Moved out of Horton Building
 - 1. Status of items in garage, there are a few items in the garage on the old site.
 - iii. Copier, main computer and current business items with Cody
 - iv. Rest of SECIA items in storage, keys with Cody and Wendy
 - 1. One unit primarily current/used items, second unit archives, lesser usage items and items to sort and possibly get rid of
 - 2. If we do find a space, can move half to get back up and running and deal with rest later (more manageable) Units are payed through August 1st.
 - v. PO Box set-up at Eastside Station (behind Quarry), keys with Cody and Wendy.
 - 1. If no other office spaces pop up soon, should we try to change all of our addresses?
 - vi. Phone number unavailable again unless we can get set-up with voice mail or moved to mobile option
 - vii. Cody's work plans
 - 1. Tuesday/Friday from 12-3 at Black, otherwise schedule with Cody
 - viii. Finding an Office: Cody's plan is to swing back to 2010 later after things simmer down. Cody is still hunting for spaces, making some calls. 12th & Hennepin, and near the Housing Co-op on 28th. He's also going to talk to Beltrami and see what they have, he's heard they have a lot of office space. Marlaine suggests approaching PPL and their development plans to have a low cost office in that building, and it was brought up but it's very early in the discussion. Marlaine asks if NE College Prep will still be a consideration. Cody has been working on a relationship with them, it is an option further on the horizon.

- f. Board Teams—we have manuals we need to bring up to date, including a board handbook, we need a financial practices handbook.
 - i. Outline to discuss (in packet) Wendy promotes everyone to sign up on teams
 - ii. Sign-up based on board seat priority (1st, 2nd or 3rd year of term)

Adjourned: 8:30

SECIA Minutes June 7, 2016:

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