

SECIA Board Meeting – Minutes
Tuesday, May 1, 2018, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Van Cleve Park, 901 15th Avenue SE

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

Excused: Katy Baker

Other: Sgt. Jim Nystrom (UMPD), Lt. Christie Nelson (MPD 2nd precinct), Lynn Anderson, Chris Meyer (Park Board), Katie Fournier (Livability Committee Chair), Cam Gordon (City Council), Abdullahi (Abdu) Ahmed (SE Como Parks representative on the East of the River Park Master Plan Community Advisory Committee and standing in for Jordan for Van Cleve Update)

Meeting Called to order at: 6:34 PM

Introductions (5 min)

1. Community Updates (20 min)

1. MPD Second Precinct Representative and/or UMPD Community Engagement Team (CET) Representative

1. MPD Second Precinct – Lt. Nelson - Spring Jam Update

1. Large police presence in Dinkytown and stadium village, as well as on campus
2. House Party on 13th – permit was requested, but denied
 1. Broken sunroof on automobile
3. Several sexual assaults (5)
 1. Two were in Como
 2. Alcohol was involved
4. Joan – witnessed single women getting abandoned and in vulnerable situations
 1. Often caused by students ‘pre-gaming’ parties and making poor inebriated decisions
5. Karl – several random vehicle accidents have occurred in the neighborhood recently – possibly due to impaired or distracted drivers
 1. Utility box on 15th and Como is one recent example
6. Wendy – Lack of friend accountability appears to have increased over the years
 1. Maybe there can be a stronger message given to students about having a “designated buddy” or something like that
 2. Help students prevent individuals from being left behind and walking home alone drunk
7. Sgt. Nystrom – We have made this message clear to students
 1. Orientation skit
 2. Advertising
 3. Telling them to do it doesn’t necessary lead to compliance
 4. Student safety committee is addressing these topics
8. On campus the event went pretty well
 1. ~ 7000 people in the parking lot
 2. Servers did a good job with underage drinking
 3. Students were very intoxicated at the event
 4. In the future, measures will be taken to try to prevent students from drinking
 5. Reminders that misconduct record carries over

2. UMPD Community Engagement Team update – Sgt. Nystrom

1. Internal newsletter was provided to SECIA
2. ‘Safety officer’ designated at organized house parties
 1. Fraternities and Sororities
3. Open house on May 7th for Police Week
 1. 11am – 1pm
4. Renovations at PD later this year

5. Joan – some parties go on all day
 1. Cam – there are more ordinances than the 10 pm noise ordinance
 1. Unruly Assembly Ordinance
 2. Social Hosting
 6. Will – is there a University-sponsored ride-share?
 1. Yes – the Gopher-chauffer
 1. Extremely busy, often has 1-2 hour waits
 2. They transport to uptown, which wastes a lot of time
2. Van Cleve Park – Abdu Ahmed (standing in for Jordan Nelson)
 1. Park is in full operation
 2. Fields are finally open – baseball is starting
 3. Summer programs are open for registration online
 4. Weekly craft project is going on
 5. Kids program for four hours a day
 6. Meals program is coming back this summer
 7. Fall program planning is underway
 1. Mostly just renewing programs
 2. Maybe adding some adult and kids activities
 3. Give your feedback and ideas to Jordan
 8. East of the River master plan park planning is underway
 1. People seem mostly happy with the way things are
 2. Amount of proposed funding is good
3. Park Commissioner – Chris Meyer
 1. Attends SECIA meetings quarterly
 2. Represents all of the Parks east of the river
 3. More neighborhoods represented than any other park board rep
 4. Attended Brook Ave Housing Cooperative Groundbreaking at Bunge
 5. Earth day events were postponed until May 12th
 6. Mostly working on legislative agenda in Capitol
 1. Governor didn't include park funding in his original budget recommendation
 1. This kick-started the parks to organize and work together
 2. Had a meeting with 20 senators and many other legislators – most ever for a park meeting (about 1/3 of all state senators)
 1. Very good bipartisan coalition
 2. Based on what the lobbyists said, the funding should be very good
 3. Asking for \$15 million for metropolitan areas, part (1/3?) goes to Minneapolis, the Metropolitan council matches that
 1. Will cover waterworks, [Scherer Bros Site - Hall's Island](#), and another site – trail under Broadway Ave., docks around island. Want to rehab island and allow people to access
 2. Bohemian Flats – park board has an idea of what they are proposing there
 1. Currently a large part of the park is being used for construction storage, near Washington ave bridge
 3. Grand rounds completion will be addressed eventually – currently on the sideburner
 7. Cody – fees for new developments dedicated to parks
 1. Why is there a disproportionate amount coming to SE Como?
 1. Chris – it's based on where the developments are occurring
 2. Other neighborhoods have more developments than SE Como
 2. It would make sense to change the ordinance to apply the money towards parks that are being used by certain developments, not necessarily only those that are in the neighborhood

1. The way it stands, Van Cleve can't get money from developments in other neighborhoods.
 2. Needs to pass an ordinance to get around neighborhood boundaries
8. Office hours are a good time to meet with Chris
 1. MPRB Headquarters, 2117 West river road (near Broadway pizza) at the commissioner office
 2. Fridays 1-4pm
 3. Email and make an appointment at the parks website
 4. Prefers to go for walks during meetings
4. City Council Members – Kevin Reich, Ward 1; Cam Gordon, Ward 2
 1. Cam Gordon
 1. City is working on comprehensive plan
 1. More open houses coming up
 2. Drove by Spring jam
 1. Wonders what the benefits are
 2. Appears to be an extended binge-drinking festival
 3. One student overdosed and died recently (maybe spring jam?)
 3. Elmwood Properties Como Apartments at 1040 Como Ave
 1. The building plan hasn't been approved yet
 2. Currently cleaning up the grounds
 4. Riverton project at Bunge Tower broke ground
 5. Cody – 2040 plan
 1. Compromises on density plan
 2. Cam – comments are being collected right now and we are all encouraged to provide individual feedback
 3. Our current zoning designations are all being changed to allow four-plexes as the plan currently reads
 4. Current proposal also eliminates minimum parking requirements – let the market dictate parking
 5. Send comments by May 22nd
 6. City is also working on becoming based on renewable energy
5. 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.
 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. Como Arts – SECIA/Como Arts Task Force (Will Roberts/Wendy Menken)
 1. Met with Cam and have another meeting scheduled this month
 2. Architect has an almost completed review of the proposed project
 3. Landmark environmental has provided environmental surveys info to the architect
 4. Trying to coordinate a meeting with Cindy Polich (Theatre Elision) and the architect in the next week or so
 4. MPD Second Precinct Police Advisory Council (PAC) – (Cody Hoerning)
 1. E-mail update from Inspector Loining (attached)
 2. 2018 Second Precinct Summer Strategies report (attached)
 3. Open House, May 14th 5-7pm

4. Meeting this Thursday at 9:30 am – other board members welcome to join
5. 61 beat officers in the precinct, short of the target of 70
6. UMN has 55 officers, but they shouldn't be first responding in this neighborhood
7. Public safety report is attached via email
 1. Precinct is trying out a new burglary reduction zone
 1. The precinct puts signs out in high burglary areas and increases patrols and outreach
5. 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>
 2. Corner of 10th and Como has 52 unit proposed development
 3. See attached notes for details
6. 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. Upcoming Meetings
 1. MPD Second Precinct Open House. May 14th 5:00 – 7:00 pm at the Second Precinct ([1911 Central Ave NE](#)). There will be free food, numerous police and city agency representatives, and activities for those of all ages.
 2. SECIA Community and Committee Meeting Night – Third Tuesday – Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Van Cleve Park
7. Other Developments
2. Board and Organization Business (40 min) – Final Agenda set by Executive Committee, 4/24/18
 1. Board and staff updates
 1. Executive Director
 1. Position was posted April 13-20, 2018 (position description attached)
 2. Applications being reviewed by Executive Committee – Eleven (11) received
 3. SECIA Executive Committee meeting, Thursday, May 3, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, application review
 4. Wendy – should expand interview committee beyond exec – other board members, interns ...
 2. Review and approve April 3rd Board Meeting minutes (attached)
 1. **Motion: Approve April Board Meeting Minutes**
 1. **Mover: Joan, Second: Bill, Unanimous Approval**
 3. Community Yard Sign Proposal – As directed by the Board, The Community Building Joint Committee discussed the Yard Sign project and approved moving forward with one sign design (Spring). The motion was made by Joan Menken, seconded by Cody Hoerning and was supported unanimously. Attendance was Jim Nyberg (Chair), Karl Smith, Lila Smith, Cody Hoerning, Will Roberts, Ramy Selim, Katy Baker, Joan Menken, Wendy Menken, Emily Anderson, and J.D. Duggan (MN Daily). The recommendation is for two versions of the Spring Design: (1) yard sign with stand, and (2) window sign that renters and others can place in a window. We recommend printing 25 copies of each version. Once we gain some data on the adoption of the sign, we will consider expanding.
 4. Accord Native Garden – Board approval via e-mail vote to place order to Vacker Signs for Parks and Trails for replacement sign (image attached)
 1. Professional sign, will be more durable than former sign
 5. Committee Updates (40 min)
 1. Housing – Wendy – Four motions (see attached)
 1. MN Daily article - <http://www.mndaily.com/article/2018/05/n-rising-home-values-affect-university-of-minnesota-neighborhoods>

2. Multiple attached documents describing SECIA's two loan programs
 3. Tweak existing programs to make them more appealing for advertising
 4. Center for Energy and Environment runs our loan program
 5. **Motion: Approve the SECIA Revolving Loan Program guidelines as proposed by the Center for Energy and Environment**
 1. **Mover: Will, Second: Joan, Approved, Abstained: Phil Roban**
 6. **Motion: Approve SECIA emergency Deferred Loan Program guidelines as proposed by CEE, with an adjustment: 1) limited to 1-2 unit properties, down from 1-4 units;**
 1. **Mover: Joan, Second: Stewart, Approved, Abstained: Phil Roban**
 7. **Motion: Add an Age-in-place criteria to the Emergency Deferred Loan Program that increase the maximum loan value to \$10,000 from \$5000 for property owners over the age of 63**
 1. **Mover: Stewart, Second: Karl, Approved, Abstained: Phil Roban**
 8. **Motion: Approve Monetary changes to the SECIA Housing Loan Pools as listed in attached table**
 1. **Transfer \$18,266.51 from Revolving Loan program to the Emergency Deferred/Age-in-place pool**
 2. **Transfer \$2,400 from the Interest Subsidy pool to the home ownership pool**
 3. **Transfer \$683.49 from the Interest Subsidy pool to the Emergency Deferred/Age-in place**
 4. **Transfer \$3,500 from Revolving loan pool to cover administrative costs**
 5. **Mover: Cody, Second: Jim, Approved. Abstained: Phil Roban**
2. Community Building & Communications - Jim
 1. Graffiti concerns – Several Board and community members noted increase in graffiti in SE Como. Reminder to report all instances of graffiti on public property to 311 immediately (include address and photo). Excellent piece on graffiti in April 18th Tidbits - <https://mailchi.mp/6e4ab4ddefe6/como-tidbits-4182018?e=738ad45533>
The city offers landscaping prevention techniques here: http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/graffiti/graffiti_solutions
 2. Suggestion: Limit committee updates at monthly board meetings – say most of it at the joint committee meeting night
 1. Reserve space at board meetings for things that need board action, items that are sent to exec at least a week in advance, or urgent items
 3. Zoning – Joan and Executive Committee
 1. Proposal from Elmwood Properties for Como Apartments at 1040 Como Ave. (Project description attached). Meeting with Craig Janssen, Elmwood Properties - Tuesday April 24, 6:30 pm, Van Cleve Park
 4. Environmental – Calder
 5. Livability & Housing Implementation – Katie
 1. Neighborhood sign project – now has a map of where the signs will be placed
 2. Phil and Jim Drake went through website and found items that need to be fixed/updated
 3. Como green village link should be removed from tidbits (or fixed)
 6. University District Alliance - Bill & Katie – meeting with neighborhood organization leadership April 2, 2018 – report attached. Next meeting scheduled for May 7th.
 1. Joint planning committee of university rep, and neighborhood reps recommended to take on first project of assembling comments on the UDA

1. Part of the recommendation is that the UDA overlay zone is recognized for its unique qualities: Demographics and housing conditions
 7. Projects - Gardens, Utility Box Wraps, etc.
 1. Diverter Project – MWMO Mini-Grant Awarded (attached)
 1. Money will be coming shortly
 2. Steering committee will be working on it
 2. Accord Native Garden
 1. UMN Student Group Born Passion volunteers helped with garden clean up Saturday, April 28th.
 2. Approval in progress for expanding the garden
 8. Safety - MPD 2nd Precinct Police Advisory Council (PAC) meeting notes - <https://courtwatch2pac.com/>
 9. Other
 6. New Business
 1. Cody – schedule a meeting for our board to talk about the 2040 plan
 1. Generate a separate letter to help us keep as much of our Como blueprint in the 2040 plan as possible
 2. Should review online version – although hard to read
 3. Also review SECIA's Como blueprint
 4. Bring other ideas about the 2040 plan that SECIA could express in a letter
3. Adjourn (8:32pm, Duration: 1:58)

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

1. Project/Meeting summaries
 1. Minneapolis 2040 - <https://minneapolis2040.com/>
 2. MPRB - East of the River Plan - More information - https://www.minneapolisparcs.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>
 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> 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>