

SECIA Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Van Cleve Park, 901 15th Avenue SE

Present: Karl Smith, Ben Brummel, Stewart Smith, Jim Nyberg, Marlaine Cox, Joan Menken, Lee Hibbard, Cody Olson, Bill Dane, Wendy Menken

Excused: Shannon Engstrom (Leave of Absence)

Absent: Ramy Selim, Phil Roban,

Other: Lynn Anderson

Meeting Called to order at: 6:35 PM

Introductions (5 min)

1. Committee/other updates (60 min)
 1. Park - Jordan
 2. Community Building & Communications - Jim
 - a. 2nd Tuesday of each month is a proposed time for meetings
 - b. 7-8pm start May 9th, 2017 @ Van Cleve park
 - c. Dar Omar Al Farooq Masjid Mosque Open House Saturday, May 6th, 10-2pm
 - d. NE college prep also hosts Open House events, we will try to have SECIA members attend these events
 - e. Maybe something at the Southeast Christian church as well, they host a study period for finals, also pop-up events
 - a. Recognize them for their popup events and volunteer service at cookouts and other events
 - f. SE Como website – Ben
 - a. Online and operational
 - b. Add Marcy School to Services page
 - c. History Page link is broken
 - i. If someone wants the task, we should port the history pages to the new site
 3. Environmental - Calder/Wendy
 - 1) Gardens are up and running – work dates are scheduled at Como Corner, Talmage Crossing and Fairshare
 - 2) TCA update
 - i) General Mills is trying to pull out and get the site delisted as a SuperFund Site
 - ii) Plan on bringing forward proposal to encourage the pollution control agency (PCA) to hold GM accountable and make them support future cleanup efforts
 - iii) Conference in Kansas City where we were invited to present for good neighbor agreements has been postponed (from federal EPA)
 - iv) Concern about whether anyone is going to garden in the plots in the front of Van Cleve park shelter
 - (1) Possible community building agenda item to plan use of these plots
 - v) Looking at joint meetings with Marcy Holmes and St. Anthony Park to discuss having a speakers series to shoehorn community building.
 - (1) Speaker series ideas, could extend beyond environment – community building as well
 - (a) Emerald Ash borer discussion
 - (b) Ramy's Strawbale movie
 - (c) Pollinator-friendly lawns
 - (d) Butterfly and bee and bird identification

- vi) Minneapolis has just approved “Green zones”
 - (1) Vague philosophy about developing areas that are polluted or in poverty
 - (2) Started last summer – came up with north and southside greenzone pilot areas [note – can we add a web link?]
 - (a) Northside include part of Sheridan
 - (3) Helps the city develop zoning and programs to address issues
- 4. Livability & Housing – Katie/Karl
 - a. Livability Committee recommends Katie to serve as the SECIA representative to the UDA task force for alternative duplex zoning in the U District overlay Zone.
 - a. Motion: Nominate Katie Fournier as the SECIA representative on the UDA task force on Duplex zoning**
 - i. Mover: Karl Smith, Second: Joan Menken, Unanimous approval
- 3) Safety - MPD 2nd Precinct Police Advisory Council (PAC) meeting notes - <https://courtwatch2pac.com/>
 - (a) Very informative website about safety
 - (b) Sex offender released in neighborhood
 - (i) Some people got flyers delivered to their house – flyer attached
 - (ii) No automatic meeting apparently
 - 1. There is a precedent for having automatic meetings
 - 2. Cody will request a meeting, if others request as well, it will likely happen quickly
 - 3. SECIA is happy to help facilitate the meeting
- 6. University District Alliance - Bill & Katie
 - (a) 2 meetings about duplex lot sizing
 - (i) First meeting with Jack Byers in City Planning, shared overall MN plan, >500k people in Minneapolis
 - 1. Joan – we don’t have the same amount of land as in the 1960s after the introduction of the Interstates and other major roads, since many homes were removed
 - 2. People in the neighborhood are getting offers to buy their houses unwarranted
 - (ii) There will be a few more meetings after additional information is gathered
 - (iii) Committee members are really concerned about population density issues
 - (iv) Joint planning committee is being formed to discuss major projects by the city and University so neighborhoods know what’s going on and have a voice before the project happens
 - 1. Started based on grain elevator projects
 - 2. Maybe we should nominate a delegate to this committee
 - 3. This committee is an attempt to get the U to communicate with committees before taking actions
 - 4. Karl – sent invite to board members
- 7. Zoning – Joan
 - a. 1721 Como development proposal – update on project - Letter to Shanna Sether, City Planner attached
 - (a) Copied letter to planning commission
 - (b) We will be keeping an eye on the project moving forward – all items were approved
 - (c) April 24th meeting where the plan was approved
 - (d) Ideally ground to be broken in June
- 8. Projects - Gardens, Utility Box Wraps, etc.
 - a. Utility Box Wrap project was awarded a Good Neighbor Fund grant – Cody
 - (a) Joan – Good neighbor fund

- (i) MN Vikings used to keep the fund well-funded when they were at TCF
 - (ii) Now we only have the interest from the fund (~\$63k this year)
 - (iii) Fund selected proposals – benches at State fair and sporting events, bike racks
 - 1. Try not to let a community monopolize the money (6 neighborhoods involved)
 - (iv) Not going to redo Utility boxes – ongoing projects are not funded
 - (v) Community building events (\$3-\$8k) would be very fundable, great source of funding for drawing people into neighborhoods and get them involved
 - (vi) Joan encourages community building committee to submit a proposal.
 - 1. Proposal requests are in the fall, November/December
 - (b) Permission has been obtained from Comcast to wrap the box near Sporty's
- 9. Other
 - a. U of M Protected Bikeways project - SECIA community meeting - Thursday, April 20, 2017 - 6:30 pm - Van Cleve Park - Additional information at
 - <http://minneapolismn.gov/bicycles/projects/WCMSP-197539> Project Fact Sheet is informative
 - <http://minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@publicworks/documents/images/wcmSP-197547.pdf>
 - (a) More information will be available at meetings in June and July
 - (b) Public works is still collecting feedback, plans are not finalized
 - b. Student Presentation on SE Como Traffic Diverter Landscape plan - May 3rd, UMN Saint Paul campus. Room 19 Green Hall. 2-3:15 p.m.
 - i. Lila and Karl plan to attend
- 2. Cam Gordon – Ward 2 City Council Member update (10 min)
 - i) Bluedoor issue is coming back next week – no new information
 - ii) Neighborhood meeting is tomorrow 4/3 at the Armory (east neighborhood) from 5:30-8pm
 - iii) Lack of communication between Mayor and Police Chief
 - iv) Election day is first Tuesday in November
 - v) Fraternity and Sorority housing proposal approved, but limited to areas near University, not much in Ward 2
- 3. Review prior meeting minutes (5 min)
 - 1. Review and approve April 11th minutes (attached)
 - (a) Motion to Approve April Minutes**
 - 1. Mover: Joan, Second: Stewart, Unanimous Approval
 - 2. Informational - Executive Committee Meeting April 25th - reviewed and approved minutes for distribution to the Board, set agenda for Board meeting.
- 4. Organization Business (30 min)
 - 1. Board update – (10 min)
 - a. Board Roster updated – attached
 - b. Staff performance review for Executive Director, Cody Olson, prior to June Board meeting
 - (1) Handled by committee in the past, usually the Executive committee
 - (2) Lee – we've done it different ways in the past, paper forms ...
 - (a) Paper form we got from the city website looks like a good source for our performance review – performance review form attached
 - (b) Lee will check for past forms
 - (3) Exec will handle the performance review this time
 - (4) We should provide a survey for the committee members to incorporate feedback
 - (5) Committee will come up with recommendations – Pay, terms of employment ...
 - (6) Will present recommendations at future board meeting
 - (a) Send request for feedback on Cody to Stacy, Nancy, Board, Jordan, Interns, ...

- (i) Need to compile list of questions
 - 1. Cookout planning
 - 2. What do you want from us?
 - 3. Send suggestions to exec
 - (ii) Exec will conduct review before the next exec meeting
 - b. SECIA Board Training - conducted by Stacy Sorenson, Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) Department - April 26, 2017
 - 2. Office and Staff update – Cody (5 min)
 - (1) Sent out first Como Commotion in two years – going out in the mail on Monday
 - (2) Wendy – we should figure out what the roadblock is with the company that handles the commotion – let’s track the process
 - (3) Extra copies of commotion to be put in coffee shops and in apartment buildings and in the park
 - (4) The company moved, and were having issues during the moving process, but things are back in order now
 - (5) Working on summer events – Garage sale and pop-up events (charlotte commons and student housing Co-op)
 - (a) Garage Sale – weekend of 9/30/2017
 - (i) Advertise during the cookout
 - (ii) People have cookout signs in their garages
 - (iii) Would like to have a signup for a participation package (sign + flags) and say what items are available on the map
 - (iv) Could contact local businesses to do something special on that day to attract people – add these businesses to the map
 - (b) Bryn Mawr has a garage sale weekend this upcoming weekend
 - (c) Cookout – 9/23
 - (6) Kenos is working on public art inventory, including businesses with painted signs and creating an interactive map for the website
5. New Business
6. Adjourn: 8:29 PM, 1hr 54 minutes

SECIA Minutes May 2, 2017:

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