

Present: Rami Salim, Marlaine Cox, Cody Olson, Joan Menken, Wendy Menken, Lee Hibbard, Stewart Smith, Bill Dane, Jordan Nelson (Parks), Karl Smith, Hilary Lovelace, Phil Roban

Excused: Jeff Habner

Absent:

Other: Eliana (Elly-ahna) Schreiber (MNDaily, former resident, Black Coffee employee), Katie Fournier, Cam Gordon

Called to order at 6:40

Jordan: no new issues with wading pool, bringing on some new fall teams, expanding ages.

Wendy on Environment: EPA Film Crew was in town last week and it went very well, got a tour of a local factory floor.

Joan: Zoning updates-- 1202 Como Project (Franken House) will go before board of adjustment on the 25th of September. They are going to tear down the existing SFH and put in 2 units, asking for variance for one additional parking space behind the units.

1501 Como (Janelle Widmier is the planner on this one, is out of the office on the 16th of this month.) They submitted the master land use application, Joan wants to make sure we are seeing those plans, nothing that says it is going before PC or CC, so Joan will continue to monitor and contact Greg Jansma.

Livability Committee focus on the Greek System zone expansion, we are outside of the circle.

Unknown if MH has taken a position yet, they would be the neighborhood most affected.

Blue Door U-- they've been a good neighbor and haven't caused many drunk problems, asking for a variance to allow patio seating on the side of the restaurant on special days (Gopher game days.) There is some concern about parking.

Newgate Bldg-- expansion to about 2x as large, they are one of the most responsible organizations we've worked with in the neighborhood. (Car fix up employment skills neighborhood.)

Katie on lot-size requirements for duplexes in R2 & R2b districts, she just returned from presenting at MH land use committee. Many neighborhoods around the city are upset about how quickly this was passed without notice.

Wendy Motions that SECIA works with other neighborhoods to support other neighborhoods to support the UDA's livability committee to form a task force to look into recommendations on and impacts of duplex lot size requirements.

Stewart's seconds it.

Discussion?

Everyone else supports

Hilary is Opposed

No abstentions

Housing Strategy Committee has continued work on the new website, and Katie passed out drafted text for a homepage. Feel free to send Katie updates after the meeting, will send to the board electronically. There will be some money left over from the Como Blueprint printing budget according to accounting staff Betsy, considering a matching sum of money and asking for contributions to the match.

Cam Gordon--

Even he was caught a little off guard with the duplex ordinance.

The new proposed budget is posted online, there will be a levy increase, somewhere between 2/3 and 40% won't see an increase. Charter amendments on minimum wage shut down by MN Supreme Court, Zero Waste Meeting is upcoming, Bakery over in SEMI has been approved to expand, Cam commiserates that 1202 Como looks ridiculous, Bill and Joan talk about the swath of development companies that are looking at Como as ripe for redevelopment. Wendy brings up the point that the City isn't reaching out to neighborhoods, identifies parking as our last bargaining point.

Lee corrects Cody's name spelling

Lee motions to approve the June Minutes

Karl 2nds

Unanimous Approval

August minutes will be presented at next meeting.

Expenditure of NRP money (~\$168,451.07)

We need to come up with spend down plan, we need to talk to Stacy and grid out what we need to spend and decide what our plan is by Nov 3rd. Now we have a better idea of what our bills will look like and what our income is from NCR.

Schedule a meeting in the next few weeks before the cookout, we need to have a recommendation for the board by the October meeting.

Meeting with Betsy after the cookout.

Remove 2,400 from program income into ownership program budget line.

Joan makes the motion

Wendy seconds.

Unanimous approval.

We want to move forward with posting a community building intern, and have a roster of semi permanent internships. We had hoped to get it in time for the annual cookout, but we'll promote it at the cookout. Cody mentions he's looped in with service learning groups. Wendy motions to hire a community building intern.

Lee moves

Hilary seconds

Unanimous approval

Wendy moves to move \$6,000 from program income to to the appropriate NRP budget line to cover costs related to hiring student interns.

Karl moves, Bill seconds.

Discussion about support of interns from Cody, Karl thinks that many brains are better than one.

Unanimous approval, no opposition or abstentions.

Thomas, our communications intern, would like to extend his contract for 4 months.

Stewart moves.

Marlaine seconds.

Unanimous approval.

NE College Prep September 20th there will be a board meeting of the school where it would be nice if a board member went with Cody to introduce ourselves. Background checks are necessary for staff and interns. Cody has plans to keep things locked since the space will be shared (computer, file cabinet, needs to research copier.)

We need to run the insurance piece by our insurance agent. Their playground build is on Friday Sept 16th, there are opportunities to help on 14th and 15th.

Wendy motions to authorize executive committee to review and finalize the NECP-SECIA facility use agreement.

Joan Seconds

Unanimous approval.

Comcast and phone.

Approve the cancellation of the Comcast contract

Karl moves

Marlaine seconds.

Authorize executive committee to work with Cody to approve and contract with new phone provider.

Hilary moves

Karl seconds

Unanimous approval.

Cody has been going through a laborious process of how to pay for the cookout with Stacy.

Cody is working to see if we can become an event sponsor, have the U pay for the event and then we pay them back. It is coming up on September, Saturday 17th 11-2pm.

Annual Meeting

November 16th.

We need ideas about things that might be a draw, chatter about possible new board members, floated ideas of speakers: electeds, new UMN police chief, school officials (Webber & new school), invite new businesses (i.e. blue door).

If we are having any bylaw changes we need to change them at the next meeting. Wendy is planning to drop quorum down to five.

Joan mentions that Restorative Justice (RJ) needs an update for Como service projects.

Notes taken by Hilary Lovelace