

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

Present: Cody Hoerning, Wendy Menken, Karl Smith, Jim Nyberg, Will Roberts, Joan Menken, Stewart Smith, Katy Baker

Excused: Ben Brummel, Phil Roban

Absent: Bill Dane, Ramy Selim

Other: Jordan Nelson, Katie Fournier, Lt. Jim Nystrom, UMN PD,

Meeting Called to order at: 6:35 pm

Introductions (5 min)

1. Community Updates (20 min)
  1. MPD Second Precinct Representative and/or UMPD Community Engagement Team (CET) Representative
    1. Sgt. Jim Nystrom has been promoted to Lt. Nystrom
    2. UMN Football game, Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup>
    3. Crime on campus steady, lots of theft: laptops and bicycles primarily
    4. GPS bait used as check on bicycle theft, starting to use similar tactics on laptops
    5. Additional patrol efforts in evening hours, Thurs Fri and Sat for first 4-5 weeks of school year
    6. Move-in door knocking: Difficult to talk in uniform, looking to use literature to communicate to new move-ins
  2. Van Cleve Park – Jordan Nelson
    1. Summer programs ending
    2. Comment period closed end of July for East of the River Master Plan
    3. MPRB searching for superintendent- outreach on Aug 16<sup>th</sup> and Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> at Powderhorn and HQ, 6-9 pm. Hope to hire by Halloween.
    4. Cookout: Still September 15<sup>th</sup> 11 am to 3 pm.
      1. Wendy: Could offer stipend to park staff member to organize SECIA components of cookout
      2. Other option is to have board members step up
  3. Park Commissioner – Chris Meyer (quarterly in-person updates)
    1. Chris joined us at 8:15 pm to discuss:
      1. East of the River Master Plan designs (drafts of which are online now, survey closes on July 29)
        1. Survey comment period extended to August 21<sup>st</sup>
          1. “They put together A and B but you really should think of it as an a la carte menu.” Regarding the design of the park in the plan
          2. Neighborhoods can submit formal comments until August 24<sup>th</sup>
          3. August 29<sup>th</sup>: First citizen and advisory committee
          4. Chris will be hosting town hall meetings in the coming weeks and months. Looking for broader participation, e.g., students in SE Como
        2. The \$69,013.80 of park dedication fees that are available to be used within the SE Como Neighborhood
          1. Can comment on these fees any time
          2. Capital expenses are on the table, but not operational
            1. Solar panels are capital
            2. A/C is operational
  4. City Council Members – Kevin Reich, Ward 1; Cam Gordon, Ward 2 – no reports
  5. Upcoming Meetings
    1. SECIA Community and Committee Meeting Night – Third Tuesday – Tuesday, August 21, 2018, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Van Cleve Park
    2. Como Cookout, Saturday, September 15, 2018, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
  6. Other Developments
    1. In remembrance: Arvonne Fraser, resident and activist
    2. Good luck to Benjamin Brummel, SECIA Board Secretary who preparing for PhD final oral exam on Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

2. Board and Organization Business (40 min) – Final Agenda set by Executive Committee, 7/31/18.
  1. Board Business
    1. Staff update – Community Building Intern Emily Anderson resigned
  2. Review and approve July 3<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting minutes (attached)
    1. Motion to approve: Moved by Joan, seconded by Stewart, Passes unanimously
  3. Committee Updates (40 min)
    1. Community Building & Communications - Jim
      1. Meeting Minutes June 19, 2018 and July 17, 2018 attached
      2. Door knocking campaign – Cody Hoerning
        1. Kendre says: Some student liaisons available for door knocking
        2. Last week in August, tentatively
        3. Proposal: Tote bags full of literature
      3. Motion: \$1000 of signage money for tote bags, primarily for cookout or other SECIA events
        1. Joan moved, Wendy seconded, Motion passes unanimously
      4. National Night Out: attendance impressive at those attended by board members
        1. Como had 7 NNO block parties, possibly largest number in the University District
    2. Zoning – Joan
      1. Proposed redevelopment site 1101 East Hennepin (Hoover Wheel Alignment site). Meeting July 31, 2018 at Van Cleve with Daniel Oberpriller, developer - <http://northbaycos.com/our-company/> and DJR Architecture (Scott Nelson & Colleagues) - <http://www.djr-inc.com/> Redevelopment project at 928 & 934 15<sup>th</sup> Ave SE also discussed.
        1. \$1200/month for 450 square feet- see handout
        2. Surprise proposal for development on 15<sup>th</sup> ave, across from Van Cleve. See handout.
        3. Neither plan has been submitted to city. Zoning has not been changed.
    3. Environmental – Calder
      1. Wendy attended EPA conference in Kansas
        1. Presentation on Good Neighbor Agreement prepared. Hour long.
    4. Housing – Wendy
      1. Elimination of Occupancy Limits in the Zoning Code – Minneapolis Planning Commission (see attached)
        1. Wendy suggests letter writing or making a statement
        2. Joan and Wendy suggest expressing opinions to council members regarding process and content
    5. Livability & Housing Implementation – Katie
      1. Meeting agenda July 17, 2018 attached
        1. UDA's 2040 comments submitted to the city in time
        2. Sign ordinance has been enacted as of August 3<sup>rd</sup>
    6. University District Alliance - Katie & Karl
    7. Projects - Gardens, Utility Box Wraps, etc.
      1. Utility Box at corner of 15<sup>th</sup> and Como - The previously wrapped Utility Box at 15<sup>th</sup> & Como that was hit by a car has been replaced. An estimate was received from Vomela for rewinding. It was approved by the Executive Committee and we hope to have the box wrapped by the Como Cookout, September 15<sup>th</sup>.
      2. Good Neighbor Fund – Como Cultural and Dance Series – Update
        1. MN Daily article - <http://www.mndaily.com/article/2018/06/n-neighborhood-funding-reduced-by-mn-united-relocation>
      3. Southeast Seniors – Oral History Project – seeking volunteers from SE Como (see attached)
        1. MN Daily article - <http://www.mndaily.com/article/2018/08/n-oral-history-project-will-feature-elders-accounts-of-neighborhoods-through-time>
    8. Safety – Cody Hoerning
      1. Train versus pedestrian accident – 21st Ave SE between Talmage Ave and Como Ave

1. BNSF train encountered person laying on the track, not at designated crossing
2. Likely suicide attempt; not successful
3. Have discussed with CMs Reich and Gordon regarding building fence
2. MPD 2nd Precinct SHAPE meeting summary
  1. 2nd precinct attempt to organize move-in move-out
  2. Trying to stop theft from trailers and similar crimes
3. MPD 2nd Precinct Police Advisory Council (PAC) meeting notes - <https://courtwatch2pac.com/>
9. Other
4. New Business
3. Adjourn: 8:40

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Note taker Will Roberts; Exec reviewed 8/28/18 \_\_\_\_\_ ; 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>
  3. 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/](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>
  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>