

SECIA Board Meeting – Minutes

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Van Cleve Park, 901 15th Ave Se

Present: Bill Dane, Cody Hoerning, Joan Menken, Jim Nyberg, Wendy Menken, Phil Roban, Ramy Selim, Karl Smith, Katy Baker

Excused: Stewart Smith, Will Roberts

Other: Kate Fournier, Stacy Sorenson (Community Relations), Jeff Washburne (City of Lakes Land Trust), Carissa White (Off Campus Living), Becca Stabler (Resident, Como Student Community Cooperative; Advisory Board Member, Como Early Learning Center), Lynn Anderson

Meeting called to order 6:30 pm

Introductions

Community Updates:

1. Jeff Washburne – City of Lakes Land Trust. See handout. Objective is to promote ownership opportunities. They are looking at affordable housing resources here and in other cities and have hosted 10 city-wide forums on affordable housing to build coalitions across the city. Currently looking for dedicated sources of funding for years to come in the next city budget. Discussion by city council and departments regarding what would/could be funded. Cam Gordon is chairing the new Housing Committee. Do we need to respond?

MOTION: SECIA sign on to make Homes Happen coalition - Karl Smith

SECONDED: Wendy Menken

APPROVED: Unanimous

Karl will send out survey and compile response.

2. Stacy Sorenson – Neighborhood Support Specialist - Distributed neighborhood board survey filled out tonight by members present. Purpose of survey is to guide their work plan and funding options.
3. No representative from UMPD or MPD Second Precinct.
4. No representative for council members or park board present.
5. Jordan Nelson – Van Cleve Park – Unable to attend but reported soccer and volleyball sign up in progress for fall/winter sports. The wading pool is still open but will close as determined by weather. The cookout is coming together and a person has been hired to help SECIA
6. East of River Master Plan – Potential Grand Round options
Park board work group proposing the Grand Round route through Como would go down 25th and/or 26th Ave SE. Again this affects homeowners, presuming all parking would be removed. This has been discussed extensively in the past and was noted nobody from Como is on the working group. Question, when/where does the community affected come into the process? Lila Smith is following process but SECIA was unaware of the proposed changes. Note meeting, September 24th – Van Cleve Park
Action: Before next board meeting exec draft a response to process, including all previous work on this issue and proposed addition to park(s) for this area. CC: council members and Chris Meyer, Mpls. Park Board

Upcoming meetings:

1. Como Cookout – Van Cleve Park 11:00 am to- 3:00 pm
2. East of the River Master Plan meeting – Van Cleve Park, September 24, 2018
3. September 18 – 6:30 pm - Livability/Community Committee – Presentation by PPL/Bunge project and artist.

4. Sept. 18 – 8:30 am (need to verify date/time) –U Alcoholism Prevention Policy Coalition - Morrill Hall

Board/Organization Business:

1. Como Cookout- September 15, Van Cleve Park
Clarissa White was introduced. She was hired to work with the Office of Off-Campus on the Como Cookout. Question regarding T-Shirts for the event need clarification.
Motion: Authorize \$400.00 be used for to-shirts for event, if feasible – Wendy Menken
Seconded: Cody Hoerning
Approved – Unanimous
Will work with Jordan Nelson, Van Cleve Park director on ordering shirts if feasible in short period of time until event. They will use shirts from previous event also.
2. Two resignations from SECIA Board – Ben Brummel (Graduated from University) and Abby Reynolds, Garden Coordinator. Ben served as secretary – Joan Menken will serve as secretary until Annual Meeting in November.
3. Payroll – Recommend moving payroll to another vendor. Move this item to next meeting.
4. All board minutes now posted on web site.
5. Minutes: Motion to approve August 8th minutes - Wendy Menken. Seconded – Jim Nyberg
Minutes approved unanimously.

Committee/Community Updates: Cody

1. Cory Hoerning – Door knocking campaign has started. Representatives from Off Campus Living, volunteers, UMPC and Second Precinct will door knock streets in SE and handout packets of material promoting safety and livability in SE. Area west of 18th and area around Weeks Ave blocked out for door knocking. Packets will also be available to the Como Cookout. In future – have information available to promote area and activities available to new and current residents.
2. Safety – Still working on safety at the 21st Ave SE crossing. This is blocked to all pedestrian crossing but concerns remain. Cody talking to city about options but city has pushed this off to the future.
Second Precinct – 6 burglaries, 3 auto thefts and bike thefts up in SE areas.

Zoning: Joan

1. Two proposed projects:
1101 E. Hennepin (Hoover Wheel Alignment property) and 934-938 15th Ave SE – Plans have not been submitted to city planners at this time. Will continue to monitor.

Environment: Wendy

1. New people assigned by MPCA to monitor the General Mills and area sites. Map of area tested available across E. Hennepin. PCA holding firm in keeping the General Mills property on the Superfund listing.

Introduction –

1. Becca Stabler – Resident from Como Student Community Cooperative introduced herself to group. She is a resident and on the Advisory Board of the Como Early Learning Center there. SECIA welcomes the opportunity to engage families on the east end of our neighborhood.

Housing:

1. Home Improvement Loan programs are available (See handout). Need to work on getting info out to residents.

Livability: Katie/Bill

1. UDA – University District Alliance – Mike Berthelsen, president currently looking at future direction and function of UDA.
2. Bill – Many questions regarding Minneapolis 2040 plan/occupancy codes given all the student housing in area. UDA will meet with Kelly Rose Jones - Mpls. Inspections Dept.

3. U'Alcoholism Prevention Policy Coalition meeting is scheduled for Sept. 19, 8:30 am, Morrill Hall. Need to verify date/time.
4. Sign Ordinance Update: Ordinance change was enacted. No information when it will be enforced or who enforces it.
5. A date to meet with Prospect Park to promote living in our communities has not been determined.

Update – Projects

1. Diverter Steering Committee – Designer will meet with committee with plans for the 15th Ave SE traffic diverter, funded by a grant. It was also noted a group on 16th Ave SE dug up and replanted the diverter at that intersection.
2. Utility Boxes - The utility box at 15th and Como has been replaced and rewrapped.
3. The mural under the 15th Ave Bridge has been repainted and graffiti removed thanks the Kendra T. – Off Campus Living.

Meeting adjourned:

Joan Menken - Recorder