

SECIA Board Meeting – **Minutes**

Tuesday, August 13, 2019, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Van Cleve Park, 901 15th Avenue SE

Board Members Present: Karl Smith, Alex Farrell, Wendy Menken, Joan Menken, Kathy Knudson, Phil Roban, Lynn Anderson, Aaron Tilleson, Katy Baker, Cody Hoerning and Jim Nyberg

Other Participants: Katie Fournier, Cam Gordon, Jessica Focht-Perlberg

Meeting Called to order at: 6:35 p.m.

Introductions (5 min)

1. Community Updates (20 min)

- a. MPD Second Precinct Representative and/or UMPD Community Engagement Team (CET) Representative: **No representative was present.**
- b. Van Cleve Park – Jordan Nelson: **Jordan was unable to attend the meeting.**
 - i. Updates on Park Dedication Fees – Cody Hoerning: **Cody requested that we postpone the update until our next meeting.**
- c. Park Commissioner – Chris Meyer (quarterly in-person updates): **Chris was unable to attend the meeting.**
- d. City Council Members – Kevin Reich, Ward 1; Cam Gordon, Ward 2: **Kevin was unable to attend the meeting.**

Cam Gordon: The mayor will submit his budget this Thursday (8/15/19). It has been suggested that 400 police officers be added to the force. Cam thinks the mayor will recommend increasing the number of officers but doubts that the mayor's budget will fund that many officers. See the attached "Council Member Cam Gordon's Report to the Southeast Como Neighborhood August 13, 2019" for full details.

e. Meeting/Event Reports

f. Upcoming Meetings

- i. Minneapolis Police Department Second Precinct Police Advisory Council – August 12, 2019, MPD 2-PAC: the August topic is fire inspections. 6:15 PM, 1900 Central Ave NE, in the Monroe Village Apartments Community Room. See Tidbits for details: **No report.**
- ii. Global Games Night - meet your neighbors – SE Como (SECIA) sponsored event – August 18, 2019, 3:00 – 5:00 pm Van Cleve Park:
- iii. SECIA Community and Committee Meeting Night – Third Tuesday – Next meeting – Tuesday, August 20, 2019, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Van Cleve Park
- iv. Como Cookout – Saturday, September 21, 2019

g. Other Developments

2. Board and Organization Business (40 min) – Final Agenda set by Executive Committee, 8/8/19.

a. Board Business

i. Communications Interns – Hiring committee interviewed three applicants and recommended hiring two. Board e-mail approval authorized the SECIA Executive Committee to proceed hiring two Communications Interns - Jensine Beyer and Cedar Thomas. Proposal includes adding web development and maintenance to their workload. Web developer position has closed.

ii. Community Building Interns Motion. Motion to approve hiring of Jensine Beyer and Cedar Thomas. **Joan moved to hire interns Cedar and Jensine, seconded by Kathy. Unanimously approved.**

iii. Renaming Tidbits – SECIA Executive Committee discussed and recommends renaming Tidbits. Comotion E-Newsletter was one suggestion. Others? **Wendy suggested that we use Como logo then “tion” to avoid two hyphens. Met with general approval.**

iv. Community Building Intern – review and revise job posting (attached), post job, form selection committee: **Close applications on September 15th.**

v. SECIA Office – Executive Director requested the following and the Executive Committee approved:

1. Purchasing a secure file cabinet: **Nothing at the Reuse Center. Alex found one in the storage locker that will meet our needs.**

2. Purchasing four staplers for posting flyers. **Purchase completed.**

vi. Wind damaged tree removal in Como Corner garden. **Executive Committee approved Rainbow Tree Care (\$453.) We are going forward with the removal.**

vii. Van Cleve Park – requested support from SECIA for soccer goals. Perhaps Parks Neighborhood fund can be used as a match for SECIA Parks funds. See Park dedication fees. **Postponed until next meeting.**

viii. Review and approve moving and contracting funds from the NRP Phase II 'Funds Available to Contract' to help with the gardens and park's requests (spreadsheet attached).

1. **Wendy gave a brief history behind the “unfrozen funds”. Think of them as a “mini grant” to ourselves. Last time priorities were set was 13 years ago. We need to establish new priorities. We need to have public meetings to discuss current priorities. Can we leverage this money with other funds or with other neighborhoods? Joan moves to move \$6,000 to gardens, Wendy seconds. Approved unanimously.**

2. **Contact SE Seniors and SE Library (Lynn & Alex) re: projects for funds that benefit Como neighborhood.**

3. **Joan moved to transfer money from SEMCOL to Building Community as follows:**

i. **\$2,000 to Community Outreach & Events**

ii. **\$1,000 to Communications II**

iii. **\$1345 to Comotion Newsletter**

a. **Kathy seconded the motion**

b. **Approved unanimously.**

ix. Review and approve SECIA's tax return 990-EZ form (attached). **Joan moved to approve the form subject to review by Executive Committee. Kathy seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.**

x. Review and approve the filing of SECIA's Charitable Organization Annual Report Form (attached). **Motion to approve made by Wendy. Aaron seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.**

xi. Review meeting dates until the end of the year and approve the annual meeting for Tuesday November 5th, 2019. **We could use the Joint Committee meeting on Oct 22nd to establish "Funding Priorities" for available funds. Wendy moved to approve Nov 5th as the date for our Annual Meeting. Karl seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.**

Board meetings scheduled for September 3rd, October 1st, November 5th and December 3rd.

xii. Fairshare Farm – Garden bed rebuild – estimate coming. **Ben is working on it. He also proposes to use volunteers.**

xiii. Good Neighbor Fund - 2019 – Project Reports

1. Summer science program

a. Works Museum, June 27, 2019

Approximately 35 people attended.

b. UMN Raptor Center, August 3rd, 2:00 pm. **Approximately 35 people attended.**

2. Summer arts program (all events at Van Cleve Park)

a. Open Eye Theater, July 26th 7:00 PM. **Approximately 30 people attended.**

b. Nature writing/science journaling class Wednesday August 14th through Friday August 16th, 1:30pm-3:30pm - Nature writer Amber Stoner

c. Songwriting class – August 19-23, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm, Local musician and Loft teacher Ben Connelly

3. Bike fest – August 10th, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. **Around 60 people attended. 27+ helmets and 9 bikes were given away gave away. Very successful event. Wendy suggested that we consider another similar event next spring.**

xiv. Review and approve July 2, 2019 Board Meeting minutes (attached): **Joan added a correction to the minutes. Wendy moved to approve. Katy seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.**

b. Committee Updates (20 min)

i. Joint Committee – Alex

1. Reorganization of meeting night – Notes from July 16, 2019 meeting attached

ii. Community Building & Communications – Jim

1. Global Games Night – Meet your neighbors – Greg & Jim: ***Flyers need to be put up. Alex F. will do this on 8/14/19. Jim will contact Greg and Jordan to make sure everything is on track.***
2. Neighborhood Sign Kiosks – prototype installed at Fairshare – request for funding additional kiosks coming. ***Postpone until next meeting.***
- iii. Zoning – Joan
 1. ***13th avenue garbage bins on boulevard all the time; number of people per unit still an issue.***
 2. ***Northstar at Siebert Field Addition, 1611 8th St SE (800 16th Ave SE), Ward 2 variances:***
 - a. ***Conditional use permit to allow additional dwelling units.***
 - b. ***Conditional use permit to increase the maximum allowed height.***
 - c. ***Variance to increase the maximum floor area ratio.***
 - d. ***Variance to reduce the minimum parking requirement.***
 - e. ***Link to City of Minneapolis document:***
<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/meetings/planning/WCMSP-220222>
- iv. Environmental – Calder/Kathy: ***Award winning project: 58 drain stencils were added- aided by Katy & Lauren.***
- v. Housing – Wendy
 1. Make Homes Happen: 2020 Budget Advocacy (see e-mail from Rose Teng) ***Everything has been approved-need to get word out.***
- vi. Livability & Housing Implementation – Katie: ***See attached “Progress reports to SE Como Improvement Ass’n.”***
- vii. University District Alliance (UDA) - Katie & Alex: ***See attached “Progress reports to SE Como Improvement Ass’n.”***
- viii. Projects - Gardens, Utility Box Wraps, etc.
 - ix. Safety – Cody Hoerning: ***Good news: an arrest was made for the shooting near Stinson & Kennedy. Bad news: Garages in the 27th Avenue alley, south of Como, were broken into and a lot of outdoor equipment was stolen. Residents were upset about the 45-minute response time by the police and threatened to “take matters into their own hands.” There was an “exposure incident” on 15th Avenue and it took the police 30 minutes to respond.***
 1. Staffing and response update
 2. MPD 2nd Precinct Police Advisory Council (PAC) meeting notes
 - <https://courtwatch2pac.com/>

c. New Business

3. Adjourn: 8:40 p.m.

SECIA Minutes August 13, 2019:

Note taker: Jim Nyberg ; Exec reviewed _____ ; Board Approved: _____