

SECIA Board Meeting – Agenda
Tuesday, April 2, 2019, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Van Cleve Park, 901 15th Avenue SE

Board Members Present: Wendy Menken, Lynn Andersen, Kathy Knudson, Ben Brummel, Karl Smith, Jim Nyberg, Phil Roban, Joan Menken, Alex Farrell, Bill Dane, Cody Hoerning
Other Participants: Josh Betts (UMPD), Miguel Octavio (MN Daily), Emma Dill (MN Daily, city government reporter), Cam Gordon (Ward 2), Chris Meyer (Park Board)

Meeting Called to order at: 6:35 PM

1. Community Updates

- a. MPD Second Precinct Representative and/or UMPD Community Engagement Team (CET) Representative
 - i. Increase in key theft on campus
 1. Costly to rekey
 2. Many people leave keys unattended on desks
 - ii. Still some opportunity theft
 1. Wendy - Warmer weather could promote these
 2. Take care with open windows
 - iii. People are encouraged to report suspicious activity
 1. Anything unusual that you think warrants a call should be reported
 2. Anyone can be a citizen witness [note: I think he may have said anyone can make a "citizen's arrest"]
 - a. Very helpful point of contact to solve crimes and make arrests
- b. Van Cleve Park – Jordan Nelson
 - i. Jordan is on family leave
 1. Baby boy was born
- c. City Council Members
 - i. Cam Gordon, Ward 2
 1. Neighborhoods 2020 Plan
 - a. Comment period for Neighborhoods 2020 ended
 - b. The council will be working hard to incorporate feedback
 - c. New draft of 2020 plan should be released soon
 - d. There should be a public hearing at that point
 2. Housing policy and development committee work plan has been approved
 - a. Bill - finds it hard to believe that occupancy restrictions have been loosened given the issues that have come from over-occupied dwellings in our neighborhood
 - b. Cam - the city does enforce over-occupancy and has made people move
 - i. Difficult to enforce as the city doesn't conduct 'sneak attacks' or have many methods to verify relationships and occupancy
- d. Park Commissioner – Chris Meyer (quarterly in-person updates)
 - i. There is an effort to sell land to build a Mosque parking lot
 1. [St. Anthony blvd. in NE and Central](#)
 - a. [Street View](#)
 2. Part of Grand Rounds scenic byway
 3. Needs to be considered surplus or abandoned land
 4. Chris opposes this effort
 5. Compromise is to turn this into a trailhead

6. Contact Park commissioners to comment on this issue
- ii. Grand Rounds
 1. Consensus on the route North of E. Hennepin and South of the railroad tracks
 2. Still questions about the middle of the route in SE Como
 - a. Looking at 33rd Ave SE, 29th Ave SE, 27th Ave SE
 - i. UMN is opposed to 29th
 - ii. UMN may have veto power
 - iii. Neighbors and UMN opposed to 27th ave
 3. Plan options require acquiring land from current owners, especially the case for 33rd Ave SE
 - a. Precedence has been set for resisting and increasing costs for the park board
 - b. Some routes could allow for new park creation, but require purchasing land
 - c. Others are only/mostly on existing roads
 - d. Park submitted plan to Metro Council and specified preferred route as 33rd Ave SE
 - e. May consider working with St. Paul
 4. Wendy - thank you for breathing some life into this project and getting it moving
 5. Lobby State legislators
 - a. Will need Bonding from state in order to make this plan happen
- e. Meeting Reports
 - i. Minnesota Compass Annual Meeting – March 11, 2019 – Compass Points 2019
 1. Report is publicly available
 - a. <https://www.mncompass.org/pdfs/compass-points-2019.pdf>
 2. Highlights
 - a. 65+ resident population will exceed the 5-15 population
 - b. Increased graduation rates
 - c. Increased population
 3. Very interesting and detailed demographic statistics
 4. Can view individual neighborhood statistics
- f. Upcoming Meetings
 - i. SECIA Community and Committee Meeting Night
 1. Committee meeting will be the Climate-smart Municipalities panel
 - a. Climate-smart Municipalities panel
 - b. Tuesday, April 16th, 6:45-8:30PM
 - c. Northrop Best Buy Theater (4th floor, East Elevator)
 - d. Meet at 6:30 for discussion prior to panel
 - e. Info at https://z.umn.edu/Climate-Smart_U
 - f. RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/climate-smart-municipalities-screening-w-senator-dziedzic-tickets-59344244232?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=escb&utm-source=cp&utm-term=listing>
 - g. Senator Dziedzic and Representative Noor will be there
 - h. May have discussion about Hawkins chemical spill
 2. Separate committee meetings may still be held
 - ii. Como Cookout – proposed date – Saturday, September 21, 2019
- g. Other Developments

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b. Committee Updates

- i. Joint Committee - Alex
 - 1. March 19, 2019 – Meeting minutes attached
- ii. Community Building & Communications - Jim
 - 1. Notice of SECIA meetings (Board, Joint Committee, etc.) on Tidbits and Nextdoor
 - 2. Still trying to set up a date to meet with Greg Thompsoe to set up outreach events
- iii. Zoning – Joan
 - 1. New development proposed by DJR Architecture Inc.
 - a. 1108 25th
 - b. Vacant lot with small apple orchard on North side
 - c. 3 story, 4-unit building
 - d. Same as some other properties in the neighborhood
 - e. Meeting date
 - i. April 23rd 6-7pm
 - ii. Alternates: April 18th or 24th
 - 2. Elmwood properties at 1040 Como should be moving forward
 - 3. NECP Office space
 - a. NECP is expanding the office space and making non-profit shared workspace
 - i. Separate door
 - ii. 24hr access
 - iii. Parking stall
 - iv. 122 sq ft
 - v. ~\$250/month
 - b. Wendy
 - i. Ask about cost increase - currently no fee
 - ii. Will we be charged for internet? - currently included
 - iii. 10'x10' Storage unit is somewhat full
 - 1. Could try moving necessary items and downsizing the rest to eliminate storage unit \$200+ monthly payments
- iv. Environmental – Calder/Kathy
 - 1. Next meeting will address Hawkins Chemical spill
 - 2. Adopt a storm drain program

- a. City program where people can take care of a local storm drain
 - b. Will have a link to the city website in Tidbits
 - c. May have more information at the Cookout
- v. Housing – Wendy
 - 1. Approved loan program last month
 - 2. Need to make plans available and market them
 - 3. Need to be more aggressive with promotion of the programs
 - a. Should write something for Tidbits/Commotion
 - i. Next Commotion late April/early May
- vi. Livability & Housing Implementation - Katie (no report)
- vii. University District Alliance - Katie & Alex
 - 1. Board meeting this Thursday
 - 2. UDA reset - clarifying membership
 - a. Proposal will be that the board structure remains the same
 - i. 2/neighborhood association, city, University ...
 - b. Cam - Jamie Schumacher will likely be the new chair of the Board
 - c. Task force recommendations for UDA to have their own staff moving forward, especially, paid executive director
 - d. UDA has been seen as a valuable alliance between neighborhoods, UMN and the city and will be maintained
 - e. UDA has been very inactive over the last 18 months
 - f. Bill - UDA livability committee could split from UDA and gain some autonomy since they've been unable to coordinate with the UDA board lately
- viii. Projects - Gardens, Utility Box Wraps, etc.
 - 1. Fairshare Farm Garden bed rebuilds
 - a. Raised beds are 8+ years old and deteriorating rapidly
 - b. Ben - estimated \$1500-\$3000 in materials to replace beds
 - i. Needs to be built before May gardening
 - ii. Will need 5-10 volunteers for a build day/weekend
 - c. Wendy - there may be some NRP funds remaining
 - i. Will need board approval
 - 2. Utility box wraps
 - a. Letter sent to every business and homeowner
 - i. \$1585 raised so far (checks)
 - ii. ~\$200 from GiveMN
 - b. More boxes will be wrapped soon

3. Adjourn: 8:35 PM (2 hrs)

SECIA Minutes April 2, 2019:

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