

SECIA Board Meeting – Agenda

Tuesday, May 7, 2019, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Van Cleve Park, 901 15th Avenue SE

Board Members Present: Karl Smith, Alex Farrell, Jim Nyberg, Kathy Knutson, Ben Brummel, Joan Menken, Brandon Ulvenes (MSA), Lynn Anderson, Wendy Menken, Bill Dane, Cody Hoerning (COGS)
Other Participants: Ashlee Lange (UMPD), Lauren Heers (garden intern), Cam Gordon (City Council), Oforiwaah Pee Agyei-Boakye (Community building intern), Katie Fournier

Meeting Called to order at: 6:35 PM

Introductions (5 min)

- a. Welcome Interns – see attached from Tidbits
 - i. Community Garden Intern – Lauren Heers
 1. Finishing 2nd year at UMN
 - a. Food systems major
 2. Excited to be part of garden
 3. Lives in the neighborhood
 - ii. Community Building Intern – Oforiwaah Pee Agyei-Boakye (Pee)
 1. 1st year Geography PhD student from Ghana
 2. Masters degree in planning from UPenn
 3. Will be planning projects at next committee meeting

2. Community Updates (20 min)

- a. MPD Second Precinct Representative and/or UMPD Community Engagement Team (CET) Representative - Ashlee Lange, UMPD - CET
 - i. Finals week
 1. Mental Health outreach
 - ii. Spring Jam had no major issues
 - iii. Ongoing situation in Dinkytown at Marshall Apartments
 1. Initial reports that it was a possible attempted suicide with ricin
 2. Victim is in the hospital
 3. Reports of vehicle on campus that may also possess ricin
 4. Hazmat is at the scene - Marshall was evacuated
 - iv. Reports of graffiti in Dinkytown
 1. Has been getting worse in past 6 months
 2. Call 311 to report and the city will remove it
 - v. Short staffing
 1. Day beat officer in dinkytown removed
 2. 2nd precinct may take 40 mins to respond
- b. Van Cleve Park – Jordan Nelson
 - i. Baseball season underway for next 6 weeks
 - ii. Summer programs are filling up
 - iii. East of the river master plan was approved by the board
 1. Grand rounds preferred route was in the plan
 2. Jordan suggested that they don't put the preferred route in the plan
 3. Primary route planned near 33rd was approved
 - iv. Comprehensive plan for Van Cleve runs through 2020
 1. Collecting comments and suggestions
 - v. Spring egg hunt on April 13th
 1. About 200 people attended

- vi. Jordan's baby boy Lucas is doing well
- c. Meeting/Event Reports
 - i. Climate Smart Municipalities Screening with Senator Dziedzic and Representative Noor, Tuesday, April 16, 2019. SECIA Community and Committee Meeting participants attended. <https://www.tpt.org/climate-smart-cities-working-together/>
 - 1. Interesting discussion from students that went to Germany and were part of an emmy-winning documentary
 - ii. Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) meeting, Tuesday, April 23, 2019 – Jim Nyberg
 - 1. NCEC serves as intermediary between citizens and city council
 - a. Doesn't have authority for action, but serves as a go-between
 - b. City is divided into 8 districts, Seward, Prospect Park, Longfellow, University, and SE Como form district 8
 - 2. Public comments about the Neighborhoods 2020 plan
 - a. One neighborhood org member suggested that best practices recommend term limits, but not require them
 - b. Another felt blindsided by the process and that decisions were made prior to informing community
 - c. Expressed need to address neighborhoods individually
 - 3. Neighborhood and community relations NCR
 - a. Focus is to build connections between communities in the city
 - b. Has more authority to plan than NCEC
 - c. NCR director and assistant city coordinator was at the meeting
 - i. Was going to present Neighborhoods 2020 update at meeting
 - 1. Update was delayed because of extensive feedback and need to organize feedback and develop a response
 - ii. Mentioned Star Tribune article that said the Neighborhoods 2020 plan decisions had already been made
 - 1. Not true as they are still working on it
 - iii. Funding for neighborhood organizations is being discussed this spring
 - 1. We have funding confirmed through 2020
 - iv. Racial equity will be a focus of the updated plan
 - v. Late 2019 is the goal for the updated plan
 - d. NCEC board felt excluded from developing guidelines for the 2020 plan
 - e. NCR director wants to repair relationships
 - iii. UMN Off-Campus Living door-knocking safety outreach in advance of Spring Jam Weekend, April 23 & 25, 2019 – Cody Hoerning
 - i. Handed out 650 flyers
 - ii. Covered Dinkytown and Fraternity row over 4 days
 - iv. Neighborhood Clean-up, Sunday, April 28, 2019 – Cody Hoerning
 - 1. 30 volunteers covered most of the neighborhood
 - 2. Picked up over 20 bags of garbage
 - 3. #Trashtag
 - v. Senate District 60 In-District Meeting with Senator Dziedzic and Representatives Loeffler and Noor, Sunday, April 28, 2019. Agenda attached. – Karl Smith
 - 1. Listening session focused on universal driver's licenses, affordable health care, affordable housing, and 100% clean energy

- vi. Public Health, Environment, Civil Right (PECE) regular committee meeting, Monday May 6th at 1:30 at City Hall.
 - 1. Packed meeting
 - 2. Attendees were there to discuss the Neighborhoods 2020 plan
 - 3. Funding was a primary focus
 - a. Neighborhood organizations will collapse with insufficient funding
 - 4. Joan - the 2020 plan regulates and does not help
 - a. Top down bureaucracy
 - b. Does not address different needs from different neighborhoods
 - c. Who is doing the revisions and how many comments will be incorporated into the new draft?
 - 5. Most attendees did not support the plan
 - 6. Cody - concerned about term limits and membership limits
 - a. Sidenote: No term limits in place for the Minneapolis city council
 - 7. We will stay tuned for an updated draft
 - d. City Council Members –Cam Gordon, Ward 2
 - i. Workgroup 3 is meeting about Neighborhoods 2020 during our board meeting
 - ii. Neighborhoods 2020 plan - Cam is working to incorporate feedback
 - 1. Will add 8 neighborhood representatives to the neighborhoods policy board
 - 2. Made amendment to make city-wide election day optional
 - 3. Full new draft is available at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ncr/2020>
 - 4. Still working on funding issues
 - 5. The 2020 guidelines should help keep neighborhood organizations function much the same as now, but with better structure and guidelines
 - iii. Wendy - things (developments etc.) are happening in the neighborhood that we aren't informed of and can't find information on
 - 1. Cam - How does the city provide a template for how developments are required to engage the community?
 - 2. Wendy - If SECIA is supposed to serve as an intermediary between the city and developments in the neighborhood, how can we do that without being informed?
 - a. Cam - there should be a 1-page set of instructions for developers that includes notifying SECIA
 - b. Wendy - it used to be that way, now we only find out if there is a variance request
 - 3. Karl - what about the UMN protected bikeways project?
 - a. Scheduled for this summer, but there has been no news
 - b. Cam - it's pretty imminent
 - e. Upcoming Meetings
 - i. Zoning - Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 6:00 - 6:30 pm - Representatives from DJR Architects - proposed 3-story, 4-unit rental building, 1108 25th Ave SE
 - ii. SECIA Community and Committee Meeting Night – Third Tuesday – Next meeting – Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Van Cleve Park
 - 1. Still trying to bring more energy to the committee meetings
 - 2. Jim - we need to keep these meetings as short and lively as possible to promote attendance
 - iii. Como Cookout – Saturday, September 21, 2019
 - 1. Working timeline 11:00 am - 3:00 pm, still being finalized
 - 2. Southeast Library has been renamed to the Arvonne Fraser Library
 - a. Friends of the library will have a table at the Como Cookout
3. Board and Organization Business (40 min) – Final Agenda set by Executive Committee, 4/30/19.

- a. Board Business
 - i. Housing Program Fund Allocation update
 - 1. Wendy and Alex are working to finalize changes to the housing program that the board approved
 - a. Changes involve moving funds from the revolving loan program into homeowner purchase program and emergency grants
 - 2. Need to give 21 days notice that the board will vote to finalize the plan
 - 3. Katie - moving land trust funds could also be considered
 - 4. NRP phase 2 funding – requesting changes for example to move funds from the defunct SEMCOL (Southeast Minneapolis Council on Learning) program into the community garden program funds
 - ii. CPP Funding extended – message from David Rubedor attached
 - 1. NCR is extending current funding for SECIA until the end of 2020
 - iii. Sanford House for sale, 13th Ave SE, request for letter from SECIA
 - 1. House has been sold - pending offer
 - 2. Hoping to ensure the property remains intact due to its history
 - a. Ideally prevent new owners from demolishing the house
 - b. City or University would have power to prevent demolishing
 - 3. Maria Sanford was a historical figure in the neighborhood
 - 4. Letter will be mailed to President Kaler
 - 5. Cced: UMN Alumni association, Board of regents, Senator Dziedzic, Rep Loeffler, Rep Noor, UMN Historian, and 5th district Regent, head of UMN real estate advisory board
 - 6. Motion: Approve Letter from SECIA to President Kaler requesting to preserve the Sanford House**
 - a. Mover: Karl, Second: Joan, Unanimous approval**
 - iv. Review and approve April 2, 2019 Board Meeting minutes (attached)
 - 1. Motion: Approve April 2nd SECIA Board Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Mover: Joan, Second: Wendy, Unanimous approval**
- b. Committee Updates (20 min)
 - i. Joint Committee - May 21st 6:00 pm
 - 1. DJR architects will give a presentation about a new development at 1108 25th ave SE
 - a. Lot next door has an apple orchard
 - 2. Meeting will begin at 6:00 pm, 30 mins earlier than usual to accommodate presentation
 - ii. Community Building & Communications - Jim
 - iii. Zoning – Joan
 - iv. Environmental – Calder/Kathy
 - 1. Air permit is being reissued for diesel generators and gas boilers
 - 2. Adopt a drain program
 - a. Kathy is finding out more, may be a good program for the summer
 - v. Housing – Wendy
 - vi. Livability & Housing Implementation - Katie
 - 1. Neighborhood Signs are up at the entrances of the neighborhood
 - 2. Housing implementation is going to market SE neighborhoods to University of Minnesota Office for Public Engagement - <https://engagement.umn.edu/>
 - a. Information about buying or renting in SE
 - b. Representative to attend at SECIA's June housing strategy meeting
 - i. Merrie Benasutti, Coordinator for Community Partnerships, benas021@umn.edu
 - vii. University District Alliance - Katie & Alex

1. March 28th board meeting
 - a. Task force on new guidelines for the alliance needs more time to figure out how to move forward
 - b. Task force meetings to finalize guidelines will be held late June
2. Katie - suggests drafting a letter from the three university neighborhood associations addressing the lack of response and tardiness of the university neighborhood relations
 - a. Bill - if there isn't a change, SECIA should withdraw from UDA
 - i. Nothing is getting done, UDA appears to only serve as a token for appeasing neighborhoods and lacks action
- viii. Projects - Gardens, Utility Box Wraps, etc.
 1. Utility Box Art Wrap project – application for wrapping four boxes submitted
 - a. Should be completed this summer
 2. Fairshare Farm Garden Bed – replacement – Ben Brummel
 - a. Crew of 4 rebuilt two of the largest beds (~20% of the bedspace) on 4/27 and 4/28 (~30 hrs of labor and \$800)
 - b. Remaining beds will be rebuilt in the fall
 - i. Estimated ~\$3000-3500 and 120 hrs of labor
 3. Talmage Crossing – Spring clean up
- ix. Safety
- x. Other
 1. Unfrozen NRP funds
 - a. ~\$130k
 - b. Opportunity for us to reach out to the community to inform how we should allocate these funds
 - i. Community outreach and advertising for community gardens
 - ii. Will discuss more at committee meeting
 - c. New Business
4. Adjourn: 8:37 PM (2 hrs, 2 mins)

SECIA Minutes May 7, 2019

Note taker: Ben Brummel; Exec reviewed _5/28/19_____ ; Board Approved: _____