

SECIA Board Meeting – Agenda
Tuesday, June 4, 2019, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Van Cleve Park, 901 15th Avenue SE

Board Members Present: Ben Brummel, Alex Farrell, Cody Hoerning, Katy Baker, Karl Smith, Jim Nyberg, Kathy Knutsen, Phil Roban, Bill Dane, Aaron Tilleson, Lynn Anderson, Wendy Menken, Joan Menken
Other Participants: Ashley Lange (UMPD), Katie Fournier (housing and livability), Jordan Nelson

Meeting Called to order at: 6:30 pm

Introductions (5 min)

1. Community Updates (20 min)

- a. MPD Second Precinct Representative and/or UMPD Community Engagement Team (CET) Representative - Officer Lange
 - i. Orientation started 6/4
 - 1. 3x/week for the summer
 - a. T/W/TH
 - 2. 200 people per day
 - ii. Bike safety events happening in July
 - 1. Wed July 10th 11am-1pm
 - a. Como Terrace in St. Paul
 - 2. Wed July 17th 11am-1pm
 - a. At Como Student Coop (CSCC)
 - 3. Bike and helmet giveaways
 - 4. Safety information
 - 5. For children age 5-17
 - a. More supplies for smaller kids
 - 6. Open to the public
 - 7. Food for 200-300 people
 - iii. National Night out is being planned - 1st Tuesday in August (August 6, 20`9)
 - iv. Ricin incident update
 - 1. Victim hospitalized
 - a. Recovered
 - 2. Feds took over investigating for ricin
 - a. Cleared the scene later the night of the incident
 - v. Bike bait program
 - 1. Bikes placed on campus locked with cable locks and equipped with tracking
 - 2. Most people arrested are not students
 - 3. Felony charges for those who steal bikes
 - 4. Recent bait bikes were stolen within 3 hrs
 - 5. Recommended to lock all bikes with a Ulock
- b. Van Cleve Park – Jordan Nelson
 - i. Open registration for summer programs
 - 1. Both youth and adult programs
 - ii. Grant for senior walking program
 - 1. Funds allocated from park board for new and innovated programs
 - 2. Should come out in the summer or fall
 - iii. Hiring new front desk staff
 - 1. Asha was hired
 - 2. 1-2 additional employees will be hired soon
 - iv. Mosque held prayer this morning from 6:30-9:30am

- v. Wendy - why so few movies in the park at Van Cleve
 - 1. Additional fees associated
 - 2. Local parks only get 1 night automatically
 - 3. Regional parks like Father Hennepin have more
 - 4. Could we have a movie after the cookout?
 - a. Date will probably be an issue
 - vi. Cody - who should be contacted to plan an adult community event at the park
 - 1. Talk to Jordan who can refer
 - 2. 1-2 months out for small events
 - c. Park Commissioner – Chris Meyer (quarterly in-person updates)
 - d. City Council Members – Kevin Reich, Ward 1; Cam Gordon, Ward 2
 - e. Meeting/Event Reports
 - i. Neighborhoods 2020 - <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ncr/2020>
 - 1. SECIA letter to CMs Reich and Gordon (attached)
 - a. Biggest issue is “one-size fits all” approach to neighborhoods
 - 2. Star Tribune article - Minneapolis council committee puts brakes on controversial neighborhoods plan - <http://www.startribune.com/minneapolis-council-committee-puts-brakes-on-controversial-neighborhoods-plan/509557722/>
 - 3. Updated Recommendations 4-29-19 (attached)
 - f. Upcoming Meetings
 - i. Town Hall meeting with Senator Dzierdzic and Representatives Loeffler and Noor - Thursday, June 6, 2019, 6:00 - 7:30 pm - Van Cleve Park
 - ii. Fairshare Farm On event – Saturday, June 8th 10am-12pm
 - 1. Recipes, plant education, and other activities
 - iii. 2nd Precinct meeting (2PAC), Monday, June 10th 6:15pm
 - 1. Monroe Village Apartments community room
 - 2. Topic: Electrical fires - scooters in garages
 - iv. SECIA Community and Committee Meeting Night – Third Tuesday – Next meeting – Tuesday, June 18, 2019, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Van Cleve Park
 - v. National Night Out – Tuesday, August 6th
 - 1. Propose rescheduling SECIA board meeting to August 13th.
 - vi. Como Cookout – Saturday, September 21, 2019
 - 1. Planning is moving forward
2. Board and Organization Business (40 min) – Final Agenda set Executive Committee, 5/28/19.
- a. Board Business
 - i. SECIA Interns
 - 1. Community Building Intern
 - a. Oforiwaa Pee Agyei-Boakye resigned due to extensive travel this summer.
 - b. Board member Katy Baker is willing to fill in until an intern is hired
 - 2. Communications Intern
 - a. Suzy Pagel graduated and accepted a position as a Communications Specialist at Reading and Math, Inc. Her last day is June 13th.
 - b. Board member Ben Brummel is willing to fill in until an intern is hired
 - 3. Executive Committee recommends temporarily hiring Katy Baker and Ben Brummel until interns are hired. Executive Committee seeks Board approval.
 - a. **Motion: Hire Katy Baker and Ben Brummel to fill the role of the Community Building and Communications interns until regular interns are hired.**
 - i. **Mover: Joan, Second: Bill, Unanimous Approval, Abstained: Katy, Ben**

- ii. University District Alliance
 - 1. Sanford House – SECIA letter (attached)
 - a. Alex, Karl & Wendy met with VP Berthelsen and Director Garcia Luna - they made no promises
 - b. House is sold, but it's unclear whether there is a purchase agreement
 - i. Realtor sign is still posted
 - ii. Purchase agreement not finalized due to violations
 - c. Wendy - recommends that the university inquire about the status of the property
 - i. How do we get university leadership looking at this?
 - 2. Follow up letter recommended by Executive Committee
 - 3. UDA Reset task force met for the last time
 - a. Only change in the by-laws is to redefine the executive committee
 - i. Must now contain a rep from each of the 5 UDA constituents
 - 1. Neighborhoods, City, UMN, Business, Students
 - b. Board meetings will be quarterly
 - c. Task force recommendations document will be shared with SECIA when available
 - i. Send questions to Katie and Alex once the document is released
 - ii. Board will meet on June 26th to vote on the recommendations
 - d. Bill - Neighborhoods should have more input on UDA decision process
 - i. UDA expects everyone to go along with whatever they approve
 - ii. Neighborhoods are not mandated to participate and could leave the UDA if they choose
 - e. Wendy - recommendation for June 26th meeting
 - i. Request that UDA formally asks communities to validate their approved plans
 - ii. Request that a note-taker takes detailed notes and sends them out to the community boards
 - 1. Katie is the secretary
 - iii. Request that UDA reach out to communities to find out what our priorities are and how we envision our relationship with and role in the UDA
- iii. Revised language for Como's NRP Phase II Plan so that we can implement our revised housing loan programs and more easily manage funds between the different programs. Coming from Stacy Sorensen.
 - 1. **Motion: Modify three NRP Phase II housing strategies to include “Funds may be used to support additional Southeast Como housing strategies, and for grants as well as loans”**
 - a. **Mover: Cody, Second: Katy, Unanimous approval**
 - b. Letter will be sent to NCR to approve the language changes
 - 2. **Motion: Send a letter to NCR including the approved language changes and the approved reallocations**
 - a. **Mover: Wendy, Second: Katy, Unanimous approval**
 - b. Center for Energy and Environment will be informed of change
 - c. Advertisement of programs will begin after changes have been finalized

- iv. Review and approve May 7, 2019 Board Meeting minutes (attached)
- v. **Motion: Approve May 7th minutes**
 - 1. **Mover: Joan, Second: Katy, Unanimous approval**
- b. Committee Updates (20 min)
 - i. Joint Committee - Alex
 - 1. "Feels like board meeting 2.0"
 - 2. Would like to change the direction to be more project oriented
 - 3. People can come and work on a project
 - 4. Designated work time
 - 5. Makerspaces idea - can come in and use the space and tools to work on things
 - 6. Will update in tidbits
 - ii. Community Building & Communications - Jim
 - iii. Zoning – Joan
 - 1. Notification about Sporty's becoming Como Tap
 - 2. Changed ownership
 - 3. Will close for 3+ weeks for cleaning and new signage
 - 4. Planned to be open by the end of August
 - 5. Safety concerns can be addressed when they re-apply for business license
 - a. Main complaint is that their snow shoveling was very inconsistent
 - b. Few other incidents, unwards, robberies
 - c. There were noise issues in the past with previous owner
 - i. We should make sure that they continue to monitor and keep the noise low
 - iv. Environmental – Calder/Kathy
 - 1. Follow up on solar water heater program
 - a. Update at July board meeting
 - 2. TCE pollution
 - a. 5-year walkthrough yesterday - Wendy attended
 - b. No one from General Mills attended
 - c. Wendy will provide a more detailed update at the next committee meeting
 - d. Discussed meeting with Senator Dzedzic about TCE pollution
 - v. Housing – Wendy
 - vi. Livability & Housing Implementation - Katie
 - 1. Developing materials to promote residential life in the University district to UMN employees
 - a. Merrie Benasutti from the Office of Public Engagement is using the campus network to circulate materials
 - b. Housing strategy is meeting with Merrie on June 13th
 - c. Merrie is planning tours of each neighborhood
 - i. Como tour on 8/31/2019
 - 2. Crosswalk to SE Brook st on 15th ave was denied
 - a. Zoning agreed to limit parking across from Brook to improve sightlines and help prevent potential accidents involving pedestrians crossing
 - b. Could potentially place a sign to notify drivers of pedestrians
 - 3. Zoning ordinance changed preventing "for rent" signs from being placed in perpetuity
 - a. Enforcement is expected to be relaxed as it is difficult to determine when a property has a vacancy
 - b. Property owners will receive a mailing notifying them of the change

4. Diverter project
 - a. Councilmember Reich agreed to speak with public works about the project and the possibility of funding it
 - b. Value in retaining water on site and improving quality of water running into the river
 - vii. Projects - Gardens, Utility Box Wraps, etc.
 1. Good Neighbor Fund projects approved, paperwork and details have not been released
 2. Four Utility boxes will be wrapped in the near future
 - a. Two at 15th and Como, Nelson's, near Mosque
 - viii. Safety
 1. [2PAC report](#)
 - ix. Other
 1. Senator Dziejdzic is coming to the next board meeting at 5:45pm on July 2nd at Van Cleve Park
 2. Richard Stenburg is giving an update presentation in July on the solar water heaters
 3. Bill - city council has flipped their position on landlords screening tenants
 - a. Previously it was the landlord's responsibility to screen
 - b. Now they say that landlords screening tenants is eliminating too much of the housing market
 - c. Limit access to housing records to 1-year
 - d. No more than 1 month's rent as security deposit
 - e. This might have repercussions and we should keep tabs on this development
 - x. New Business
3. Adjourn: 8:27 pm, 1 hr 57 min

SECIA Minutes June 4, 2019:

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