

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

Board Members Present: Ben Brummel, Kathy Knutson, Karl Smith, Jim Nyberg, Alex Farrell (ED), Wendy Menken, Bill Dane, Lynn Andersen, Katy Baker, Aaron Tilleson, Joan Menken, Cody Hoerning, Greg Thompson

Other Participants: Senator Kari Dziedzic (MN Senate District 60), Katie Fournier (Housing and Livability), Ashlee Lange (UMPD), Eric DeBord (UMN Off-Campus living), Richard Venberg (Solar water heating advocate), Can Gordon (City Council Member Ward 2), Chris Meyer (MPRB Commissioner, District 5).

Meeting Called to order at: 6:31 PM

Introductions (5 min)

1. Community Updates (20 min)

a. Senator Dziedzic

i. Passed \$40B budget

1. Compromise between parties
2. Certain items fell out of the budget
 - a. May have a special session to address these items
 - b. May pass a bonding bill
3. Increased local government aid
 - a. Minneapolis has the largest amount
 - b. Helps alleviate property taxes
 - c. \$10M for Minneapolis retirement fund
 - i. Fund predates social security
 - ii. Covers more than just Minneapolis employees
 1. Airport, Hennepin County, Met Council...
 4. Funds courts better than previous years

ii. Tax Committee

1. Made changes to make it easier to file next year

iii. Rental Legislation

1. Landlords must put units and dates on the front of leases

b. MPD Second Precinct Representative and/or UMPD Community Engagement Team (CET) Representative

i. Ashlee Lange - CET

1. National night out - 1st Tuesday in August
 - a. CSCC, other locations in Como

ii. Aaron - what is the PD doing about people congregating and setting up tents?

1. PD is doing the best they can with outreach and security

c. Van Cleve Park – Jordan Nelson (report attached)

i. Baseball finished for 5-8 year olds on 6/11

1. 65 participants

ii. Works science event on 6/27

1. Well attended, very fun event
2. Positive feedback

iii. Summer programs

1. New camps each week
 2. Arts and ceramics programs going strong
 3. Sports camp numbers are down
 4. Free meals to those under 18
- iv. Upcoming events
1. July 4 Holiday
 - a. Rec center closed, pool open
 - b. Everything open on 7/3 and 7/5
 2. Movie in the park
 - a. 9pm 7/7
 - b. Ice cream truck
 3. 7/26 Open eye theater event
 - a. 7-9 pm
 4. 8/3 Raptor center presentation
 - a. 2pm
- d. Park Commissioner – Chris Meyer (quarterly in-person updates)
- i. Neighborhood funds
 1. Must be capital improvements
 2. Must stay within the park
 - a. Kathy - Could also establish “mini parks”
 - b. Wendy - horseshoe pits or bocce ball
 3. Must fit within master plan
 4. Como has ~\$200k
 5. Could possibly use it for digital sign
 6. Lynn - air conditioning for Van Cleve
 7. Should make a subcommittee to make a recommendation
 - a. Advertise it for the Joint committee meeting
- e. City Council Members – Kevin Reich, Ward 1; Cam Gordon, Ward 2
- i. Cam Gordon
 1. Navigation Center - housing center
 - a. Closed June 3rd
 - b. Had 200 people at one point
 - c. A few were jailed, some left
 - d. Many were relocated
 - e. Some are setting up tents again along the roads
 - f. Police are aware and working
 - g. People are encouraged to call 311
 - h. Apartment building is being built on side by Red Lake nation
 - i. New building is also being constructed nearby
 - i. Will have amenities inside
 - ii. Will have services nearby to deal with drug use and other issues residents are facing
 2. Tenant protection ordinance
 - a. People have enough money to afford housing, but aren't getting accepted due to prior record
 - i. These people are homeless as a result
 - b. New ordinance will help those people qualify for housing
 - c. Several councilmembers are working on it
 - d. Will be going through revisions and taking feedback to find the “sweet spot” that helps tenants without eliminating

- landlords ability to screen
- 3. Maya Commons
 - a. PPL project on Bunge tower site
 - b. Moving forward nicely
- 4. Ordinance is in the works to allow exceptions on the height of an accessory structure
 - a. May allow garages to exceed the height of the house
- f. Meeting/Event Reports
 - i. Town Hall with Representatives Loeffler and Noor and Senator Dziejdzic – Van Cleve – June 6, 2019
- g. Upcoming Meetings
 - i. SECIA Community and Committee Meeting Night – Third Tuesday – Next meeting – Tuesday, July 16, 2019, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Van Cleve Park
 - 1. Focused on broadening participation
 - 2. Project based
 - ii. Como Cookout – Saturday, September 21, 2019
- h. Other Developments
- 2. Board and Organization Business (40 min) – Final Agenda set by Executive Committee, 6/25/19
 - a. Board Business
 - i. Interns update
 - 1. Interns' Coordination
 - a. Regular meetings with Executive Director
 - i. Project planning for joint committee
 - b. Tracking of tasks and time
 - c. Communications Intern – 7 applicants, Executive committee did initial screening, interviews being scheduled.
 - 2. Community Building Intern – search will commence in the Fall
 - ii. Good Neighbor Fund
 - 1. Final report for 2018, Como Cultural Music and Arts series, submitted
 - 2. Three projects awarded 2019
 - a. Summer science program – Works Museum, June 27, 2019
 - i. Went well - 2 weeks of advertising
 - ii. 35 Attendees
 - iii. 3 stations with activities
 - b. Summer arts program – Open Eye Theater, July 26th 7:00 PM
 - c. Bike fest – August 10th, 11:00 am - 1:30 pm
 - i. Need bike storage ideas
 - 1. NECP
 - 2. Beyond
 - 3. Nice ride
 - iii. NRP Phase II Plan Modification – approved (see letter from David Rubedor)
 - iv. Non Profit attorney with neighborhoods - basics and resource library available at no cost (see attached)
 - 1. We need to opt in
 - 2. **Motion: Opt SECIA into the Birken law legal services**

subscription

a. Mover: Wendy, Second: Jim, Unanimous Approval

- v. Marcy-Holmes proposing to expand boundaries (see attached message from Chris Lautenschlager)
 - 1. University district has no neighborhood association
 - 2. Proposed meeting to discuss Marcy Holmes annexing this area
 - 3. Cam - there is a process for changing boundaries of neighborhood
- vi. Review and approve June 2, 2019 Board Meeting minutes (attached)
 - 1. Motion: Approve June Board Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Mover: Joan, Second: Katy, Unanimous Approval**
- b. Committee Updates (20 min)
 - i. Joint Committee – Alex
 - 1. Reorganization of meeting night – agenda attached
 - 2. Project focused - broaden participation
 - a. Worked on Good neighbor fund projects
 - b. Sign building
 - c. Solar discussion
 - d. And others
 - 3. Tidbits update
 - ii. Community Building & Communications – Jim
 - 1. Presentation on Somali culture
 - a. Greg is working on date and scope
 - b. May include food
 - 2. Community sign project - Ben
 - a. Prototype constructed
 - i. Will be placed at Fairshare Farm
 - ii. Serves as a test for durability, vandalism, recruitment, visibility
 - b. Detailed plan for more signs will be presented at a future board meeting
 - i. Content, locations, update plan will be addressed
 - iii. Zoning – Joan
 - 1. Something mentioned?**
 - iv. Environmental – Calder/Kathy
 - 1. Solar water heater follow up project – Richard Venberg (see attached)
 - a. Campaign in 2006 promoted bulk purchase of solar hot water
 - i. At one point over 300 people were signed up
 - ii. Only <40 were installed from the entire project (citywide?)
 - 1. ~9 in Southeast Como
 - b. Looking to fund solar water heating follow up study
 - i. Need to find out whether the systems were successful
 - ii. Many people are interested in results
 - 1. 3M would consider an employee benefits program
 - iii. Will be difficult to get exact data
 - 1. Too many variables
 - a. Metering

- b. Type of water heater
 - c. Angle and style of system
 - d. Prior data
 - iv. Request for \$6000
 - 1. Wendy - suggest simple survey then looking at results with environment committee
 - 2. Ben - suggests low budget initial survey to assemble preliminary data
 - a. Use preliminary data to make a stronger ask for funding
 - 2. Drain stenciling - "do not dump"
 - a. Lauren and Kathy will be painting
 - v. Housing – Wendy
 - vi. Livability & Housing Implementation - Katie
 - 1. Many ideas for information distribution
 - vii. University District Alliance (UDA) - Katie & Alex
 - 1. UDA Reset – Task Force Report to the Board (attached)
 - 2. Finished the reset
 - 3. May have a forum for neighborhoods in the near future
 - a. Will likely be done electronically
 - 4. UDA website owned by the office of public engagement
 - viii. Projects - Gardens, Utility Box Wraps, etc.
 - 1. Diverter project stalled
 - a. Will apply for another grant in November
 - 2. Talmage crossing path making
 - a. Successful event - lots of volunteers
 - ix. Safety
 - 1. Safety incident update for 2303 Kennedy Street NE (see email from Cody Hoerning)
 - a. May be gang related
 - i. Juvenile males
 - b. Industrial use building
 - i. Owner says he is a victim of event
 - 1. Cooperating fully with police
 - 2. No one has been allowed to sleep in the building
 - 3. Rents primarily to non-profit organizations
 - ii. Not for residential use
 - c. Large party thrown in building, 100-200 people
 - d. Shots were fired and 50 bullet casings were recovered
 - e. Terminated the lease and evicted tenant
 - f. Changed locks and started patrols
 - g. Stay alert and call in suspicious activity
 - c. Other
 - i. Sporty's becoming Como Tap - <https://www.mndaily.com/article/2019/06/n-sportys-pub-and-grill-in-como-closing-at-the-end-of-the-month>
 - ii. New restaurants in SE Como - <https://www.mndaily.com/article/2019/06/n-egg-rolls-burgers-and-fries-to-add-flavor-to-southeast-como>
3. New Business

4. Adjourn: 8:25 PM

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Approved: _____