

SECIA Board Meeting – Agenda  
Tuesday, September 3, 2019, 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Van Cleve Park, 901 15th Avenue SE

Board Members Present: Joan Menken, Kathy Knutson, Katy Baker, Cody Hoerning, Alex Farrell, Jim Nyberg, Greg Thompsen, Karl Smith, Ben Brummel, Bill Dane, Wendy Menken  
Other Participants: Ashlee Lange (UMPD), Jordan Nelson (Van Cleve Park Director)

Meeting Called to order at: 6:33 pm

Introductions (5 min)

1. Community Updates (20 min)

- a. MPD Second Precinct Representative and/or UMPD Community Engagement Team (CET) Representative - Ashlee Lange
  - i. Spoke with incoming students at orientation about safety
  - ii. Suppression Patrols - will be conducted this fall
    1. 2 squads, 2 bikes dedicated to robbery prevention
    2. Near locations of prior robberies
    3. Most have occurred on West Bank and Dinkytown
    4. 11 robberies since start of fiscal year
      - a. Primarily groups of juveniles looking for cell phones and wallets
      - b. Some have been apprehended
    5. Th,F,S 9 pm - 2 am
  - iii. Home security can be registered with PD
    1. Video doorbells
- b. Van Cleve Park – Jordan Nelson
  - i. Summer to fall transition
    1. Hours changing - open at 3pm instead of noon
    2. Pool shutdown
  - ii. Updates on Park Dedication Fees – Cody Hoerning
    1. Meeting with Jordan, Joan, Cody and a Park committee member to recommend items to spend park dedication fees on
      - a. Requesting improved park entrance on 13th ave SE
      - b. Volleyball court
      - c. Garden additions
    2. Cookout will be used to gather information from the community about how to spend funds
    3. Letter was drafted to the Park Commissioner (Chris Meyer) addressing the state of the park path from 13th ave SE to the center of Van Cleve
      - a. Path is in disrepair - likely not ADA compliant
      - b. Motion: Approve sending letter from SECIA to Chris Meyer regarding the state of the path in Van Cleve Park near 13th ave SE pending edits and final approval by the Executive committee**
        - i. Mover: Cody, Second: Kathy, Unanimous Approval
        - ii. Comment - Greg - may actually be ADA compliant
          1. ½” cracks, grade and width are the primary ADA standards
          2. May be better to bring it up to DOT or other standards
        - iii. Amendment - Karl
          1. Editing by exec
  - c. Park Commissioner – Chris Meyer (quarterly in-person updates) - not present

- d. City Council Members – Kevin Reich, Ward 1; Cam Gordon, Ward 2 - not present
  - e. Meeting/Event Reports
    - i. Minneapolis Police Department Second Precinct Police Advisory Council – August 12, 2019 - <https://courtwatch2pac.com/>
      - 1. Next Monday 9/9 at 6:15pm is the upcoming 2pac meeting
    - ii. Global Games Night - meet your neighbors – SE Como (SECIA) sponsored event – August 18, 2019, 3:00 – 5:00 pm Van Cleve Park
      - 1. Exceeded expectations - very successful event
      - 2. Greg, Greg's wife, exchange students, Jordan, Karl, Lila, Joan, Wendy all were very helpful with the event
      - 3. Joan - need to figure out how to advertise the event to increase attendance in the future
      - 4. Greg - everyone enjoyed the event and would like to attend again
      - 5. Plans to build on this event in the future and have up to 3 events each year that bring together different cultures in our neighborhood
  - f. Upcoming Meetings
    - i. **SECIA Community Projects Night** – Third Tuesday – Next meeting – Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Van Cleve Park
      - 1. Heavily focused on Cookout
    - ii. Como Cookout – Saturday, September 21, 2019 – 11:00 am – 3:00 pm, Van Cleve Park
      - 1. Duty roster - Jensine will circulate
      - 2. Request have been sent for tabling
        - a. Wendy - we should be sure that public waste comes
          - i. Table with information on what, where and when to dispose
          - ii. Sorting activity would be good to train on recycling, garbage, and compost
      - 3. Entertainment budget has been increased
        - a. Board should suggest a guideline for how much to spend
        - b. Brazilian Arts is the headliner
        - c. Kids Dance covered by Van Cleve
        - d. **Motion: Cap entertainment budget for Como Cookout 2019 at \$600**
          - i. **Mover: Greg, Second: Wendy, Unanimous approval**
  - g. Other Developments
2. Board and Organization Business (20 min) – Final Agenda set Executive Committee, 8/27/19.
  - a. Board Business
    - i. Communications Interns – Jensine Beyer and Cedar Thomas
      - 1. Actively working on our newsletters and updating social media
    - ii. Community Building Intern – search process underway
      - 1. One application so far
      - 2. Deadline 9/18, may be extended
    - iii. Good Neighbor Fund - 2019 – Project Reports
      - 1. Summer science program
        - a. Works Museum, June 27, 2019
        - b. UMN Raptor Center, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2:00 pm
      - 2. Summer arts program (all events at Van Cleve Park)
        - a. Open Eye Theater, July 26<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM
        - b. Nature writing/science journaling class Wednesday August 14<sup>th</sup> through Friday August 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
4. Every event had a decent turnout (30+) except the songwriting
  - a. Maybe we reached a saturation of events by the time the song classes were put on
    - i. Next year we will consider spacing events into the fall
5. Report is being compiled - due in June
  - a. Collecting photographs
- iv. Review and approve August 13, 2019 Board Meeting minutes (attached)
  1. **Motion: Approve August 2019 SECIA Board Meeting Minutes**
    - a. **Mover: Joan, Second: Ben, Unanimous approval**
- v. Van Cleve Park soccer goal funding
  1. The goals have arrived
  2. New goals can be moved by hand - they are much lighter and do not require a 4-wheeler to move
    - a. **Motion: Approve activating \$1640 of NRP Phase 2 Van Cleve Park Programming Funds to pay for new soccer goals at Van Cleve Park**
      - i. **Mover: Ben, Second: Jim, Unanimous Approval**
- vi. Office color copier
  1. Has been leased
- vii. FairShare garden bed rebuild
  1. **Motion: Approve up to \$5000 from the unfrozen NRP Phase 2 funds moved into the garden funds to spend on garden bed rebuild**
    - a. **Mover: Joan, Second: Karl, Unanimous approval**
      - i. Jordan - recommend asking stores directly to lower costs
      - ii. Leverage non-profit status - check with Shaw Lumber
- b. Committee Updates (30 min) – Up to Five (5) minutes per update
  - i. Joint Committee – Alex
    1. Meeting format is working well
    2. Katie Fournier is organizing a trash pickup day for Sunday October 5th, 2-4pm
      - a. Cedar has contacted local artist that makes trash art
      - b. Plan is to collect trash, create artwork, and display at annual meeting
    3. Next meeting is 9/17
  - ii. Community Building & Communications – Jim
    1. Next event will be planned after the Cookout
  - iii. Zoning – Joan
    1. Trying to figure out what's happening across from Van Cleve and with new development on East Hennepin
  - iv. Environmental – Calder/Kathy
    1. Discussed having a pollution control agency meeting
    2. Hennepin County tree grant
      - a. Cannot use money on private property
    3. 7 ash trees are marked on Tuttle property
      - a. May work with school system
  - v. Housing – Wendy
    1. Nothing to report
  - vi. Livability & Housing Implementation - Katie (reported by Cody Hoerning)
    1. University walking tour of neighborhood happened last week
      - a. Community engagement ran tour
      - b. Accord sculpture played during tour
      - c. Looked at park, architecture, and businesses
        - i. Maria Sanford house

- d. Happy hour after at Blue Door
  - e. ~20 people
- vii. University District Alliance (UDA) - Katie & Alex
  - 1. Upcoming board meeting 9/24
- viii. Projects - Gardens, Utility Box Wraps, etc.
  - 1. Gardens looking for volunteers
  - 2. Gardens are thriving from wet summer
  - 3. Utility box wraps
    - a. Van Cleve wrap paid for by city (after they removed the box unexpectedly)
    - b. Two University service boxes wrapped
  - 4. Sign building project
    - a. Second sign to be built for cookout table
- ix. Safety – Cody Hoerning
  - 1. MPD 2nd Precinct Police Advisory Council (PAC) meeting notes - <https://courtwatch2pac.com/>
  - 2. Arrests are down
    - a. Fewer people in restorative justice
    - b. Department is becoming more reactive and less proactive
      - i. Reduces 'use of force' violations
  - 3. Incident with gang graffiti
    - a. Painted over quickly
  - 4. Burglaries are elevated over previous years
  - 5. Mayor is requesting increase in police staffing
    - a. Beat officers and traffic control
  - 6. Letter drafted to our city council members addressing
    - a. **Motion: Approve draft of letter to council members addressing lack of police response times and supporting 2020 police department budget increase - to be edited and finalized by the executive committee**
    - b. **Mover: Cody, Second: Bill, Unanimous approval with amendments**
    - c. Amendment suggestions
      - i. Wendy - add a sentence addressing that we are one of the fastest growing areas in Minneapolis - services should be "beefed up" accordingly
      - ii. Growth based on increased developments
      - iii. Tailor and edit document
  - 7. Off Campus Living are doing crime prevention outreach - funded by Minneapolis crime prevention
    - a. Coffee events
      - i. First one was today
    - b. Safety walks
    - c. Safety presentations
  - 8. NRP phase 2 budget had line for "Copsurf" (\$7k)
    - a. Livability concerns
    - b. Outreach activities
    - c. Put in a request to precinct
  - 9. Also a line item for motion lights (\$8k)
    - a. Solar motion light program could be funded with this
    - b. Project could be organized to use these funds
      - i. Poorly lighted areas
      - ii. Homeowner reimbursement

c. New Business

3. Adjourn: 8:18 pm (1hr 45 mins)

SECIA Minutes September 3, 2019:

Note taker: Ben Brummel; Exec reviewed \_\_\_\_\_ ; Board Approved: \_\_\_\_\_