

SECIA Board Meeting – Minutes
Tuesday, December 4, 2018, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Van Cleve Park, 901 15th Avenue SE

Board Members Present: Karl Smith, Alex Farrell, Wendy Menken, Katy Baker, Brandon Ulvenis, Kathy Knudson, Will Roberts, Aaron Tilleson, Greg Thompsen, Bill Dane, Jim Nyberg, Joan Menken, Lynn Anderson, Phil Roban

Other Participants: Luke Menkey, Kevin Reich, Katie Fournier, Jordan Nelson, Carrie Christensen, Cam Gordon

Meeting Called to order at: 6:30 pm

Introductions (5 min)

1. Community Updates (20 min)
 1. Van Cleve Park – Jordan Nelson
 - Master plan runs through end of the year
 - Available in park or online
 - New superintendent to Park Board, Al Bangoura
 - Fall sports wrapping up, basketball starting up
 2. City Council Members – Kevin Reich, Ward 1; Cam Gordon, Ward 2
 - Kevin Reich's update:
 - Budget is coming up
 - Comes from Mayor's office, subject to Council approval
 - next hearing Wednesday, Dec 12
 - Comprehensive plan coming up
 - Grounding & framing document
 - Implementation will be subsequent work
 - Council votes on 2040 plan on Friday, Dec 7
 - There will be oversight and tracking of effects of 2040 plan
 - Neighborhoods 2020 plan
 - concerns neighborhood groups, such as SECIA
 - 3 committees involved
 - structure + funding
 - CM Reich suggests small democracy, very local input
 - Organics recycling mandated by Hennepin County for 2020
 - CM Reich assures us that city will be on board
 - Katy asked regarding pushing fraternities to have recycling programs
 3. Carrie Christensen Presentation on East of the River Master Plan
 1. Check out designs for all Minneapolis neighborhood parks east of the Mississippi River-
https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/park_care__improvements/park_projects/current_projects/east_of_the_river_park_master_plan/
 2. 45-day public comment period – November 13, 2018 – December 28, 2018
https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/news/2018/11/13/3060/updated_designs_for_all_minneapolis_neighborhood_parks_east_of_the_mississippi_river_released_for_45-day_public_comment_period
- Public comment open until Dec 28

- Would like to ask for eventual letter of support for one route for Grand Rounds
- 3 routes are currently being considered, with alternates still a possibility
- Would designate "Missing Link" as a Regional Trail, which opens possibility for funding
- Required by Met Council to provide updated master plan
- Goal: Connect the river to St. Anthony Parkway
- Implementation will be incremental, 3-5 blocks at a time
 - there are huge "infrastructural lifts"
 - ex: crossing railyard between Prospect Park & SE Como will take many different agencies and ~\$14 million
- Some benefits: Would serve underserved neighborhoods, like SE Como
- Potential routes: Hennepin to 33rd is one
- Parkways: working within existing infrastructure
- Q (Lynn): Has crossing into St. Paul been considered? A: Yes. Feasible in terms of funding. But have determined it is best, in terms of goals of project, to keep mostly within the City of Minneapolis.
- Q (Aaron): What about crossing Hennepin? How will people be kept safe? A: Possibly narrowing street lanes, to calm traffic, and using a signaled intersection. Reducing Industrial by one lane.

4. CM Gordon update

- University District amendment to 2040 plan
- Amendment to budget: page on budget talks about 5 year projections. Mayor's budget did not mention neighborhood orgs. CM Gordon is working with colleagues to put in amendment to talk about funding orgs over the next 5 years.
- Development projects moving forward

5. Upcoming Meetings

1. SECIA Community and Committee Meeting Night – Third Tuesday – **NO Meeting in November**. Next meeting – Tuesday, December 18, 2018, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Van Cleve Park
2. Other Developments

2. Board and Organization Business (40 min) – Final Agenda set by Executive Committee, 11/26/18.

1. Board Business

1. SECIA Annual Meeting report
 1. Annual meeting presentation attached and posted to secomo.org
 2. Board election results
 1. Bill Dane and Joan Menken re-elected, New members – Lynn Anderson, Kathy Knudson, and Aaron Tilleson
 2. Discuss filling vacancy
 - Bill Dane nominates Greg Thompsen for vacant seat
 - Greg has a long term connection to neighborhood mosque
 - Jim Nyberg seconds
 - Greg: Has lived in the neighborhood for 15 years, licensed architect, offers that perspective
 - Board votes unanimously to appoint Greg Thompsen to vacant board seat
 3. Assign term lengths – 4, 3-year, 1, 2-year, and 1, 1-year.
 - Joan Menken volunteers for 1-year term
 - Bill Dane volunteers for 2-year term

- Katy Baker moves to approve slate
- Wendy Menken seconds
- Board unanimously moves to approve slate

2. SECIA Executive Committee

- Potential slate of Karl Smith as President, Jim Nyberg as VP, Wendy Menken as Treasurer, and Will Roberts as Secretary
- Joan Menken moves to accept slate as presented
- Katy Baker seconds
- Board unanimously approves
- Slate is approved

3. SECIA Board 2019 meeting dates

1. Change January 1, 2019 Board meeting to January 2nd or 8th or ?

- Meeting to be held at Broadway Pizza NE, like last year
- Jan 8th proposed as date
- Wendy Menken moves to hold meeting on Jan 8th, informally, offsite
- Will Roberts seconds
- Board unanimously approves the motion

2. Board meeting first Tuesday of each month – February 5th, March 5th, April 2nd, May 7th, June 4th, July 2nd, August 6th (conflicts with national night out, move to 13th), September 3rd (day after Labor Day), October 1st, November 5th, and December 3rd.

- Wendy Menken moves to move August 6th meeting to August 13th
- Katy Baker seconds
- Unanimously approved

4. CM Gordon proposed amendment to Minneapolis 2040 plan for University District (see attached). Motion to support

- Karl Smith moves to give SECIA approval/support to the amendment as submitted
- Kathy Knudson seconds
- Discussion: Other neighborhoods may not have officially voted to support the amendment
- CM Gordon: What's important is getting the sentiment and concept embedded in the plan
- Board unanimously approves the motion

5. Appointments Requested

1. University District Alliance (UDA) – see description from Erick Garcia Luna

- Executive committee recommends Katie Fournier and Karl Smith as task force members
- Wendy Menken moves executive slate
- Bill Dane seconds
- Alex Farrell volunteers as representative in Karl's stead
- Wendy Menken amends motion to say Alex Farrell and Katie Fournier as delegates, with Karl Smith as alternate
- Board unanimously approves

2. Good Neighbor Fund committee

- Bill Dane moves to nominate Joan Menken to Good Neighbor Fund and SAAG committee
- Will Roberts seconds
- Board unanimously approves

3. Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) - Second Precinct Police Advisory Council (PAC)
 - Bill Dane moves to nominate Cody Hoerning to PAC
 - Jim Nyberg seconds
 - Board unanimously approves
6. Planning for hiring new interns (position descriptions are attached)
 1. Community Garden Intern
 2. Community Building Intern
 1. Hiring Committee
 - Alex Farrell will chair, Emily Anderson (former community building intern) will be part. Karl suggests Kathy Knudson be a part, and she accepts. Brandon Ulvenes and Will Roberts volunteer. Karl Smith also volunteers.
7. Payroll provider (Paychex) – review and consider changing provider
 - Two alternative options have been scouted. Board has approved researching new provider.
 - Wendy Menken motions to authorize executive committee to research and switch payroll provider
 - Joan Menken motions
 - Lynn Anderson seconds
 - Board unanimously approves
8. Office equipment upgrade - Alex
 - New computer has been procured
2. Review and approve October 2nd Board Meeting minutes (attached)
 - Wendy Menken moves to approve
 - Katy Baker seconds
 - Majority approves, Lynn Anderson abstains
3. Committee Updates (40 min)
 1. Joint Committee
 1. October 16, 2018 – Meeting agenda and notes attached
 2. Community Building & Communications - Jim
 - Jim Nyberg believes that the efforts made by the committee made a difference in the neighborhood.
 - 1. Como Cultural Dance and Music series - Will
 - Need to find what funds are available in order to book 3rd date and performance
 3. Zoning – Joan
 4. Environmental – Calder/Kathy
 - MTCA still testing on other side of Hennepin
 - Grant for pollinator party & classes was submitted, but not awarded
 - Looking to hold event in May
 5. Housing – Wendy
 - Money needs to be advertised to potential takers on homeowner loans
 - Current resident is in great need of repairs. Alex asks for some money to make repairs by himself.
 6. Livability & Housing Implementation - Katie
 - Katie asks question: Peggy Lucas has asked to be taken on tour of neighborhood. Suggestions for tour solicited.

-Como neighborhood signs should be appearing around the neighborhood soon.
Possibly in a month or so.

-Next meeting Tuesday Dec 11

7. University District Alliance - Katie & Karl
 8. Projects - Gardens, Utility Box Wraps, etc.
 9. Safety – Cody Hoerning
 10. Other
4. New Business
3. Adjourn 8:58

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Note taker Will Roberts; Exec reviewed_12/18/18_____ ; Board Approved: _____