

SECIA Board Meeting – Minutes

Tuesday, October 1, 2019, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Van Cleve Park, 901 15th Avenue SE

Board Members Present: Karl Smith, Ben Brummel, Lynn Andersen, Katy Baker, Joan Menken, Kathy Knutson, Cody Hoerning, Wendy Menken, Bill Dane, Greg Thompson

Board Members Excused Absence: Alex Farrell, Jim Nyberg, Phil Roban

Other Participants: Ashlee Lange (UMPD), Katie Fournier, Aryca Myers (NCR), Emma Dill (MN Daily), Sloane MacSwain (Riverton)

Meeting Called to order at: 6:30 pm

Introductions (5 min)

1. Aryca Myers, Neighborhood Specialist, City of Minneapolis – Neighborhood and Community Relations
 - a. Contact information
 - i. aryca.meyers@minneapolismn.gov
 - ii. www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr
 - iii. Phone: 612-673-3958, Cell: 612-398-9033
 - b. Assigned to 16 neighborhoods in NE and SW
 - c. Helps administer NRP and CPC funds
 - d. Also does engagement initiatives
 - e. Learning Labs
 - i. Free workshops for anyone in community
 - ii. Focused on specific culture groups
 - iii. Sign up online
 - f. Community Connections conference
 - i. Feb 1, 2020, Minneapolis convention center
 - g. US Census
 - i. Focused on undercounted areas
 - ii. Building trust with residents
 - iii. Special teams help counting homeless people
 - iv. NCR will help neighborhoods organize outreach and has a designated staff member
2. Community Updates (20 min)
 - a. MPD Second Precinct Representative and/or UMPD Community Engagement Team (CET) Representative Ashlee Lange
 - i. Gopher Plunge is being held 10/2 for Special Olympics
 - ii. Gearing up for Homecoming
 1. Concert relocated from TCF stadium to Coffman Memorial Union
 - iii. Active Suppression Patrols, Th,F,S nights
 1. Continues through halloween
 - iv. 10/17 Self Defense Workshop
 1. Look for advertisement later this week
 - v. Supporting MN Police for Presidential visit on Thursday 10/10
 - vi. Safety walks ongoing
 1. Thursday 10/10 is the last one
 - b. Van Cleve Park – Jordan Nelson
 - i. Cookout was a success
 1. Many leftover bandanas

- ii. Volleyball season started
 - iii. Family Halloween party 10/26, 4-5:30 PM, no fee
 - iv. Updates on Park Dedication Fees – Cody Hoerning - no update
 - c. Park Commissioner – Chris Meyer (quarterly in-person updates) - no update
 - d. City Council Members – Kevin Reich, Ward 1; Cam Gordon, Ward 2
 - i. Cam Gordon
 - 1. Received letter about safety, appreciates the concern
 - a. The budget request might not add resources to 2nd precinct
 - b. Cam will look into ensuring resources can be dedicated here
 - c. Part of the issue has been trouble filling existing positions
 - 2. Funding for neighborhood associations is in the budget (NCR)
 - a. Process for developing framework has been slowed down
 - e. Meeting/Event Reports
 - i. SECIA Community Project Night –Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Van Cleve Park (agenda attached)
 - ii. Como Cookout – Saturday, September 21, 2019 – 11:00 am – 3:00 pm, Van Cleve Park
 - 1. Decent attendance despite cloudy/rainy weather
 - a. Estimated 775 attendees, 286 students
 - f. Upcoming Meetings
 - i. Como Clean Sweep – neighborhood cleanup – Sunday, October 6th, 2 – 4 pm. Meet at Van Cleve Park
 - 1. Partnered with off-campus living
 - 2. Similar to spring event, trash pickup around the neighborhood, city will pick up the bags at designated collection sites
 - ii. SECIA Community Project Night – Next meeting – Tuesday, October 22, 2019, 6:00 – 8:30 pm, Van Cleve Park
 - iii. SECIA Annual Meeting, Tuesday, November 5, 2019
 - g. Other Developments
3. Board and Organization Business (30 min) – Final Agenda set Executive Committee, 9/24/19.
 - a. Board Business
 - i. Annual Meeting – Tuesday November 5, 2019, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
 - 1. Meeting Format Discussion (draft agenda attached)
 - a. Elected officials invited
 - b. Updates from officials and board, mix and mingle, board elections, input on park dedication fees
 - 2. Nominating Committee – Five members (two appointed and three elected by the Board) – Task to bring a slate of candidates for the five open positions
 - a. Committee members: Karl, Bill, Katy, Karl will invite Jim Drake and Charlie Lakin, Bill will invite Steve Peterson
 - b. Four current members' terms ending
 - c. One new position
 - ii. SE Como priorities for allocating NRP Phase 2 funds
 - 1. Como Cookout Survey results (attached)
 - a. 44 surveys completed
 - b. Environment, Housing, and Safety top rated categories
 - 2. ~\$100k in neighborhood approved plan
 - a. Last visited in 2006
 - 3. Want to have a meeting before the annual meeting to inform specific priorities for annual meeting vote
 - a. 21 day notice required for community votes on spending

4. Need community vote to activate funds and allow project planning to spend funds in designated areas
5. Voting may be at a future project night
6. Make project night October 6pm to work on this project
- iii. Review and approve September 3, 2019 Board Meeting minutes (attached)
 1. **Approve September 3rd, Board Meeting Minutes**
 - a. **Mover: Joan, Second: Katy, All approved, One abstained (Lynn)**
 - b. **Amendment: Few edits made on paper at executive committee meeting were not made in digital copy - finalize minutes with these edits**
- iv. Community Building Intern – search process update
 1. Hiring committee – Executive Committee + Katy Baker
 2. Five applicants, two interviews completed, one interview scheduled
 3. **Motion: Hire Maribel Morales as a Community Building Intern**
 - a. **Mover: Wendy, Second: Cody, Unanimous approval**
- v. Comotion and E-Comotion – new look and format
 1. Need to boost subscribers, currently open rate and click rate are low
 2. Need to get print newsletter, Como Comotion, to apartment residents
- vi. SECIA Board letters approved at 9/3/19 Board meeting subject to Executive Committee review (attached)
 1. CMs Reich and Gordon concerning Police Department in 2020 City of Minneapolis Budget
 - a. SECIA supports the budget increase request made by the police chief
 2. Park Commissioner Meyer concerning condition of the walking path in Van Cleve Park
- vii. SECIA letter to Hennepin County Commissioners in support of Southeast Seniors (attached)
 1. **Motion: Send drafted letter to Commissioner Conley urging Hennepin County to continue funding the Living at Home/Block Nursing programs of Southeast Seniors**
 - a. **Mover: Joan, Second: Ben, Unanimous Approval**
- viii. [Zoning Code Changes](#) – Notice of Public Hearing October 7, 2019 (see attached notice)
 1. *Meeting about zoning code changes Monda. 10/7 4:30 pm*
 2. Minneapolis 2040 plan affects zoning - this public hearing will help clarify how the code will change
 3. New zoning code may allow developments to bypass requests for variances
 4. Previous changes to zoning code were supported with numerous meetings and outreach
 5. Wendy - suggest writing a letter to the city urging them to engage more with residents and explain upcoming zoning code
 6. We need more details about these changes
 7. Cam - [There is a website set up where you can see the details of the changes](#)
- ix. Other
- b. Committee Updates (30 min) – Up to Five (5) minutes per update
 - i. Joint Committee – Alex
 - ii. Community Building & Communications – Jim
 - iii. Zoning – Joan
 - iv. Environmental – Calder/Kathy

1. There may be a table at the annual meeting about TCE pollution
- v. Housing – Wendy
- vi. Livability & Housing Implementation - Katie
- vii. University District Alliance (UDA) - Katie & Alex
 1. Dinkytown’s on-again, off-again relationship with big business – MN Daily (includes description of University of Pennsylvania urban renewal project) <https://www.mndaily.com/article/2019/09/n-dinkytowns-on-again-off-again-relationship-with-big-business>
 2. UDA identified four priorities
 - a. Creating an independent and financially sustainable UDA
 - b. Identifying how UDA will respond to and engage in Minneapolis 2040
 - c. How to advance Granary Road to reality (?bike path?)
 - d. Safety and Livability across UDA
- viii. Projects - Gardens, Utility Box Wraps, etc.
 1. Diverter project – proposal development – Katie
 - a. Applying for MWMO Action grant, up to \$50k can be requested
 - b. Initial proposal due 11/8
 - c. Full proposal pending initial proposal approval
 - d. Requires 25% match - some can be volunteer hrs
 - e. Waiting for updated estimate, previous was ~\$30k
 - f. **Motion: Allow Livability Committee to Apply for MWMO Action grant for the neighborhood traffic diverter project**
 - i. **Mover: Karl, Second: Cody, Unanimous approval**
 2. Utility Box Wrap – 1501 Como – 71 votes cast at Como Cookout
 - a. Top rated was picture taken by Jensine Beyer from Como Corner garden
- ix. Safety – Cody Hoerning
 1. Business owners suggested police presence on Friday and Saturday nights near Como and 15th
 2. Safety walks
 - a. Thursday 10/3 is University Neighborhood
 - b. 10/10 is Prospect park
 3. COPSIRF Funds
 4. Minneapolis Police Department Second Precinct Police Advisory Council – Second Monday of the month; 1900 Central Avenue NE, 6:00 PM – <https://courtwatch2pac.com/>

c. New Business

4. Adjourn: 8:32 pm (2hrs 2min)

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