

SECIA Board Meeting – Minutes

Tuesday, December 3, 2019, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Van Cleve Park, 901 15th Avenue SE

Board Members: *Present* – Sloane MacSwain, Kathy Knutson, Aaron Tilleson, Ben Brummel, Alex Farrell, Jim Nyberg, Quinn Oteman, Karl Smith, Wendy Menken, Greg Thompsen, Bill Dane, Phil Roban, Lynn Anderson; *Absent* –; *Excused* – Katy Baker, Steve Peterson, Cody Hoerning

Other Participants: Joan Menken (Zoning Committee Chair), Holly Ihrke (Hennepin County) , Casey Carl (City Clerk), David Rubedor (NCR Director), Mike Fox (Park Director), Katie Fournier (Housing and Liveability Committee Chair)

Meeting Called to order at: 6:31 PM

Introductions (5 min)

1. City of Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Relations - Casey Carl, City Clerk; David Rubedor, Director of Neighborhood and Community Relations (20 minutes)
  - a. David Rubedor
    - i. Meeting with every neighborhood about changes coming up in 2020
    - ii. 2020 Census
      1. Census Bureau estimates Minneapolis will be undercounted by 95k if no action is taken
        - a. Will lose \$2.7B In federal aid if this happens
      2. Most undercounted group is children under 5 years old
        - a. People forget to count their children
      3. NCR is connecting with non profits and neighborhood boards to get them to promote the census
        - a. Hoping SECIA incorporates Census information in all of our public correspondence from now until the Census is over
      4. <http://wecountminneapolis.org/>
        - a. Website with Census resources
        - b. Neighborhood toolkit is here
          - i. Can use info for our Commotion Newsletter
      5. NCR will come and help with events if asked
      6. Minneapolis Foundation has a \$750 grant for Census events
      7. Census Bureau is underfunded
        - a. 3 regional directors in charge of Minnesota, there were 8 in 2010
      8. Responsibility for Census has shifted from Federal government to Local communities
      9. Nothing to lose by filling out Census - Personal info cannot be shared, no citizenship question
        - a. Taking the census ensures that the city gets Federal resources - transit, meal programs for schools, etc.
          - i. These services primarily benefit the people who are undercounted in the Census
        - b. Minnesota has 8 congressional districts - on the cusp of losing a seat
  - b. Casey Carl
    - i. 2020 Elections
      1. Presidential Primary
        - a. Replaces Caucus
        - b. First primary since 1992
        - c. Super Tuesday Primary March 3rd

- d. Absentee ballots open Jan 17th
  - e. National Democratic and Republican party has rules
    - i. Must declare a party and sign a loyalty oath to vote for your party
    - ii. Can choose party more or less privately
      - 1. Party preference is not public data, but is given to major parties and can be made public by them
  - f. There may be 4 ballots to choose from, D, R, and 2 Cannabis parties
2. Caucuses
    - a. February 23rd
    - b. Everything except President
  3. The people who are usually undercounted in Census are also less likely to vote
  4. Special Election for House District 60A
    - a. Diane Loeffler recently passed
    - b. Primary Jan 21
    - c. Election Feb 4
  5. Registration is primary barrier
    - a. Same-day registration creates lines - some people don't have proper info
    - b. Need to get people registered to vote in advance online
    - c. Forms are available from the City Clerk's office for community events
    - d. Anyone who changed address, and potentially others as well
      - i. Can check online, should try to register anyway
    - e. Pre-registration ends 20 days prior to election
  6. City will be mailing a reminder with Census and election information
    - a. Released after our 60A special election
2. Community Updates (20 min)
    - a. MPD Second Precinct Representative and/or UMPD Community Engagement Team (CET) Representative - No Report
    - b. Van Cleve Park – Mike Fox
      - i. Made transition to new park director over the last two weeks
        1. Lots of conflicts restricted interaction time
      - ii. Winter sports season is starting - gymnastics, wrestling, hockey, basketball
        1. Parks group up into regions
      - iii. Hockey and broomball are scheduled here
      - iv. Adult Volleyball
      - v. Ice rink
        1. Water is being put down
        2. Target date is Dec 21, but it depends on the weather
      - vi. Mike is typically available prior to park open hours
        1. Email - MFox@minneapolisparcs.org
        2. Office - 612-370-4802
    - c. Park Commissioner – Chris Meyer (quarterly in-person updates) - No Report
    - d. City Council Members – Kevin Reich, Ward 1 - No Report; Cam Gordon, Ward 2 - See below
      - i. Holly Ihrke, 612-348-4189, holly.ihrke@hennepin.us
        1. Probation Office Hennepin County Department of Corrections Neighborhood unit
        2. Represents 2nd Precinct
        3. Focusing on total health of the community
        4. Community work service hours

- a. Offenders could fulfill their hours with SECIA
    - 5. Add to distribution list for e-commotion
  - ii. Cam Gordon (City council ward 2)
    - 1. Inclusionary housing policy
      - a. Much of funding cannot apply to full-time students with a few exceptions
      - b. PELL grant eligibility can allow students to rent from low-income units in university district area
        - i. Not many units are eligible for this in the university district
    - 2. Bringing an idea of studying a way to make UDA a more independent entity to UDA
      - a. Making it a large special service district
      - b. Larger improvement district
        - i. Could create a bit of revenue
      - c. Katie - already some grumbling about proposal
      - d. Cam - idea is to study it and come back with a proposal
  - e. Meeting/Event Reports
    - i. Annual Meeting - meeting minutes for review and approval at the next annual meeting
  - f. Upcoming Meetings
    - i. SECIA Community Project Meeting Night – Third Tuesday – Next meeting – Tuesday, December 17, 2019, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Van Cleve Park
  - g. Other Developments
3. Board and Organization Business (20 min) – Final Agenda to be set Executive Committee, 11/19/19.
  - a. Board Business
    - i. Community Building Interns – Executive Committee recommends Board approval of hiring Amber Wiebe and Maribel Morales.
      - 1. **Motion: Approve Hiring Amber Wiebe and Maribel Morales as SECIA Community Building Interns**
        - a. **Mover: Wendy, Second: Jim, Unanimous Approval**
    - ii. Review and approve October 1, 2019 Board Meeting (attached)
      - 1. **Motion: Approve October 1 SECIA Board Meeting Minutes**
        - a. Tabled until later, Sep minutes were printed by mistake
    - iii. Board meeting dates for next year. January 7 (Board Social), February 11, March 10 (March 3<sup>rd</sup> is Primary), April 7.
      - 1. Host Social at Van Cleve, doing catering/potluck
        - a. Social event will include board members, staff, committees, project night participants, family, representatives
      - 2. **Motion: Approve 2020 Board Meeting Dates: Jan 7, Feb 11, March 10, April 7**
        - a. **Mover: Bill, Second: Sloane, Unanimous approval**
  - iv. Executive Committee
    - 1. Current President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary are willing to continue to serve.
    - 2. Are there others who are interested and willing to serve?
    - 3. We are eager to broaden participation and invite folks to consider participating in the Executive Committee to learn the roles
    - 4. Executive Committee – At Large Member: Steve Peterson and Cody Hoerning are both willing to serve. Current Executive Committee recommends Cody Hoerning with Steve Peterson as an alternative.

**5. Motion: Approve Executive Committee of: President - Karl Smith, VP - Jim Nyberg, Treasurer - Wendy Menken, Secretary - Ben Brummel, At Large - Cody Hoerning, At Large Alternate - Steve Peterson**

**a. Mover: Aaron, Second: Kathy, Unanimous approval**

- v. Good Neighbor Fund - 2020 – Project ideas
    - 1. Think about it for project night
    - 2. Applications will be due in March
  - b. Committee Updates (30 min) – Up to Five (5) minutes per update
    - i. Joint Committee – Alex
      - 1. Snow shoveling program with SE Seniors
      - 2. Presentation about street resurfacing in the neighborhood
    - ii. Community Building & Communications – Jim
      - 1. October 22<sup>nd</sup> and November 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes attached
      - 2. Maribel and Amber are interested in combining social events with Census and Election
    - iii. Zoning – Joan
      - 1. 2801 E Hennepin, Chameleon Concessions
        - a. Builds food trucks
        - b. Wants to change I1 to I2 zone to expand
        - c. Wants to add larger Kitchen for people with food trucks, events, and cooking classes
        - d. Will attend project night at 6pm for a presentation
    - iv. Environmental – Calder/Kathy
      - 1. Jake talked to MPCA, General Mills tried to “wash their hands” of SE Como TCE pollution
      - 2. Changing environmental committee meeting time to 6:30
    - v. Housing – Wendy
      - 1. Marketing housing programs in Dec newsletter
    - vi. Livability & Housing Implementation - Katie
      - 1. Housing strategy is updating texts for “living near your work” website
      - 2. Hoping to find student intern to reinvigorate the initiative and manage the website
      - 3. <http://www.livenearyourwork.net/>
      - 4. Working on trash recommendations for E-Comotion
        - a. Organics for renters
    - vii. University District Alliance (UDA) - Katie & Alex
      - 1. UDA has a board meeting to review initiatives
    - viii. Projects - Gardens, Utility Box Wraps, etc.
      - 1. Garden bed rebuild completed
        - a. ~20 volunteers
    - ix. Safety – Cody Hoerning
      - 1. MPD 2nd Precinct Police Advisory Council (PAC) meeting notes - <https://courtwatch2pac.com/>
  - c. New Business
4. Adjourn: 8:42 PM, 2 hrs 11 mins

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