

SECIA Board Meeting – Minutes  
Tuesday, February 11, 2020, 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Van Cleve Park, 901 15th Avenue SE

Board Members:

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

Other Participants: Vera Westrum-Ostrom (Campus Planner), Jensine Beyer (Communications Intern), Mike Fox, Caitlin Anderson (MN Daily), Ashlee Lange (UMNPD), Joan Menken (Zoning), Chris Meyer (Park Commissioner)

Meeting Called to order at: 6:35 PM

Introductions (5 min)

1. Vera Westrum-Ostrom, Capital Planning & Project Management, University of Minnesota, Update on Child Development Center (CDC)- Shirley G. Moore Laboratory School (LS) unification project located at 1600 Rollins Ave SE (20 minutes)
  - a. Early Childhood development center open for UMN Faculty and Staff at 1600 Rollins
    - i. 140 Students
    - ii. These students may stay enrolled during and after new development
  - b. Lab school on East River road
    - i. 100 students split 50-50 between morning and afternoon sessions
    - ii. Needs to relocate due to renovations
      1. Will relocate to Child dev center at 1600 Rollins
  - c. Proposed addition to the CDC at 1600 Rollins
    - i. Combines CDC and Lab school into 1 location
    - ii. Utilizes contract parking lot for new addition
    - iii. Current building is 30,000 sq ft; 12,000 sq ft addition
    - iv. Currently in schematic design phase
    - v. Planned construction completion by July 2021
    - vi. Lab school to move in Aug 2021
  - d. Comments
    - i. Wendy - Neighborhood has expressed in the past the desire for expansion of the CDC into the neighborhood to also include neighborhood residents
      1. Tuttle school would be an ideal location
      2. Como has new family residents that would benefit from childcare
    - ii. Vera - UMN is looking into separate endeavor for new childcare spaces
      1. Very preliminary initiative
    - iii. Bill - people who work at the CDC park in the neighborhood rather than the parking lot due to the parking fee for parking in the lot
      1. UMN should make it practical for people to park in the parking lot
      2. Employees should have free parking in the contract lot
  - e. Follow up with Eric Garcia Luna - garci128@umn.edu
2. Community Updates (20 min)
  - a. MPD Second Precinct Representative and/or UMPD Community Engagement Team (CET) Representative - Ashlee Lange
    - i. Spring semester in full swing
      1. Fewer off-campus burglaries than previous years

- ii. Hennepin county has seen increase in auto thefts
  - 1. Campus is no exception
  - 2. Running vehicles left unattended
    - a. People will receive a citation for leaving their vehicle running and unattended
- iii. Cops and Coffee event for the first week in April
- iv. PD office is under renovation
  - 1. Open house in May
- v. UMPD Animals
  - 1. 3 working canines
    - a. Bomb searching
    - b. Article sniff
    - c. Bomb sniff
    - d. Additional canines from MPD on contract
  - 2. Horses discontinued
- b. Van Cleve Park – Mike Fox
  - i. Ice is going well
    - 1. Will add more ice over the next couple of days
  - ii. Fall program planning is underway
    - 1. Will be finalized by April
  - iii. Summer schedule was finalized in Jan
    - 1. Can register for summer programs starting Feb 25
  - iv. Many programs are underway
    - 1. Tap dancing and square dancing
- c. Park Commissioner – Chris Meyer (quarterly in-person updates)
  - i. SE Como Park Dedication Fees – neighborhood survey results and letter to Commissioner Meyer (attached) - 77 people responded to Como survey, 59% renters
    - 1. Email was passed along to park staff in effort to expedite use of fees
    - 2. Park Dedication Fees – MN Daily article - <https://www.mndaily.com/article/2020/01/n-umn-neighborhoods-look-to-allocate-thousands-for-local-park-improvements>
  - ii. Grand Rounds Missing Link - Minn Post article - <https://www.minnpost.com/metro/2020/02/minneapolis-bike-paths-final-segment-gets-boost-in-walzs-bonding-plan/>
    - 1. The governor recommended \$12.3M for stage 1 of the project
    - 2. Stage 1 - From N to E Hennepin and S from East River Road to ? (TBD)
      - a. TLS study
    - 3. Stage 2 - Bridge over RR tracks
    - 4. Chris is trying to do a feasibility study so legislators have info to help them decide whether to fund Gov's recommendation
      - a. Trying to get different groups together to fund
        - i. UDA, towerside, park board, possibly park dedication fees
    - 5. Suggestions
      - a. Cross grand rounds into St. Paul
      - b. Replace operational railroad with the bike path
- d. City Council Members – Kevin Reich, Ward 1; Cam Gordon, Ward 2
  - i. See Cam Gordon's reports
- e. Meeting/Event Reports
  - i. Community Connections Conference, February 1
  - ii. Como Counts 2020, February 8, 2019
    - 1. Focused on students and recent immigrants

2. Good information
  3. >50 people attended
  4. Registered a few people to vote
  5. Other concurrent events distracted people
    - a. Parking was also an issue
- f. Upcoming Meetings
- i. Community Input Meeting – Proposed New Development - 1035 14th Ave SE - public meeting with the developer, Valerian LLC and DJR Architects - February 13 – 6:30 PM –Van Cleve Park
  - ii. Legislative Session Townhall - Saturday, February 15 with Senator Dziedzic, Rep Noor and new House 60A Representative Sydney Jordan, 3:00 - 4:30 pm, at Van Cleve Park.
  - iii. SECIA Community Project Meeting Night – Third Tuesday – Next meeting – Tuesday, February 18, 2020, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Van Cleve Park
- g. Other Developments
3. Board and Organization Business (20 min) – Final Agenda set by Executive Committee, 1/29/20.
- a. Board Business
- i. Review and approve October 1, 2019 & December 3, 2019 Board Meeting minutes (attached) **Motion: Approve October 1st and December 3rd 2019 Board Meeting Minutes, Mover: Steve, Second: Lynn, Unanimous approval**
  - ii. Board meeting dates – February 11, March 10 (March 3<sup>rd</sup> is Primary), April 7. Proposed: May 5, June 2, July 7, Aug 4, Sept 1, Oct 6. **Motion: Approve Meeting dates of May 5, June 2, July 7, Aug 5, Sept 1, Oct 6, with Aug 6 meeting on a Thursday, Mover: Steve, Second: Ben. Amendment - Aug date moved from 4th to 6th b/c of National night out. Unanimous approval**
  - iii. Interns
    1. Proposed redesign of secomo.org website – Jensine and Cedar
      - a. Highlight information on SECIA
      - b. Move items into more appropriate menu categories
      - c. Add “New and Noteworthy” page to news
      - d. **Motion: Approve website redesign as presented by Jensine**
        - i. **Mover: Steve, Second: Wendy, Unanimous approval**
    2. Business cards – reviewed and approved by Executive Committee
    3. Review of participation
      - a. Exec is now reviewing hours for staff and interns quarterly
    4. Recruitment
      - a. Communications – review position description (attached), form hiring committee
        - i. Search Committee: Ben, Karl, Alex, Jensine
      - b. Garden – review position description (attached), form hiring committee
        - i. Kathy, Lila, Lauren, Ben, Alex
  - iv. Live Near Your Work website - The Housing Strategy Implementation Committee recommends that the SE Como Improvement Ass'n become the fiscal agent for the [www.LiveNearYourWork.net](http://www.LiveNearYourWork.net) website, a website that introduces and promotes the University District neighborhoods, contingent upon a cost-sharing agreement among the four U District neighborhoods for the funding of the website's hosting and support.
    1. Work on new site content is under way
    2. Annual fee of ~\$50 for SECIA

3. **Motion: Make SECIA the fiscal agent for [www.livenearyourwork.net](http://www.livenearyourwork.net), contingent on a written agreement signed by other participating neighborhoods. Mover: Ben, Second: Steve, Unanimous approval**
- b. Committee Updates (30 min) – Up to Five (5) minutes per update
- i. Joint Committee – Alex
    1. January 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes attached
    2. 5 project breakout groups
      - a. Como Counts
      - b. Bike fest
      - c. Other projects
  - ii. Grant Writing Committee – Alex
    1. Grants
      - a. Minneapolis Foundation – Census participation - \$750 (funded)
      - b. MWMO, Diverter project implementation \$? (submitted)
        - i. Award date in March
      - c. Board of Water and Soil Resources – Lawns to Legumes \$38,500 (submitted, not awarded)
      - d. Bush Foundation - Ecosystem Grants - <https://www.bushfoundation.org/grants/ecosystem-grants>
        - i. Operations proposal
        - ii. Due this Thurs at noon
      - e. Good Neighbor Fund - 2020 – \$64,000 available - <https://government-relations.umn.edu/content/good-neighbor-fund>
  - iii. Community Building & Communications – Jim
  - iv. Zoning – Joan
    1. SECIA letter to Andrew Frenz, Minneapolis Planning Department, Zoning change for 2801 E. Hennepin, Chameleon Concessions (attached)
    2. Rezone: 2801 East Hennepin Mpls (letter attached)
    3. Building permit issued for 1101 Hennepin Ave E - 56 unit mixed use building at the old Hoover Wheel Site. Permit - [http://apps.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/PIApp/InspectionPermitsDetail.aspx?P\\_ID=2064479&PID=1302924430051](http://apps.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/PIApp/InspectionPermitsDetail.aspx?P_ID=2064479&PID=1302924430051) Architectural renderings - <https://djrarch.com/projects/1101-e-hennepin/>
    4. 1035 14th Avenue SE Zoning Meeting - Thursday, February 13 – 6:30 – 7:30pm - Van Cleve Recreation Center
      - a. Working with the city, not providing info to neighborhood association t this time
      - b. Working to rezone to R3 from R2
    5. Environmental – Calder/Kathy
    6. TCE – General Mills – letter to AG Keith Ellison (under development by Exec)
    7. Como facility confronts toxic chemical emissions – MN Daily - <https://www.mndaily.com/article/2020/02/n-como-facility-confronts-toxic-chemical-emissions>
    8. **Motion: Approve letter to attorney general regarding TCE pollution subject to finalization by Executive Committee**
      - a. **Mover: Karl, Second: Bill, Unanimous approval**
  - v. Housing – Wendy
    1. CURA Neighborhoods 2020 Racial Equity Analysis Overview - <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/www/groups/public/@ncr/documents/webasset/wcmsp-222615.pdf>

- a. Recent forum brought out concerns about the narrative presented by Minneapolis and CURA
- 2. Brookings – “Gentle” Density -  
<https://www.brookings.edu/research/gentle-density-can-save-our-neighborhoods/>
- vi. Livability & Housing Implementation – Katie
  - 1. Live Near Your Work website – See Board Business above
- vii. University District Alliance (UDA) - Katie & Alex
  - 1. Working to establish task force of experts to give presentations to neighborhood groups so neighborhood groups can contact them for expertise
- viii. Projects - Gardens, Utility Box Wraps, etc.
  - 1. Talmage Triangle Rain Garden Demonstration project – letter to Paul Chelsen (attached)
  - 2. 1501 Como Ave SE Utility Box Wrap – letter to adjacent owner, Local 15 LLC (attached)
- ix. Safety – Cody Hoerning
  - 1. MPD 2nd Precinct Police Advisory Council (PAC) meeting notes - <https://courtwatch2pac.com/>
- c. New Business
- 4. Adjourn: 8:22 PM, 1hr 47min

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Note taker: **Ben Brummel**; Exec reviewed: **2/26/2020** ; Board Approved: \_\_\_\_\_