

MPRB – Van Cleve Phase 1 Site Improvements: Nov. 18, 2020, 6:00pm



Welcome, Julia Roessler & Carrie Christensen, Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board

Complete the MPRB online survey to share your feedback on
Van Cleve Park Phase I improvements:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S6DJFFT>
now through ***Sunday, November 22nd.***

Questions? Contact JRoessler@minneapolisparcs.org



WELCOME! *Everybody IN...*



SOUTHEAST MINNEAPOLIS

SOUTHEAST COMO IMPROVEMENT
ASSOCIATION

SOUTHEAST COMO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION:

ANNUAL MEETING 2020

November 18, 2020

State of SECIA:

Staff and Board Report



REIMAGINING SECIA: Interactive Mini-forum

Tell us what you think, *via Zoom chat*:

What is the most important work you would like to see SECIA focus on in 2021?

Preview of Zoom Annual Meeting & Logistics

How we keep on keepin' on in a pandemic...

- [Board of Directors Resolution to Change Annual Meeting Procedure & Event \(Oct. 6, 2020\)](#)
- Tonight's meeting will be recorded; presentation archived to be made accessible online
- Use of interactive Zoom features for "Reimagining SECIA" mini-forum
- Upcoming "SECIA Town Hall" opportunities to hear from our elected officials
- Remote Board elections by electronic and mail balloting during the open voting period: November 19-December 2, 2020
 - If you have not yet registered to vote: <https://tinyurl.com/SECIA2020VOTE>

Next  State of SE Como

Annual Meeting AGENDA: Nov 18, 2020

6:30 – Welcome to the Annual Meeting

6:45 – State of SECIA Slideshow – 2020 SECIA Staff and Board Report

** Movement break with musical interlude **

7:20 -- Launch of Reimagining SECIA: Mini-forum

7:55 -- Recognition of SECIA board service & contributions

8:05 –SECIA membership and Board Elections:

- Review of remote elections process; Nominating Committee Board Slate; & Call for Board Nominations from the Floor

8:25 – General Q & A, Announcements of upcoming December 15th SECIA Town Hall & other current opportunities for involvement

8:30 - Meeting adjourns; remote voting opens at close of meeting, through December 2, 2020



SECIA BOARD MEMBERS 2019-2020

Name	Title	Term
Karl Smith	President	2017-2020
Jim Nyberg	Vice President	2019-2022
Ben Brummel	Secretary	2017-2020
Wendy Menken	Treasurer	2019-2022
Caitlin Johnson	MSA Representative	2020-2021
Bill Dane		2017-2020
Steve Peterson		2019-2022
Phil Roban		2019-2022
Cody Hoerning	COGS Representative	2019-2021
Lynn Anderson		2018-2021
Kathy Knudson		2018-2021
Greg Thompson		2018-2021
Aaron Tilleson		2019-2021
Sloane MacSwain		2019-2020
Andrew Norton		2020-2022
Quinn Oteman		2019-2022

SECIA STAFF - 2020



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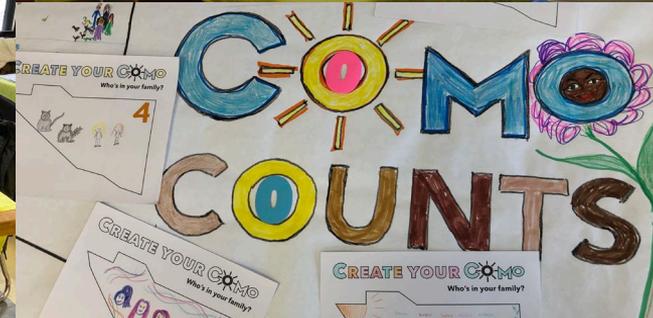
Executive
Director

Welcome – Karl Smith, Board President

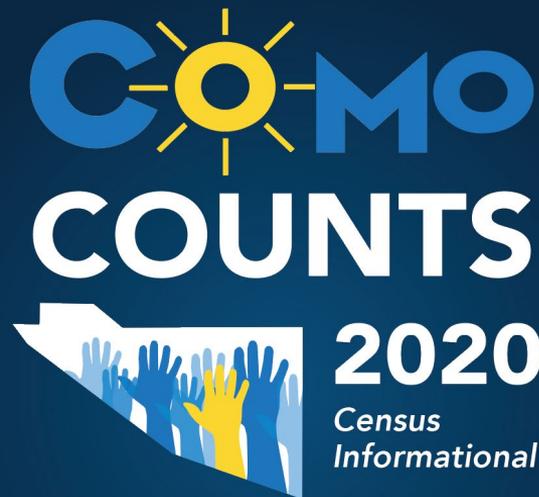


Como Counts 2020!

Census outreach event at Van Cleve - working towards a complete count in SE Como!



The Southeast Como Improvement Association Presents



February 8
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Van Cleve Park

Everyone counts! Come stop by Como Counts 2020, sponsored by SEICIA to educate community members on the upcoming census. The event will include **information on Census 2020, crafts and activities, an opportunity for voter registration and FREE FOOD.**



Visit secomo.org for more info.



Connecting neighbors with info, resources & responding to needs



SOUTHEAST MINNEAPOLIS

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SECIA'S RESPONSE TO THE KILLING OF GEORGE FLOYD

[Click here to view SECIA's response to the killing of George Floyd.](#)

SOUTHEAST COMO NEIGHBOR SUPPORT

COVID-19 Community Outreach

SECIA is actively working to respond to the needs of our community during this turbulent time. Please use our [request form](#) and [offer form](#) to indicate whether you are in need of support or have support to offer others. Organization staff and volunteers will use this information to match those requesting support to those offering particular support. SECIA may also use this information to inform program and service offerings during our response to COVID-19.



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YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL EDITION

SECIA Response to the Killing of George Floyd

In response to the needless killing of George Floyd, the Southeast Como Improvement Association (SECIA) offers support and stands in solidarity with our grieving community. This tragic death marks another incident in the troubled history of police brutality toward the Black community. SECIA condemns these acts and calls for accountability for the officers involved. As a neighborhood association, we urge everyone to unite toward eliminating police brutality and healing our communities.

We offer our condolences in this time of tremendous loss, which has brought anger, grief, pain, fear, and a whirlwind of other emotions. The impact is felt by Twin Cities residents, especially among Black communities. We wish health and safety to all seeking justice. Let



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YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL EDITION

Showing Up For the Community

You likely have some people who help support you, and they can count on you for support as well. This network of support makes you a great aid. It's volunteer, neighbor, and



YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL EDITION

VOTE TODAY!

Yesterday the Minnesota's 8th Circuit Court of Appeals [ruled that all ballots must be received by Election Day, November 3rd](#). This means that **absentee ballots should no longer be mailed in**. It is not guaranteed that ballots mailed today will be received in time to be counted.

Rather, drop off your ballot at a voting location near you.

If you still have a mail-in ballot, drop it off **in person as soon as possible**.

OR

You can cancel it and **vote in person** at one of the early voting centers or on election day **Tuesday November 3rd** at your regular polling place.

Absentee/mail-in ballots can be dropped off at a early voting location. **They must be dropped off by Election Day November 3rd at 3PM to be counted.**

Drop-off Locations Near SE Como



Bike Fest 2020

• *“If you happened upon the alley between those avenues just north of Fairmont on those early summer weekends you would have seen a couple dozen riders, mostly kids, including some first-time riders, testing our bicycles, sampling them for fit and fashion - each bike found an owner!”*

• Thank you to our donors and supporters, Mr. Michael Recycles Bicycles and Bike Cops for Kids!



DONATED BIKES AVAILABLE

COMO
SOUTHEAST MINNEAPOLIS



**SECIA HAS A BUNCH
OF BIKES THAT NEED
NEW HOMES!**

Thanks to Mr. Michael Recycles Bicycles, we have both **children's** and **adults'** bikes to give away! We also have children's helmets available from Bike Cops for Kids.

Fill out this form to request a bike:

secomo.org/bikes

secomo.org | office@secomo.org

Bike Fest safely persisted in spring and summer 2020, despite COVID - 33 bike and helmet giveaways to SE Como kids, youth, and adults!





▶ WATCH VIDEOS ABOUT
THE UNIVERSITY DISTRICT

*Walking...great money saver and best of all the
exercise and fun of meeting people along the route.*

- Jo Rockwell, Retired, Hennepin County

LIVE NEAR WORK

Boot your commute.

*Imagine walking or biking to work in less time than it
takes to enjoy a cup of coffee. You can if you work in or
near downtown Minneapolis or the University of Minnesota
and live in the city's University District.*





Flowers are the Opposite of Graffiti
SECIA's Utility Box Project: Most recent designs approved in 2019

SECIA's Community Gardens

Caring for our environment; growing plants, produce, and community:

- SECIA adapted to COVID-safe gardening practices to maintain 6 community gardens in 2020
- At least 40+ volunteers, 35 scheduled care dates, & 200+ volunteer hours
- Fairshare Farms: cultivated fresh produce for community members and 4 donations to neighborhood elders through SE Seniors share.

We garden safely!

Our garden is safe and healthy when we all do these simple things.

Stay home if you're sick.

Don't come to the garden when you don't feel good.



Wash well.

Wash hands with soap and water after gardening. Wash picked food before you eat it.



Wear gloves.

Keep your hands covered with gloves. Wash your gloves often.



Use your own tools.

Bring your own tools to the garden and take them home with you.



Be polite.

Use a tissue to cover a cough or sneeze. Don't spit on the ground.



Enjoy the garden!

Being outside is healthy. Growing fresh food is important. Gardening makes us happy.



Keep a safe distance.

Stay 6 feet (2 meters) away from other gardeners.



Follow these simple rules so we can all enjoy our garden.

Source • Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (cdc.gov)



Accord Native Prairie Garden – 2020: 15th Ave and Como Ave SE





Como Corner Garden – 2020: 22nd Ave SE & Como Ave SE





Talmage Crossing Native Prairie Garden – 2020: 21st Ave SE & Talmage Ave SE





Marshall Field Pollinator Patch

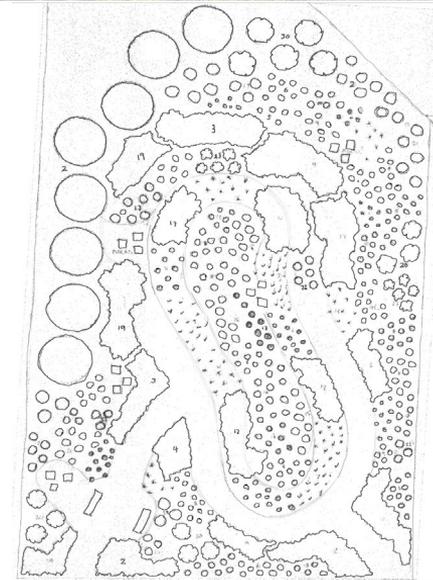
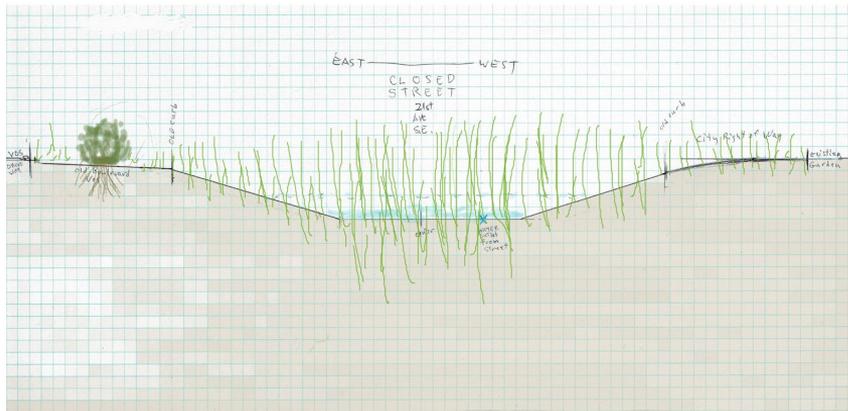
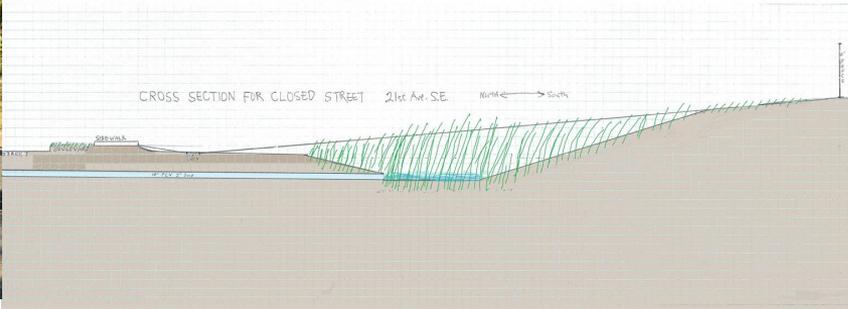
In the spring of 2020 on the SE corner of Como and 13th avenues we planted a new native pollinator garden dedicated to our state bee the endangered Rusty Patched Bumble Bee.



The SE Como Improvement Association received a grant from the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) to hire Metro Blooms, a non-profit landscaping firm, to **design and install a rain garden on the traffic diverter at 15th & Talmage Avenues SE**. Minneapolis Public Works and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board both assisted the project by providing much needed infrastructure work. Our Rain Garden is a sunken area planted with deep-rooted wildflowers and grasses. **It absorbs over half a million gallons of stormwater each year that would otherwise wash pollutants into the Mississippi.**

Diverter Rain Garden: The Solution to Run-off Pollution





The closed street at 21st & Talmage will become
The Talmage Crossing Stormwater Park

Join our Zoom Meeting with Metro Blooms Landscape Designers to discuss options
at our Environmental Committee Meeting: **Tuesday November 24th at 6:00pm**





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Fairshare Farm: 22nd Ave SE & Fairmount Ave SE



U of M Good Neighbor Fund projects:

SECIA's FairShare Farm hosted a masked and socially-distanced, free "Mushroom Inoculation Workshop" to engage and educate more than 15 participants.



U of M Good Neighbor Fund project:

- FairShare Farm was also able to purchase four inoculated shiitake mushroom logs from Northwood Mushrooms.
- A unique, engaging, COVID-safe educational event for 15+ people and showcased Fairshare Farms



Mushroom Inoculation Workshop at Fairshare Farm – September 24, 2020



U of M Good Neighbor Fund projects:

Coming soon: delayed, but not canceled by COVID -- looking forward to spring 2021:

- **Portable Handwashing Stations:** Purchased to support hygiene concerns of Van Cleve Park visitors; and for future special events.
- **Pollinator Patch Garden Party:** We will celebrate the vital role of pollinators in our environment and our economy, educate people about their importance, and encourage the development of pollinator habitat in our urban neighborhood, as well as SE Como's newest Pollinator Patch community garden at Como & 13th Ave SE.

Thank you to the U of M Good Neighbor Fund grant for your partnership for a better SE Como!





Environmental Committee - Storm Drain Stenciling Project



COMO PRIDE!



COMO CLEAN!

JOIN US FOR THE COMO CLEAN SWEEP
SUNDAY APRIL 26, 2020 • 2 - 4 PM
Volunteers meet at Van Cleve Park

* BAGS, GLOVES, AND SNACKS
WILL BE PROVIDED



COVID-safe Como Clean Ups: April 26th and October 3rd



Reimagining Public Safety in SE Como

- **SECIA has been working to develop meaningful actions** in our SE Como neighborhood as we join with the city of Minneapolis in reimagining community safety in the wake of George Floyd's tragic and senseless killing in May 2020.
- **SECIA is hosting an ongoing series of conversations** and meetings to share information and organize ideas and hopes to move towards creating programs and strategies to improve Como's community safety through community building.
- Exploring development of a **"Como Cares" model of block-level neighborhood organizing** to proactively provide resources and care for the neighborhood and its residents with the most urgent needs, including our unsheltered neighbors, revisiting block-level mutual aid, and eventually those struggling with mental health issues. How do we best *watch out for*, rather than watch our neighbors?



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How do we promote public safety without perpetuating racialized harm, but instead strengthening our community across differences?



FINANCIAL REPORT

State of SECIA as of October 31, 2020

SECIA FINANCIAL BASICS

- SECIA's fiscal year runs from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021
- Minneapolis' fiscal year for community funds runs from January 1 to December 31, 2020
- The majority of SECIA's expenditures are on a reimbursement basis
 - We pay the bill, then send in the receipts to the correct source for reimbursement

FINANCIAL REPORT

SECIA FINANCIAL BASICS - Sources of Revenue

- **Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP)**
 - This is closed program, but there are still "legacy" funds assigned based on Como's NRP Phase II Action Plan
- **Community Participation Program (CPP) (soon to be replaced with Neighborhoods 2020)**
 - This is Minneapolis' current neighborhood funding program
 - CPP funds provide the primary source of revenue for basic SECIA operations
- **Grants**
 - SECIA seeks out grant funds as projects arise
 - Recent sources have included the Good Neighbor Fund (GNF) and Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO)
- **Donations: SECIA is always open to donations from the community**
- **Hawkins Fund**
 - These are funds that were given to SECIA as part of a settlement with Hawkins after a chemical fire
 - Funds are emergency reserves for the organization

CURRENT ASSETS

Here's where things stood on Oct 31, 2020

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

10000 · US Bank Checking	7,597.17
10100 · Petty Cash	20.00
10900 · Money Market--Hawkins	34,323.84

Total Checking/Savings 41,941.01

Accounts Receivable

11000 · Accounts Receivable	
11500 · CPP	7,550.06

Total 11000 · Accounts Receivable 7,550.06

11400 · Grants Receivable

11430 · Good Neighbor Fund	4,675.02
11400 · Grants Receivable - Other	11,953.01

Total 11400 · Grants Receivable 16,628.03

Total Accounts Receivable 24,178.09

Total Current Assets 66,119.10

TOTAL ASSETS 66,119.10



CURRENT BUDGET INCOME

(FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE: April 1-October 31, 2020)

- Individual & Business Donations: \$6,291.00
- Foundation & Grants: \$4,942.00
- City Funding (CPP): \$37,362.76
- Interest: \$1.54

- Total Income/Reimbursements through October 2020: \$48,597.30
 - Grant/donation funds for this project were accrued in the prior fiscal year, but expended during current fiscal year

CURRENT BUDGET EXPENSES

(FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE: April 1-October 31, 2020)

- Payroll: \$33,185.90
- Contracted Professional Service: \$2,066.75
- Occupancy: \$3,342.89
- Communications and Outreach: \$4,684.02
- Materials and Supplies: \$2,462.50
- Gardens: \$892.10
- Other Expenses: \$2,080.56

- Watershed Management Project (Diverter Raingarden): \$29,731.50*

HOME LOAN PROGRAM

Program Funds		
Revolving	\$	93,421.53
Interest Subsidy	\$	0.00
Matching/Non-Matching Deferred	\$	0.00
Emergency Deferred	\$	32,474.00
Emergency Grant	\$	22,500.00
Homeownership	\$	25,683.49
	\$	174,079.02



SE COMO HOME IMPROVEMENT LOAN PROGRAMS

The SE Como neighborhood has made funds available for property owners to make improvements to their properties.

LOW INTEREST LOAN

- 3-4% APR (based on household AMI)
- Loan amounts from \$1,500-\$15,000
- No maximum income limit
- Terms up to 10 years
- Closing costs apply
- Eligible improvements include most interior and exterior maintenance or remodeling

PURCHASE ASSISTANCE LOAN

- 0% APR
- Loan amounts up to \$5,000
- No income limits
- 100% forgiven if borrower remains in the home for 15 years
- To ensure funding, application must be received at least 4 weeks prior to closing

EMERGENCY DEFERRED LOAN

- 0% APR
- Loan amounts from \$1,000-\$7,500
- Income limit of 80% area median income (AMI)
- The deferred loan is 100% due if the property ownership changes or a time period of 15 years whichever comes first

SENIOR EMERGENCY GRANT

- 0% APR
- Loan amounts from \$1,000-\$7,500
- Income limit of 80% area median income (AMI)
- At least one of the recipients must be 62 years of age

For more information on this or other programs:

Call 612-335-5884 • email loaninfo@mncee.org • visit mncee.org/secomo

The current loan terms and conditions stated, including interest rates, do not constitute a commitment to lend or offer to enter into an agreement, and such an offer may only be made pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 47.206(3) and (4).



GOING FORWARD: Neighborhoods 2020 - What we know about city commitments

- Mayor's budget recommends maintaining same funding through July 2021
- City council considering delaying Neighborhoods 2020 guidelines start date to Jan 2022, (but unlikely) -- most likely scenario: extend current CPP contract thru Jun 30, 2021
- Neighborhoods have been advocating for an overall budget increase to remain viable; to work towards meeting the necessary equity requirements of Neighborhoods 2020
 - Final neighborhood budgets will be confirmed with city budget vote – Dec. 9th
- SECIA remains committed to:
 - Continuing to support the SE Como community priorities
 - Hiring student interns and engaging the student body
 - Promoting community involvement and expanding participation - *Reimagining* SECIA

GOING FORWARD: Neighborhoods 2020 - What we know about city commitments

- Even with some uncertainty from the City, SECIA has legacy resources that can be used on neighborhood priorities
- Approximately \$80,000 available in the NRP Phase II Plan is available – we can:
 - Leave it as originally allocated
 - Move funds between existing plan lines
 - Amend the plan and add a new strategies
- As part of Reimagining SECIA, the board will be asking the community to help and input to review, inform neighborhood priorities for its work and funding.

GIVE TO THE MAX DAY



November 19th, 2020

Go to GiveMN.org → Search term **SECIA**

<https://www.givemn.org/organization/Southeast-Como-Improvement-Association>

- Any funds donated to SECIA are used 100% for the neighborhood
- If you want to earmark your donation (e.g., community gardens, utility wrap boxes) or you can leave a note within the donation page
- You can also send a check to P.O. Box 18460, Minneapolis, MN 55418



REIMAGINING SECIA

- **Current challenges:**
 - Neighborhoods 2020 restructuring
 - Navigating disparate impact of dual pandemics of COVID-19 and racial injustice in aftermath of George Floyd killing
 - Resulting budget cuts and uncertainty -- **opportunities for organizational re-imagining**
- **Summer 2020** – insights from internal focus groups:
 - Expand the range of roles for board members
 - Create community service programming
 - **Reflecting back to the community: what is wanted and needed?**
- **Next Steps:**
 - Civic Engagement Leadership Project - underway
 - Re-imagining public safety Care Team – underway
 - Broaden representation of residents of SE Como – to identify issues, co-create solutions, and **guide SECIA's future direction**



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REIMAGINING SECIA

- Partnership with University District Engagement Initiative
- Coordinated projects that build professional skills and leadership capacity of graduate students to effectively address community needs
- Project goals:
 - Develop racial equity action planning under Neighborhoods 2020
 - Identify path for continued base-building in underrepresented communities in SE Como

Fall 2020 UMN Civic Leadership Project students:

- Cody Hoerning
- Emily Padrutt
- Claudia Santana

BREAK



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MOVEMENT BREAK – STRETCH YOUR LEGS!

[ADD LINK TO PHOTO/MUSIC SLIDESHOW]



REIMAGINING SECIA: Interactive Mini-forum

Over the next ~ 6 months: Convene Reimagining SECIA work group to continue to develop and implement a plan for broad-based, multi-modal, systematic community engagement and community organizing strategies to:

- Develop SECIA's racial equity action planning for Neighborhoods 2020
- Identify path for continued base-building in underrepresented communities in SE Como
- Identify priority issues and co-created solutions to inform SECIA's:
 - Updated priority-setting and action plan;
 - Utilization of existing NRP/CPP financial resources;
 - Specific project focus(es) for alternative funding sources pursued, including both major and minor grant opportunities

Over the next half hour together: Participatory SECIA priorities exercise and small group discussion to identify community needs and brainstorm our bridge-building capacity...

REIMAGINING SECIA: Interactive Mini-forum

PART I: SECIA Priorities exercise, via Zoom poll:

Please select your TOP THREE priority broad issue areas for SECIA's work in 2021:

- 1) Community Building / Events
- 2) Community Gardens / Fairshare Farm
- 3) Community Services (senior services, housing & food insecurity, emergency services, etc.)
- 4) Environment / Sustainability
- 5) Housing & Livability (e.g., promoting diverse homeownership / renters' rights)
- 6) Land Use & Development / Transportation & Infrastructure
- 7) Parks / Schools / Physical Community Asset & Local Business Development
- 8) Racial Equity and Reimagining SECIA
- 9) Reimagining Public Safety and Social Justice
- 10) University District Alliance

REIMAGINING SECIA: Interactive Mini-forum

PART II: Small group discussion, via Zoom breakout rooms:

Two-part question:

- a. What needs and interests do you identify as most critical amongst our neighbors that SECIA might work on addressing?
- b. Brainstorm a range of ways in which SECIA might more effectively welcome and reach our historically underrepresented neighbors:
Think creatively: what types of community building could work to build bridges and to connect shared interests?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

Retiring members

- Bill Dane
- Wendy Menken

A special thank you to outgoing Board President, Karl Smith



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

Special recognition: lifelong contributions:

- Joan Menken



BOARD ELECTION

Process for review of candidate slate & remote voting:

- Nominating Committee Slate
- Nominations from the Floor
 - Brief presentations by candidates
- If you have not yet registered to vote:
<https://tinyurl.com/SECIA2020VOTE>

BOARD ELECTION

Eligible Voting Members – Resident (renter or homeowner) or business/organization owner or representative in Southeast Como (or Mid-City Industrial area)

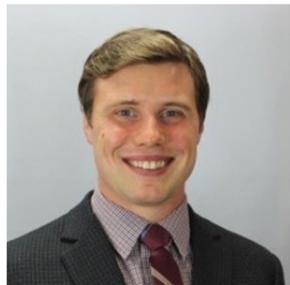
<https://tinyurl.com/SECIAbylaws>

Board Members - Must be a member of the Association

- SE Como (or Mid-City Industrial) resident members and business/organization owner or representative members
- Commit to serving a three-year term
- Attend Monthly Board meeting
- Participate in organization activities - committees, projects, activities, events, etc.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SLATE

- Ben Brummel



Holly Day



- Tom Weist



***Nominating Committee/Elections Task Group:** Cody Hoerning, Kathy Knutson, Jim Nyberg, Steve Peterson, Karl Smith

BOARD MEMBER NOMINEE SUMMARIES

Ben Brummel (Current Board Member and Secretary): I currently serve as Secretary on the SECIA Executive Committee, where I assist with written communications, website, and meeting minutes. I was inspired to join the SECIA board in 2016 when a board member I knew from Fairshare farm told me about the opportunity and encouraged me to run. Helping my community on a local level seemed like one of the best things I could do after a tumultuous election season that left us in a mire of uncertainty.

After serving on the board for two years, I graduated with my doctorate in Biomedical Engineering in 2018 and briefly left the board to travel abroad and pursue work. After rejoining SECIA and finding work in the area, I have been more committed than ever to help make the Como neighborhood the best it can be. Whether or not I'm elected, I intend to be active within the organization and help us reimagine SECIA within the city's Neighborhoods 2020 plan and navigate this era of continuous challenges.

Holly Day: My main interest in serving on the Board is the possibility of working on outreach programs, such as entertainment and educational opportunities, for the youth in the neighborhood. I've been a teacher at the Loft Writing Center in Downtown Minneapolis for the past 20 years, with residencies at Marcy Open School and Parnassus Academy, and I feel it's important to create a dynamic setting for kids to grow up in. It's difficult to plan such opportunities during a pandemic, but two summers ago, I wrote grants for and helped organize a half-dozen events in Van Cleve Park for families, including a hands-on family Science Night, a bald eagle visit from the Raptor Center, a puppet show, and several writing classes led by Loft teachers—I feel that with some ingenuity, we can come up with some wonderful programming even if conventions like social distancing and mask wearing are still required next summer.

Tom Weist: I am a past board chair and board member of Southeast Seniors, a service organization that helps seniors in Southeast Minneapolis live safely in their homes a little longer than they might without assistance, and I am still active in that organization. I think SECIA and Southeast Seniors would both benefit from some overlap in their governing structures. They share a lot in their purposes. So I would like to perform that function. I have lived in Southeast Como continuously since 1977, first as a tenant and then as a homeowner and landlord (I own a duplex) and I relish living here. Como has always had a large number of renters, mostly students. I was one. I think it will be a better neighborhood for everyone if it retains a substantial population of permanent residents. Their numbers are diminishing. As for areas of expertise, I was a lawyer until I retired. A large part of my career was as a prosecutor of white collar crime, business and consumer frauds and environmental crimes.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Self nominations, or nominate others.

Names:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Briefly describe yourself and your interest in serving on the SECIA Board.

BOARD ELECTION - VOTING

- Association Members
 - Select up to four (4) candidates
- Remote / open voting period opens tomorrow, following the meeting through Wednesday, December 2nd
 - By electronic ballot: registered voters will receive an email with the link to jotform.com ballot (at close of meeting if already registered; and on rolling basis thru Dec 2nd close of voting)
 - By mail: close of meeting is deadline to request ballot by mail; will be mailed out Nov. 19th; must be received by Weds. Dec. 2nd
- Ballots will be tabulated and election results published promptly upon December 2nd close of voting
- New board is seated at next regular board meeting on Tues. December 8th

Questions? Contact jessica@secomo.org

REIMAGINING SECIA...

Responding to community interests through community engagement

opportunities: creating different onramps to involvement, innovating connection and bridge-building with communities not yet fully represented – seeking to understand priority issues and co-create solutions:

NEW! Reimagining SECIA & Racial Equity Work Group - Contact jessica@secomo.org

NEW! SECIA Social Justice Study group – open and inviting neighbors to join a virtual/COVID-safe monthly discussion circle examining equity and equitable engagement through relevant social justice and racial equity-themed reading and dialogue **Interested?** Contact: quinn@secomo.org

Reimagining Community Safety / "Como Cares" work group - Contact codyhoerning@secomo.org

Member (neighbors) ideas - share via e-mail (office@secomo.org), **phone** (612-685-0371), **or at Community Project Night** (third Tuesday, via Zoom)

...Many opportunities for involvement



REIMAGINING SECIA...

Responding to community interests through community engagement opportunities:

creating different onramps to involvement, innovating connection and bridge-building with communities not yet fully represented – seeking to understand priority issues and co-create solutions:

Re-emerging Land Use & Development Committee: This newly reset committee will evaluate development proposals, work with agencies that propose new uses for their properties, and help educate residents about the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan. – Contact: kandrfournier@msn.com

Environmental Committee and Fairshare Farm – Contact: kathy@secomo.org

Community Gardens – Contact: KASMITHTC@msn.com

Good Neighbor Fund 2021 grant ideas – Contact: jessica@secomo.org

Member (neighbors) ideas - share via e-mail (office@secomo.org), **phone** (612-685-0371), **or at Community Project Night** (third Tuesday, via Zoom)

...Many opportunities for involvement



FINAL THOUGHTS

QUESTIONS?

Ways to keep informed:

- Sign up for the E-Comotion: <https://secomo.org/news/e-comotion/>
- Social media (Twitter: @SouthEastComo; Instagram: secomompls or SECIA; Facebook: Southeast Como Improvement Association)
- Website: www.secomo.org
- Feel free to reach out to share your questions and ideas: Jessica Focht-Perlberg, Executive Director: jessica@secomo.org

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Thank you for coming!



UPCOMING MEETINGS

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Upcoming meetings, via Zoom: Contact jessica@secomo.org to RSVP for Zoom links:

- Tuesday, December 1st, 6:30pm: Community Project Night
- Tuesday, December 8th, 6:30pm: Board meeting
- **Tuesday, December 15th, 6:30pm: SECIA Town Hall Community Forum with city and county elected officials:**

CM Kevin Reich (Ward 1)



Henn. County Comm'r
Angela Conley



CM Cam Gordon (Ward 2)

