

SECIA Board Meeting – Minutes

Tuesday, December 8th, 2020, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/93812346172>

Board Members: Present - Jessica Focht-Perlberg, Ben Brummel, Holly Day, Thomas Weist, Karl Smith, Caitlin Johnson, Steve Peterson, Jim Nyberg, Andrew Norton, Kathy Knudson, Greg Thompsons , Lynn Anderson, [Cody Hoerning](#), Phil Roban, Wendy Menken

Absent - Aaron Tilleson, Excused – Quinn Oteman

Other Participants: Lila Smith, DeWayne Townsend, Walter Abrego, Nick Juarez (CPS), Salat Tuke (Mosque), [Laura Schlotterback](#) (Intern), Katie Fournier (housing and liveability committee), Cam Gordon (City Council Ward 2), Kari Dziedzic (MN Senate 60)

**Motions:**

1. **Approve the following SECIA Executive Committee for 2021:**
  - a. **President: Ben Brummel**
  - b. **Vice President: Jim Nyberg**
  - c. **Treasurer: Cody Hoerning**
  - d. **Secretary: Holly Day**
  - e. **At Large: Tom Weist**
  - f. **Mover: Steve, Second: Kathy, Unanimous approval**
2. **Approve October 6th SECIA Board meeting Minutes.**
  - a. **Mover: Ben, Second: Steve, Unanimous approval**
3. **Form Land Use & Development Committee based on the [11/4/2020 Land Use & Development Committee Planning Report](#)**
  - i. **Mover: Tom, Second: Ben, Unanimous Approval**
4. **SECIA supports and approves sharing Cody's 12/8/2020 Op-Ed "We need to re-energize to change public safety" on SECIA communications**
  - a. **Mover: Karl, Second: Steve, Unanimous approval**
  - b. **Discussion:**
    - i. **Clarification: This is not a motion for a board letter, just that we share the sentiment of the article and approval sharing it**
    - ii. **We may need permission from MN Daily to use the article**
      1. **We can certainly share the article**
5. **Rescind the business plan modification approved in June 2020 by SECIA:**
  - a. **Supersede the May 5th, 2020 motion with the following revised Como-Emergency Assistance Business Fund:**
    - i. **SECIA will make available \$5000 for securing the premises of a neighborhood business or non-profit to include:**
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      2. **Window Replacement**
      3. **Fire suppression**
      4. **Materials and contracted services for protection installation**
      5. **Graffiti removal**
    - ii. **Up to \$350 for receipted costs per business or non-profit organization**
    - iii. **Subject to approval by the City of Minneapolis**
  - b. **Mover: Wendy, Second: Steve, Unanimous approval**
  - c. **Discussion:**

- i. **Clarity: Money was never moved into this plan due to logistical difficulties, therefore, there will be no changes to our funding with this motion**
- 6. **Approve Wendy as SECIA's representative on the University Stadium Area Advisory Group (SAAG)**
  - a. **Mover: Ben, Second Kathy, Unanimous approval**

Meeting Called to order at: 6:33 PM

Introductions (5 min)

- 1. Community Updates (45 min; up to 10 minutes each for updates/Q&A, for those present)
  - a. SD60 Senator Kari Dziedzic, 60A Representative Sydney Jordan, 60B Representative Mohamud Noor (if available)
  - b. Kari Dziedzic
    - i. Just left a briefing on the vaccination plan (arrived during the start of board business section)
      - 1. Looking to follow guidelines and hit a number that allows us to return as life as normal
      - 2. Process is in the works
        - a. Looking at how to reach skeptical populations
        - b. Working on best practices
          - i. Talking to other states and countries
        - c. Hoping to have a process sooner than later
      - 3. Estimated to have the average person vaccinated by [April to August]
    - ii. Discussing rental assistance
      - 1. Working on method for landlords to work with tenants
    - iii. Small business relief
      - 1. Relief for people who's unemployment is expiring
      - 2. Looking at the best strategy
    - iv. National Senate is working on a relief bill
      - 1. Minnesota senate is looking at how they can work with this bill and do what's best for all of Minnesota
    - v. We have the only divided state legislature in the country
    - vi. Karl - Gov. Walz is working on an assistance program for businesses that doesn't include non-profits
      - 1. Kari - they are still working through this, a lot is TBD
        - a. There is a lot of pressure to do what is right for Minnesotans
      - 2. Lots of businesses that were impacted that weren't specifically named in executive order
        - a. Direct and indirect businesses were impacted
      - 3. Karl - specifically thinking of museum staff who are laid off
      - 4. Cody - is there talk about providing money for public safety in the next session?
        - a. Kari - put ~\$6M in June '21 for police training and violence prevention
        - b. Kept this money there after George Floyd's death

- c. Several programs and groups that people have put up that do intervention work who are trying to stop retaliation and break a cycle of violence
    - d. Pushing for juvenile programs that focus on getting kids into productive activities
  - vii. November deficit forecast - only structural deficit based on inflation
    - 1. Early indications were for a ~\$5B annual deficit
    - 2. Many people were not impacted as much as expected
      - a. People working from home did not suffer the same financial hit
      - b. People in essential businesses were also not impacted the same
    - 3. Looking at a structural deficit based on inflation
    - 4. Looking at schools that are hurting in different ways
      - a. Low income and special needs kids are impacted greatly
      - b. How do we get them back up to speed?
  - viii. Wendy - will be interesting to see where kids are after a year of online school
    - 1. Seeing parents holding kids back from kindergarten
    - 2. Kari - having discussions all summer long about this
      - a. State is going to 'track down the missing kids'
    - 3. Lila - would it make sense to have a summer session to make up lost time?
      - a. Just for 1-2 years?
      - b. Kari - yes, this is part of the discussion
        - i. Will give flexibility to school districts
  - ix. DeWayne - How is the vaccine distribution going to work for everyone?
    - 1. Kari - still working that out
- c. MPD Second Precinct Representative and/or UMPD Community Engagement Team (CET) Representative
  - i. Nick Juarez (CPS)
    - 1. Catalytic converter thefts still high
      - a. Toyota Prius, Honda CRV, or Honda Element
        - i. Contact dealership and ask for a catalytic converter lock
    - 2. Phishing theft high
      - a. 'You should never have to pay money to get money'
    - 3. Carjacking on 11/13 (1100 block of Como)
      - a. Biker used gun to force driver from car
    - 4. License plate theft high
      - a. Check whether you have both
        - i. Usually only one is stolen
        - ii. Plates are used on vehicles involved in robberies
    - 5. Wendy - called in neighbor's unmarked car to 311 - no license plates or tags
      - a. Parked on the street
      - b. Marked as an abandoned vehicle, then the owner moved it
      - c. Vehicle is still parked on the street
    - 6. Steve - Vandalism may be witnessed by neighbors - is the precinct getting cooperation from neighbors
      - a. Nick - yes we are
      - b. People are watching out for one another
      - c. Call 911 if you see people crawling under cars or checking doorknobs

7. Katie - Noticed in Off-campus living (OCL) newsletter that Como has fewer recent crimes than other university neighborhoods
  - a. Send names to [Caitlin's email](#) if you want to be subscribed to OCL newsletter
- d. Van Cleve Park – Mike Fox (not present)
- e. Park Commissioner – Chris Meyer (quarterly in-person updates) (not present)
- f. City Council Members – Kevin Reich, Ward 1; Cam Gordon, Ward 2
  - i. Cam Gordon
    1. 2 public hearings on budget have occurred
    2. One more this Wednesday
    3. Policing
      - a. Mayor and council have agreed on 770 officers (down from 800+)
        - i. Will be a challenge and will require overtime
      - b. Money is being put away for 3 new cadet classes
        - i. 3rd class not to be working until 2022
    4. Small amendment for neighborhood organization funding
      - a. ~\$400k (\$3M requested by many neighborhood orgs including SECIA)
        - i. Split between base funding and equitable engagement
      - b. Not unanimous
      - c. Directing staff to explore future increases up to \$3M/year
        - i. Chances of getting to this are probably slim
        - ii. Recommendations will come back next April
          1. Cam is hopeful
    5. New neighborhood guidelines start midway through next year
      - a. 4 sources of money
        - i. Base funding
        - ii. Equitable engagement
        - iii. Community
        - iv. Collaboration with other neighborhoods
  6. Steve - who can I talk to about rotting bollards and rusty cable along Elm St
    - a. Most unwelcoming border of our neighborhood
    - b. Cam - sounds like a public works issue
      - i. Send Cam and email detailing the location
        1. Could report to 311, but nice to copy councilmember as well
    - c. Very deteriorating sidewalk on Como in front of Joe's market near 19th
      - i. Also a public works function
        1. Report to 311
        2. Sidewalk inspectors routinely check
  7. DeWayne - what is the current discussion about offloading duties from police to other services?
    - a. Significant progress made yesterday via budget amendments
      - i. Mobile mental health response team
      - ii. Embed mental health professional to 911 calls
      - iii. Add training to 911 personnel
      - iv. Hoping to develop a pilot program
        1. ~70% (estimated) of calls to 911 involve emotionally disturbed person

- v. Estimated 15% of 911 calls could be taken away from police response
    - vi. Adding Crime Prevention Specialists to Community Relations Office
  - 8. Cody - happy the council moved in the direction of an alternative response
    - a. Having a responder that's not police/fire/ems is a great first step
    - b. Our neighborhood will benefit
- g. Meeting/Event Reports
  - i. Neighborhood Network Mtgs / Neighborhoods 2020 update (Jessica, Karl)
    - 1. Most of this content was covered by Cam
    - 2. Read the city's Neighborhoods 2020 guidelines - currently still a draft
      - a. Gives a big picture of expectations
    - 3. Many neighborhoods advocated for additional funding
  - ii. Nov. 18, 2020 SECIA Annual Meeting & Board Elections (Jessica)
    - 1. First ever virtual annual meeting
    - 2. [Recording is available on our website](#)
    - 3. Election results:
      - a. Reelected Ben Brummel
      - b. Elected Holly Day and Tom Weist
        - i. Holly Day
          - 1. Wants to help come up with more ways to connect with families and kids
        - ii. Tom Weist
          - 1. Has lived in neighborhood since the 1980s
          - 2. Previously on SE Seniors board
          - 3. Loves the neighborhood
    - 4. Appointed MSA Representative
      - a. Caitlin Johnson
        - i. Senior at UMN
        - ii. Advisor in off campus living
        - iii. Following in Katy Baker's footsteps
        - iv. Interested in liveability and reimagining safety
    - 5. New election format had a learning curve
      - a. Will be smoother if we are unable to meet in person next year
  - iii. Dec. 4, 2020 - first SECIA Social Justice Study Club meeting (Quinn)
    - 1. Study and discussion to look at antiracism learning and what these ideas mean for neighbors in our neighborhood and how we can use this to reimagine SECIA
    - 2. Monthly conversations - will follow up with invitations
      - a. Email: [quinn@secomo.org](mailto:quinn@secomo.org)
- h. Upcoming Meetings/Events:
  - i. **SECIA Town Hall Forum** with city/county elected officials - **Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020, 6:30-8:30 pm, REGISTER** via Zoom: [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJArdCorTMrE9MnUF3LO1wzvmn3\\_Zw0nksw](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJArdCorTMrE9MnUF3LO1wzvmn3_Zw0nksw)
    - 1. Cam Gordon, Kevin Reich, and Angela Conley, County Commissioner

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- ii. Next “Reimagining Community Safety” virtual forum with CM Reich, co-hosted by CSCC Resident Board, Wednesday, December 16, 2020, 5:30-7:00 pm, **REGISTER** via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJlrf-CppzssHNZwL-vsuzayv4H81AYyYm8f>
  - iii. SECIA Community Project/Joint Committee Meeting Night – Next meeting -- Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Zoom video conference and breakout small group meetings
  - iv. Other Developments
    - 1. Looking to schedule similar town hall meeting in January for state elected officials
2. Board and Organization Business (60 min) – Final Agenda set by Executive Committee 12/2/20
- a. Board Business (15 min)
    - i. Welcome new SECIA Board members:
      - 1. Newly elected SECIA Board members (following close of remote, SECIA 2020 Board election on 12/2/20)
      - 2. MSA-appointed representative, Caitlin Johnson (approved by Board via email vote, 11/11/20)
    - ii. Elect 2021 Officers / Executive Committee
      - 1. 2 of our current executive committee members are retiring from the board
      - 2. Nominations:
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      - 4. Discuss: board training in 2021 - relating to Neighborhoods 2020
        - a. Training on neighborhoods 2020 from NCR
        - b. Reimagining SECIA
        - c. Training on racial bias
      - 5. January meeting dates - for board social and NCR
        - a. Cody - thinks it's a good idea for the board to have some social time
    - iii. Review and approve: [October 6, 2020 board meeting minutes](#) (Ben)
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    - iv. Review periodic accounting reports: Fiscal YTD 4-11.2020 [Balance sheet](#) & [P&L](#)
      - 1. Will have to create averages for planning purposes
      - 2. Based on how things look, we may be in ok shape for 2021, but the midyear changeover adds complications and we'll have to evaluate our budget
      - 3. Could look into the process of changing fiscal year
      - 4. Wendy will coordinate training for new officers and for the board
      - 5. Will have these budget updates as part of the board packet in the future

- v. Review, approval of [updated 11.4.20 Land Use & Development Committee planning report](#) (Katie F.)
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  - i. Review, approve support of Board Member Hoerning's [MN Daily 12.8.20 Op-Ed on Re-energize Public Safety Change](#)
    - 1. Cody has been involved in community safety for a long time
    - 2. 2 main reasons for his article
      - a. BIPOC population not being represented appropriately
      - b. So many police calls were social service calls
        - i. Mental health
        - ii. Substance abuse
        - iii. Traffic accidents
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- vii. Staffing updates

1. Formation of next hiring committees - Communications Intern, Gardening Intern (Ben)
  - a. Volunteers: Ben, Jim, Luis, Karl, Jessica, Laura (maybe)
  - b. Ben will email instructions to the hiring committee
- b. Committee Updates (30 min) – Up to Five (5) minutes per update
  - i. **Updates in this section were limited to board action items only due to remaining meeting time**
  - ii. Reimagining SECIA / Racial Equity Work Group (Jessica, Laura, Quinn)
    1. Updates, next steps for planning, implementation of Reimagining SECIA initiative in 2021: UMN Graduate Civic Leadership Program and Work Group; SECIA Social Justice Study Circle
      - a. (Of note: this work group currently incorporates earlier Grant Writing and Interns Community Building committees)
    2. Next meeting dates TBD - stay tuned!
  - iii. Reimagining Community Safety / Como Cares Work Group (Cody H., Andrew N.) - next meeting date TBD - stay tuned!
    1. Reimagining Community Safety discussions series
    2. (Tentative) Hygiene supplies drive: update
  - iv. Land Use & Development (Katie F.)
  - v. Environmental (Kathy K. / Peggy B.)
  - vi. University District Alliance (UDA) - Katie & Jessica
    1. Update: New UDA task force exploring potential cooperative assistance model for UDA neighborhood organization collaborative
    2. Call for SECIA representative for the S.A.A.G. (stadium area advisory group)
      - a. Wendy raised her hand
      - b. **Motion: Approve Wendy as SECIA's representative on the University Stadium Area Advisory Group (SAAG)**
        - i. **Mover: Ben, Second Kathy, Unanimous approval**
    3. UDA Board meeting coming up
    4. Looking for collaborative tasks that could be done centrally
      - a. Shared funding for neighborhoods
      - b. Wendy - keep the focus to just collaboration
        - i. Send out an email request
  - vii. Brief discussion - status / next steps for currently lesser active committees for 2021, in light of Reimagining SECIA Initiative
    1. Housing (Wendy M.)
    2. Livability & Housing Implementation (Katie F.)
    3. (Others?)
  - viii. Projects - Gardens, Utility Box Wraps, etc.
    1. [Talmage Crossing Triangle rain Garden update \(& visual\)](#) (Lila, Kathy, Peggy)
    2. "Live Near Your Work" website - being updated by UMN Graduate Civic Leadership Program students -- any suggestions?
    3. [Elm Street Berm Update Report](#) (Steve P.)
    4. (tentative) Update on new proposal for mural on west side of 15th Ave. & Rollins Ave. (Parker S.)
    5. Potential proposal - Lighting on SW Corner of Van Cleve Park (Lila)
- c. New Business (10 min)



i. Meeting agendas

1. Lila - need to inform people about the schedule, reach out to people about priority updates

3. Adjourn 8:48 PM (2 hr 15 min)

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Note taker: Ben Brummel; Exec reviewed: 12/30/2020 ; Board Approved: \_\_\_\_\_