

## SECIA Board Training and Board Meeting – Minutes

Tuesday, January 5th, 2021, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/95711076017>

Board Members: Present -Jessica Focht-Perlberg (Executive Director), Ben Brummel, Holly Day, Thomas Weist, Jim Nyberg, Cody Hoerning, Karl Smith, Caitlin Johnson, Steve Peterson, Andrew Norton, Kathy Knudson, Greg Thompson, Lynn Anderson, Phil Roban, Quinn Oteman, Absent – Aaron Tilleson, Excused –

Other Participants: Lila Smith, Lydia Morrell (MN Daily), Katie Fournier (housing and livability committee), Thomas (?), Aryca Meyers (NCR Neighborhood Specialist ), DeWayne Townsend, Amenah Sage, Laura Schlotterback (intern), Linda Jeanguenin, Parker Smith, Mohamud Noor (City Council Ward 6), Wendy Mencken

### **Motions:**

- **Approve December 8th 2020 SECIA board meeting minutes**
  - Ben Moved, Thomas seconded
  - Board approved unanimously

### **Host February 2021 SECIA Board Meeting on Tuesday, 2/9**

- Karl--moved
- Thomas--seconded
- Board approved unanimously

### **Approve CPP Contract amendment —pending executive final approval**

- Thomas moved
- Cody seconded
- Board approved unanimously

Meeting Called to order at 6:36:

1. Introductions
2. Announcements

i. SECIA Town Hall Forum with city/county elected officials - Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020

a. Jessica gave update on SECIA Town Hall meeting with Cam Gordon, Angela Connelly on the updates to the Impacts 2021.

ii. “Reimagining Community Safety” virtual forum with CM Reich, co-hosted by CSCC Resident Board, Wednesday, December 16, 2020

b. CM Rich spoke on violence prevention and sharing community safety.

b. Upcoming Meetings/Events:

i. Jan. 8, 2021, 5:00 pm - SECIA Social Justice Study Club meeting (Quinn) Zoom meeting link: <https://umn.zoom.us/j/96832736711?pwd=SUt2Z2dJUkYkVkJESDR2a0tUTzhzZz09> link for the topic of discussion, Ibram X. Kendi's ted talk: [https://www.ted.com/talks/ibram\\_x\\_kendi\\_the\\_difference\\_between\\_being\\_not\\_racist\\_and\\_antiracist?language=en](https://www.ted.com/talks/ibram_x_kendi_the_difference_between_being_not_racist_and_antiracist?language=en)

ii. SECIA Town Hall Community Forum with State elected officials - Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021, 6:30-8:00 pm, Register for the Zoom meeting link: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0kdeCsrijkqGNyDOTxY8yMWF7z12ipiLIBH>

iii. SECIA Community Project/Joint Committee Meeting Night – Next meeting -- Tuesday, January 19, 2021, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Zoom video conference and breakout small group work group sessions

iv. Other Developments

3. Board Training Aryca Meyers

a. What is NCR and how does it relate to N'ds (Neighborhoods)

i. NCR is the Neighborhood and Community Relations department. It consists of Neighborhood Support Specialists, policy specialists, the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, the Census Project Manager, and Community Specialists.

ii Services provided: learning labs, radio programs, engagement planning, a Community Connections Conference, a newsletter, language access phone lines, the One Minneapolis Fund, and managing NRP/CPP contracts with neighborhood organizations

iii. NCR is the source of our CPP (Community Participation Program) money, the purpose of which is to identify and act on neighborhood priorities and influence city decisions and priority setting by increasing civic engagement and involvement

iv. Neighborhoods 2020 takes a racial equity approach to neighborhood a locations by creates four different funding pots: Citywide Neighborhood Network (base funding), Equitable Engagement, Partnership Engagement, and a Collaboration and Shared Resource Fund.

v. CPP contracts to Neighborhood Associations have been extended until July 1<sup>st</sup> to receive ½ their 2019 allocation. July 1<sup>st</sup> beginning of new program, and unspent funds will not be accessible. Neighborhood Priorities established before December 31 will be managed per their contract end date

vi. CPP admin/reserves can be placed in a Neighborhood Priority to be used until December 31, 2021

vii. July 1<sup>st</sup>, Neighborhoods 2020 starts, NOs to receive \$12,500 + Engagement January –June 2021:

CPP Admin Contract Extension	\$31,518
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July 1<sup>st</sup>:

Neighborhood Network Fund	\$12,500
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Equitable Engagement Fund	\$7,427 (up to)	Allocation (this is an application process, so you need to apply to receive the funds)
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b. Along with 2021 monies, SECIA has \$29,994.43 (Phase II Admin)

Remaining balance in CCP is \$30k-\$32K

Phase II uncontracted funds are not in danger of being lost

Phase III reserve funds \$6k

Roughly \$70K funds could be lost

c. PlanNet on Minneapolis neighborhood and community relations website

Phase II neighborhood action Plan Status site has funding and contract strategies

Funds that have not been contracted are on site

NRP money will be not affected by 2020 plan

\$31k is allocated for this year—has the potential to be lost on July 1<sup>st</sup>

d. Equitable Engagement in SECIA

How do we start thinking in these terms? Who lives in our community?

How can SECIA engage and welcome people not represented on board or in meetings?  
e. Don't worry about uncontracted fund in NRP, spend every dollar of CCP that we can in

this calendar year. NRP had an aggressive outreach because it was all about project that the community could use from a grass-roots perspective.

Jessica--1) could you share any recent examples of internal work neighborhood orgs can do to work to be a more inclusive and welcoming to all? Could you talk a bit more about "going out" vs. "inviting in?"

Aryca--We had a really strong renter's rights group in Lyndale that started going door to door to ask them what does safety feel like, and they discovered there were really bad housing problems owned by the same managements. Renter's group held meetings in Spanish every 2 weeks and some of the members became board members. All of the materials were translated into Spanish and those Spanish board members became mentors. Botineau has partnered with a housing complex in the neighborhood that is predominately Somali and they created their own residents council in the building. There are now 2 separate boards that would come together and have separate meetings.

Jessica--Could you expand a bit on what's meant by needing to do community outreach to "those affected" for proposed plan mods under \$25,000?

Aryca--Anything over \$100k has to go to NRP policy board. It would just be a robust community engagement and a vote to approve. When we talk about this NPP money to use for the whole year, it needs to exist within the world of CPP, so it has to be similar to what another neighborhood has had approved so that it doesn't need to be approved by the board in order to deal with the timeline.

Wendy—in her experience, if there is a pot of money that can be used in a time period, it brings people to the table. She recommends putting some of the CCP money in a outreach plan immediately so that by the July deadline, those funds will be allocated for outreach and the money for the second half of the year can be used for bigger projects.

Kathy—Where do administration costs come from?

Wendy—the bulk is coming from CCP funds, and we want to see if we can cover as much of this year with CCP funds as we can, since those have an expiration date. If we have grants coming in, we can pay staff-time for bigger projects. The vast overhead money is coming from CCP.

Lila—How do possible mural project and ongoing utility box wraps and the pollinator party and Good Neighbor Fund projects come under this?

Wendy—all of those projects are going to have to be looked at since neighborhood funds all need to come out of a specific pot, unless you put it under a neighborhood priority plan with a dollar amount. If we've got Good Neighbor Fund projects out there that require matching funds, do those need to be closed by June 30<sup>th</sup>?

Aryca—Probably. One way to avoid losing money is prepaying as many bills as you can—rent, electricity, etc.

4. Board Business

- a. Review and approve: [December 8, 2020 board meeting minutes](#)

**Motion: Approve December 8th 2020 SECIA board meeting minutes**

- Ben Moved, Thomas seconded
- Board approved unanimously

- b. Review 2021 Board Meeting Dates

---Move the dates to different night of the week to avoid conflict with financial reports—moving to 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month—everything else stays the same

--Wendy says it might conflict with other neighborhood associations if we move our date.

**Motion: Host February 2021 SECIA Board Meeting on Tuesday, 2/9**

- Karl--moved
- Thomas--seconded
- Board approved unanimously

- c. Hiring committee updates - Communications Intern, Gardening Intern

1. Ben is interviewing comm. intern next week
2. Would like to interview for garden soon
3. Kathy and Lila would like to be on garden committee but not chair it
4. Karl will chair garden

- d. Review: [CPP Contract Amendment and interim operational budget \(pending revision\)](#), Jan 1-June 30, 2021

1. M Expenses from 2020 and into 2021 as well as proposed budget into first half of 2021—pending executive final approve

**2. Motion: Approve CPP Contract amendment —pending executive final approval**

1. Thomas moved
2. Cody seconded
3. Board approved unanimously

3. Move we adopt

- e. Reimagining SECIA update

i. Neighborhood Priority Plan (NPP) brainstorming

1. Brainstorming for our first next step in outreach organizing campaign for medium term and shorter term programming that would have to be used up by December. Racial and equity planning and longer-term planning for funding and grant sources.
2. Karl—since we have a chunk of money we have to spend pretty quickly, would this be an opportunity to fast-track another intern? Get someone working on the imagining for community building committee?
3. Lila—perhaps we could do a survey to send out in the Comotion similar to what we did in the e-comotion and ask people what they

feel is needed in our community. It's difficult to engage with people in-person during COVID.

4. Ben—how specific do we have to be in these surveys?
5. Aryca—first thing is to get the neighborhood priority and the come up with a budget. Line items are pretty easy to change once you've made up a contract of neighborhood priorities. Plan and budget does not have to be super detailed. \$25k or less for a priority idea is simply a Board vote.
6. Lila—what about Quinn's discussion group? Do they have a budget for supplies for his group, and can we allocate moneys for those supplies? Is there a need there and could this be used for that? Since that is a racial justice discussion group.
  1. Quinn--I'm trying to see how my group would fit into this discussion as well, but I'm thinking I don't want to say for certain that I need money for this group.

Aryca—Equitable engagement does not happen in a vacuum, so we don't need to figure it out right now, but do a roundup to involve the community in discussion of how SECIA can engage the whole neighborhood.

Lynn wants to have a community meeting regarding the future of Tuttle School situation/future.

ii. Introductory discussion: report back on exploring future (financial/admin and issue organizing) collaboration potential with UDA neighborhood orgs (Jessica)

1. At a very early stage—no updates

## 5. Committee Updates

- a. Review committee structure in 2021, in light of Reimagining SECIA Initiative—Project Night Agenda lets people know about the breakout sessions based on projects—let Jessica know if you have any new proposals for the breakout sessions. We may have more and more meetings outside of project night as more projects take form.
- a. Reimagining Community Safety / Como Cares Work Group (Cody H., Andrew N.)

Cody--having a workgroup meeting January 14<sup>th</sup> on this subject helping people with mental health crisis and unhomed people. Multiple driveways and sidewalks were cleared by committee of snow for neighborhoods, and the goal of this committee is to help people experiencing crisis. Partnering with Southeast Seniors and other neighborhood organizations to expand this work and build community.

Karl—After the city cleared the streets, they blocked off the intersections to pedestrians with the streetcleaners. Need to bring snowblower again to clear access.

Lila—one year, the city had enough money that when we complained about the corners, the city came and cleared the intersection corners—maybe that's something that can be done by the city or by us.

b. Land Use & Development (Katie Fournier)

The e-commotion will have an article about inviting people to get involved with the land use and development committee and the purpose. Larry Crawford, Pat, and Katie met with Cam Gordon to push him on this committee to look at ways that the University district could be used to have different zoning regulations from the 2040 plan. Maybe we could have university neighborhoods that don't allow triplexes to be built in the neighborhood, for instance. Cam is going to get his group together and have some members of the city planning department to get a meeting scheduled.

Jessica—SECIA wants to partner with PTL to get people on a homeownership path. Katie—the housing conditions here are so different because they're not built for affordable housing for families, they're built as multiple units for students. Cam wrote Katie about a proposal for developments to limit the number of bedrooms a unit can have.

c. Environmental (Kathy K. / Peggy B.)

Environment committee did not meet in December, will meet January 26<sup>th</sup>. Primary part of next meeting will be about Metro Blooms and the Talmadge Triangle.

d. University District Alliance (UDA) - Katie & Jessica

UDA met in December 17<sup>th</sup> and had discussions about working on renter's rights and different ideas for issue collaboration and shared service models. Need to elect new officers for UDA.

Katie--the university staff person, Eric? Is moving onto some other job next month.

e. Projects - Gardens, Utility Box Wraps, etc.

Update on new proposal for mural on west side of 15th Ave. & Rollins Ave.

Cody says--Discussion has started discussions with railroad as well as some buildings in Marcy Holmes. Some renderings have been produced and initial feedback has been positive. Just need to move forward on the project and will hopefully finalize plans by the end of the week.

Update on MPRB Public Engagement on Van Cleve site improvements (Lighting, playgrounds).

Jessica—Julia Roessler said that they're still trying to engage more students in the neighborhood and 40% of the neighborhood is 18-24 and we need to have more feedback from that demographic.

f. Introductory discussion: Formation of steering group on SECIA engagement with the future of Tuttle School ([Kathy Knudson's proposal](#) and [Arneson MPS email](#))—Kathy sent a motion re: proposing Tuttle into a community center, a daycare center, and possible housing for seniors.

Ben--I see 0 harm in supporting plan so far as the people named specifically in the proposal either agree to being named or have their names removed.

Katie—I'm concerned that we might be too wedded to this idea and building when we don't know what the school board wants to do with the building, also has concerns about how many partnerships we would need to establish to make this a reality, not to mention zoning.

Ben wants to have the Land Use Committee to work on this project but not have this be the Land Use Committee's only project.

Wendy --Heritage Academy is out at the end of school year, and the district will mothball the building for now, and we don't have to have any ideas ready immediately because as a school building, the politics requires the district to have a huge community discussion before the building can even be sold to us. There's no need to panic about timing, because the district is dealing with enough with COVID and the past 2 years' district restructuring. 60% of students are being reassigned to new schools due to their redesigning, and they're not going to be ready to have conversations with us about the future of Tuttle for a while.

Ben would still like to continue to discuss this and putting a plan together.

Tom says he's not sure we can handle something this size

Kathy says that we would need to hire a contractor to implement much of the design since it is so big and complicated.

Lila --SECIA had a committee that met with the school Board reps when they were considering renting. They will sell the building and we can offer requests about the kind of things we might like.

6. New Business (10 min)

1. Writing a letter of support for the rapid transit bus going down Como. Quinn says he should draft a letter of our own of support—Andrew made one for CFCC already, but a second letter from SECIA would be good because then there's 2 letters. Deadline for letter is end of January. Quinn will have letter for review soon.
2. Jessica will send out updates on material not covered, including Cam Gordon's email.

7. Adjourn 8:47

SECIA Minutes January 5th, 2021:

Note taker     HD                     ; Exec reviewed 2/3/2021 ; Board Approved:

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