

## SECIA Board & Community Meeting – Final Agenda: Tuesday, January 11th, 2022, 6:30 – 8:30pm

### MINUTES: 1/11/2022

Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/93923944154>

(Agenda finalized by the Exec Committee 1/5/22)

Board members in attendance: Ben Brummel, President and Chair, James Nyberg, Steve Peterson, Greg Thompsen, Luke Nichols, Tom Weist, Scott Grewe, DeWayne Townsend, Larry Crawford, Grace Sweeney, Drew Swartz, Laura Schlotterback, Mark Sheldon and Eric Geisthardt  
Executive Director Jessica Focht-Perlberg

Meeting Called to order at: 6:30 p.m.

1. Introductions (3 min)
2. Review [SECIA Meeting Norms & Agreements](#) (2 min)
3. Brief Community Updates & Guest Presentations (up to 10 min; 2 minutes each for routine updates/Q&A, depending on number present) - *invited guests include*:
  - a. SD60 Senator Kari Dziedzic, 60A Representative Sydney Jordan, 60B Representative Mohamud Noor (if available)

**Kari commented on her support for replenishing the unemployment fund, and for allocating funds to affordable housing, tutoring to assist students disadvantaged by Covid, youth employment, and to encourage home ownership.**

- b. MPD Second Precinct Representative and/or UMPD Community Engagement Team (CET) Representative (if available)
- c. Van Cleve Park – Mike Fox (if available)
- d. Park Commissioner – Billy Menz (if available)

**Billy commented that MPRB is also developing programs to facilitate summer youth employment.**

- e. City Council Members – Elliott Payne, Ward 1; Robin Wonsley Worlobah, Ward 2 (if available)
4. Announcements (up to 5 min)
  - a. Meeting/Event Reports:
  - b. Upcoming Meetings/Events: (Jessica - share in Chat)
    - i. **Land Use & Development Committee**, Wednesday, Jan. 12th, 7:00-8:30pm, [Zoom meeting registration](#)
    - ii. **Neighborhood Chat at Van Cleve**, Thursday, Jan. 13th, 4:00-5:00pm (weather permitting)
    - iii. **Community Project Night**, Tuesday, Jan. 18th, 6:30-8:00pm, [Zoom meeting registration](#)
    - iv. **SECIA Environment Committee**, Tues., Jan. 25th, 6:00-7:30pm, via [Zoom meeting link](#)
    - v. **SECIA Town Hall Community Forum with Senator Dziedzic, Representatives Jordan and Noor**, Thurs. Jan 27, 6-7:30pm, [Zoom meeting registration link](#); [Click HERE to add any topics/questions you'd like to hear about!](#)
    - vi. **Reimagining SECIA & Racial Equity Work Group**, Tuesday, Feb. 1st, 6:30-8:00pm, [Zoom meeting registration](#)
  - c. Other Developments: (Jessica)

- i. TBD in February: SECIA Town Hall Community Forum with new city & county elected officials; check back at [secioma.org/calendar/](https://secioma.org/calendar/) for forthcoming details & meeting links
- ii. Discuss: MPRB / Van Cleve public art installation - basketball court mural project sponsor opportunity - 1/18 Project night breakout?
  - 1. [12/21/21 email from Colleen O'Dell, MPRB](#); [MPRB Outdoor Court Mural Interest Form](#); [Full and Partial Mural Examples handout](#)

Jessica reported that funds available from MPRB could partially fund a mural on the resurfaced Van Cleve basketball court, and that the SECIA portion of funding might be obtained from the U's Good Neighbor Fund, which will have \$65,000 available to the five neighborhood associations in 2022.

- iii. 2022 UMN - Good Neighbor Fund grant program updates; Call for new SECIA representative to succeed Wendy Menken as GNF Committee rep
- 5. Brief Committee Updates (up to 10 min) – Up to two (2) minutes per update
  - a. Reimagining SECIA & Racial Equity Work Group (Jessica, Work Group members)
    - i. Equitable Engagement & Racial Equity work group update
    - ii. Governance & Finance work group update

Jessica reported plans to engage university off campus living to coordinate a culturally related event at Van Cleve Park later in the year.

- b. Como Cares Work Group (Jessica)
  - i. Update: Call for volunteers: for Como Cares leadership & next steps on 2022 Como Cares - Good Neighbor Fund grant project
- c. Land Use & Development (DeWayne T. / Pat E.)
- d. Environment & Gardens: (Kathy K. / Peggy B.)
  - i. Update: Gardens (Lila, Kathy; garden interns, if present)

Kathy reported plans to hold a Sustainable Living Fair at Van Cleve on May 14, which may also include a garden tool exchange.

- e. Tuttle Ad Hoc Committee (Kathy K., Katie F.)
- f. University District Alliance (UDA) (Jessica, Katie F.)
- g. Projects - Gardens, etc. (up to 2 min. Per project update; up to 10 min)
- 6. Board Business (up to 20 min)
  - a. **Review and approve:** [December 14, 2021 board meeting minutes](#) (Steve) (2 min)  
The Board approved the minutes of the December Board meeting.
  - b. Financial reports: (3 min)
    - i. Of note: December's accounting reports, *SECIA December 2021 YTD Financial Report; CPP Draw #42 Budget*, will not be available until the February 8th board meeting, due to the Bookkeeper's need to reschedule the monthly SECIA finances meeting to 1/12/22.
    - ii. 2021 Payroll report (Jim Nyberg) (3 min)

Jim reported that the total 2021 staff expense, Executive Director and interns, was \$63,000, up from \$47,000 the previous year, and that SECIA had the equivalent of five interns throughout the year.

- iii. Review [Nov. 2021](#), [Dec. 2021](#); [Q4 2021](#) CEE Housing Program reports (Luke / Jessica) (2 min)

Jessica reported that under the CEE home loan program three SECIA-sponsored home loans were closed during the year and a fourth is in progress, likely to close in the current quarter.

- c. [Comprehensive 2022 SECIA budget](#), Recap, Q & A (7 min)
- d. Review: upcoming Board training schedule: (3 min)
  - i. Review: [CURA Equitable Engagement / Neighborhood Leadership training](#): for all SECIA Board, staff, core volunteers: Part I (virtual, 2 hours): (*awaiting final confirmation - Saturday, January 22, 2022, 10:00am-12:00pm, via Zoom*); Part II (in person, 3 hours), TBD spring 2022, outdoors

Ben reported that the board's CURA training is scheduled for January 22, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00.

ii. Board social & strategic planning - February?

- e. Staffing updates (3 min)
  - i. Formation of next hiring committee - Communications/Community Building Intern (Ben/Jessica)

Ben invited board members and other interested persons to join him on a hiring committee to select an intern for the community building position.

7. BOARD TRAINING: NCR Neighborhood Liaison, Aryca Myers / new policy updates (up to 50 minutes)
  - a. [Aryca Myers powerpoint presentation](#)

Aryca summarized the duties and obligations of board members, highlighting the need to provide operational oversight and to focus on building community. Funds available from the City for the current year consist of \$20,000 in neighborhood base funding and approximately \$13,000 in funding targeted to equity engagement initiatives. Selected portions of Phase II NRP legacy funds are also available for operations, although a portion must be devoted to housing-related programs.

8. Board Discussion: 2022 Priorities Planning Primer (Part I) (Jessica & Ben; full Board) (up to 20 minutes)
  - a. Review highlights of SECIA's 2022 Equitable Engagement Plan ([table](#) and [narrative](#)) (approved by Board, Oct. 2021 and by City/NCR, Nov. 2021; *please read/review before 1/11/2022 meeting*) (Jessica)
  - b. Brief Survey: SECIA priorities and equitable engagement
    - i. What do you see as our 2022 priorities? (List 2+)
    - ii. For the priorities you identify, share an idea for equitable engagement first steps

Ben led a discussion of the board's priorities for the coming year. Three topics were highlighted: 1) the need to further engage renters and diverse racial and ethnic groups in SECIA, 2) a variety of measures that would enhance neighborhood livability, and 3) promoting greater neighborhood participation in SECIA-sponsored community events.

9. New Business (up to 5 min)
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10. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

SECIA Minutes January 11th, 2022:

Note taker Steve Peterson; Exec reviewed 2/2/22; Board approved: \_\_\_\_\_