



**District 10 Community Council Board Meeting
Historic Street Car Station
1224 Lexington Parkway, St. Paul, MN 55108
Tuesday June 19, 2018
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

I. Call to order

Chair Ryan Flynn called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm

II. Board introductions

Present: Laura Jo Busian, Ryan Flynn, Haley Fruen, Mike Ireland, Cari Ness Nesje, Tim Post, Amy Perna, Rebecca Calvo, Annie Huidekoper, Thomas Coburn, Cody Zwiefelhofer, Olivia Mulvey Morawiecki, Maggie Zimmerman

Absent: Anne Hartman, Adina Florea Weseman, Dunette Combs, Melissa Liu

Staff: Michael Kuchta

III. Review, amend agenda:

MOTION: *Approve the agenda (approved by acclamation)*

IV. Community section

A. Special presentations

Chia Lor, District 1 Community Council, shared how D1 is reaching out to young people in the neighborhood through the board's Youth Council. The goal of the program is to provide leadership, engagement opportunities, and to elevate youth voices in the neighborhood. The board has set up a youth program committee, a youth council, and a young mentor's group. Some projects undertaken so far include an open mic night, a speakers series, and mural painting. D1 is looking into collaborating with St. Paul Public Schools on the project and is looking into securing grants to fund the effort.

The board received an update from Rick Oknick, director of operations of Spring Café and Delicata. Delicata will close during the State Fair, then will offer a small lunch menu when it reopens. Spring Café is adding weekend brunch, considering what to do about winter hours, and revamping its music calendar.

B. Board chair report: Ryan Flynn reminded members that the ice cream social is July 13.

State Fair drop off event update from Amy Perna: Huge success. 1,100 cars, last year 800. 46 small engines, 55 bikes, waiting to hear how many trailers of refuse were collected. 78 volunteers helped out.

C. Treasurer's report: Anne Hartman is absent, her report will be sent out later.

D. Other community concerns: None

V. Board Business Section

A. Minutes and financial reports

MOTION: *Approve May 2018 meeting minutes and financial report. (Ness Nesje/Zwiefelhofer) passes*

B. Officers' report: Ryan Flynn: The board retreat will be held at Delicata on June 28 and will include a review of board responsibilities, legal and financial considerations, bylaws, equity, rules of order, and general conversations. We'll also discuss the Equity Grant. Board leadership meets for a retreat later this summer.

Committee updates

Environment Mike Ireland reports that at the May 30 meeting the committee heard from a city public works representative on fall leaf clean up. The committee is looking at a new focus on leaf clean and is identifying resources, timing, and a possibly partnership with the watershed district. Another storm sewer mural will be painted at the lake soon, and a rain garden analysis training will take place soon.

Land use Maggie Zimmerman says the board had a lively, and respectful, conversation about TCGIS and St. Andrews at its last meeting. Details are in the committee's minutes. Meetings will be held in coming weeks on discussing expanded parking options in D10 because of the Hmong Festival and MN State Fair.

ACTION ITEM: *District 10 Como Community Council supports a sound variance and extension of service area variance on its liquor license for Gabe's by the Park during its Mini Mingle event on July 28, 2018. Passes*

ACTION ITEM: *Submit a letter of support for this variance request to appropriate city departments in advance of the June 20 public hearing. Passes*

Neighborhood Laura Busian says the committee is interested in investigating the possibility of some sort of railroad crossing along Jessamine where it's reported that children are crossing the tracks on a regular basis.

Staff report: Michael Kuchta says his work is detailed in his report in the board packet

E. New business

Michael says this year's COPP Grant includes \$4,724 for smaller projects. Some potential ideas that leadership has discussed: web hosting fees, Constant Contact, website consultation, mobile broadband for live web streaming meetings, trees for the Como Woodlands area, ice cream social supplies, neighborhood relations welcome packet and post cards, Neighborhood Honor Roll tickets, and perhaps money for an architect to offer ideas in TCGIS/St. Andrews situation.

VI. Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm by Ryan Flynn.

Respectively submitted by Tim Post. These minutes are not official until approved.

Como Community Council: Officers Meeting

July 11, 2018 (6:30 p.m. Cozy's)

Present: Ryan Flynn (chair), Amy Perna (vice chair), Tim Post (secretary), Michael Kuchta (staff)

1. Events

- **Ice Cream Social** (July 13). Humphrey Job Corps Center is donating ice cream again this year; Delicata is donating tub of gelato; Bethel Lutheran is paying for toppings and non-dairy options; Cozy's is supplying coolers of ice water and a golf cart.
We have tables for 8 organizations: Como Composts, St. Paul Public Works to talk about coordinated trash collection, Lyngblomsten, Block Nurse program, Park Bugle, Como HS booster club and girls' Ultimate team, North Dale and NW Como rec centers, Job Corps Center. Tim will check with Pathways committee members to see if anyone wants to conduct surveys. We also have a request from Save Historic St. Andrews; officers decided that because the request just came in on Tuesday, there is no time to route it through to committees and full board for input. Michael will send email declining request.
- **West Parking Meeting** (July 16). Land Use will hold meeting and Mount Olive Lutheran to gather resident concerns in the existing State Fair Overlay District.
- **ComoFest**: In addition to the ice cream social, other organizations are holding events on July 13, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28. See www.comofest.org for details.
- **Stop for Me**: A safety and enforcement demonstration will be held either Aug. 8 or 9, 4-5:30 p.m., and the Como/Nagasaki intersection, near Como By The Lake apartments.

2. Community

- **Festivals**: We received minimal complaints about either the Back to the 50s or Hmong Festival. But issues with staging of cars, noise, parking and fencing remain. Officers suggest D10 get a seat at the table earlier in the process for both events in 2019.
- **Twin Cities German Immersion School**: Still awaiting report and/or decision from school board.
- **2040 Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan**. Michael encouraged officers to read initial draft of city plan (he will send link or PDF of document). After quick skim of document, he recommends at least three areas we should pay attention to:
 - **Neighborhood nodes**: Plan designates Lexington and Larpenteur, Dale and Maryland, Como/Front/Dale, and Como and Arona. He suggests that we question why Como and Arona, instead of Como and Snellilng; and why Lexington and Front is not included.
 - **Opportunity sites**: Plan identifies no opportunity sites in D10. He suggests upgrading Como/Front/Dale, and adding Energy Park.
 - **Parks**: Plan notes that research suggests that different demographic groups have different expectations of park and recreation space. Whites tend to be more comfortable with natural or less managed environments; people of color tend to prefer more structured landscapes and activities. He suggests that D10 investigates what this might mean for management of Como Regional Park.
- **Pathways project**: Tim reports that survey is ready to go in four languages, and is already active online. Committee will be signing up for time slots to do in-person surveys. Hope is to have surveying done before State Fair and report done by October.

3. Communication

- **Social media policy.** Ryan hopes to draft this month, bring to board in August.
- **Website rebuild.** Michael and Tim will plan to begin investigating different platforms (such as Wix or Square Space) and transfer of files this fall.

4. Financials

- **Fund-raising.** Amy reports the volunteer is still creating an address list. She hopes to have a revised survey ready for discussion at the leadership meeting, and to conduct fund-raising campaign in November. Depending on scope, postage costs may be a challenge.
- **COPP Grants.** Based on discussion at June board meeting, Michael submitted grant applications before June 29 deadline. He will craft action item for board to authorize spending.
- **Fiscal agency.** North Dale Booster Club is requesting that D10 serve as fiscal agent so they can participate in Toys for Tots distribution this December. No money is involved; only paperwork. Item will be referred to NRSO.

5. Organizational Business

- **Equity grant activities.** This will be focus of leadership meeting. Ryan likely will host; he will send Michael potential dates to send out as Doodle poll. District council staff are exploring potentials for board and staff training to share, including on implicit bias and cultural competency. Staff of North End, St. Anthony Park, and Como have unofficially agreed to serve as cohort. Councils will have to submit work plan with specific goals and activities they intend to pursue. First plan will be through June 30, 2019; second phase of grant will cover calendar year 2019. Michael will send officers the report from “pilot project” that six district councils did in 2017. Activities vary widely, and feedback on going through formal process they used was mixed, though most speak highly of the value of developing an “investment rationale.”
- **Board retreat debrief.** Consensus was that casual setting – sitting in discussion circle of chairs rather than at tables or in more-structured set-up – contributed to a productive and active discussion on topics and helped on personal level, too.
- **Board Meeting July 17:** We’ll have two guest presenters: Joshua Kiley from Ramsey County Elections, and Abdiwahab Ali from the city, speaking about new process for Capital Investment Budget. There are no action items from committees. There will be action item on COPP grants.
We have a request from the state’s Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Network (Annette Kuyper) to present at a future meeting. Michael will forward email.

6. Staff Report.

- Michael reported that the community engagement project he has been working on with other district councils will present at a policy session of the City Council on July 18 at 10 a.m. Several D10 board members participated in the project. He will share the report with board members.

Next meeting: Aug. 8

District 10 Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2018 at 7 pm

STANDARD ITEMS

- **Call to order**
- **Committee member and guest introductions**

Present: Mike Ireland, Erin Dooley, Mike MacDonald, Andrew Gustin, Dawn Lamm, Bill Niebur, Jim Coffman, Tom Wrobel, Mary Rosch, Gory Robel, Q Nguyen, Thomas Coburn, Michael Kuchta, Lucia Hunt

- **Approval of previous meeting minutes and this agenda draft**
- **District 10 board meeting summary**

- Adina, Cari, Thomas, Michael and Mike

Highlights:

- “Friendly” Competition with the Hamline-Midway Environmental group to see which district can increase their adopted drains by the greater percentage over a year. Hamline University may be able to assist in the tabulations as well as impact on local environments due to adoptions. Suggestions: perhaps having a table at the ice cream social to advertise the contest and/or allow people to sign up on-site.

Site: <https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/public-works/sewer-utility/stormwater/adopt-drain>

- Quentin Nguyen (Q, with the beautiful corner garden on Lexington, just north of the golf course) presented his vision of seasonal gardens along an eight block stretch of Lexington from Larpentuer south. Each block would have four gardens with native plants, and each would also have flowering plants that bloom at different times throughout the summer (late spring, early summer, mid-summer, late summer/early fall). He has eight on board so far. Current budget: \$3000, subject to change. There were suggestions as to types of plants, sources of volunteers for the kick off, and perhaps creating rain gardens from the boulevards, as well as how to package the project so that it is manageable and easy to understand (maps, proposed numbers of plants, overall cost, etc.).
- Sky Rise Bronze Bee sign. The mock-up looks good, and has a QR code linking to information.
- Second Storm Sewer Mural is complete. Original has also been touched up. Both are now sealed.
- D10/CRWD Rain Garden Analysis: about 20 people came to the event. They analyzed several proposed sites. Goal: 30 gardens by 2020.

GUEST DISCUSSIONS

- **Hamline-Midway Environmental Group “friendly” competitive challenge**
- Lucia Hunt

Adopt a storm drain program is trying to get people to take ownership of storm drains – trash, leaves, sticks, etc. The Hamline-Midway area has around 10% of their drains adopted by neighbors to keep them free of such debris.

They are challenging us to a competition to increase the number/percentage of adopted drains. If we are interested in doing the competition – perhaps percentage increase in adopted drains over a year long period? Perhaps July 1 for a start date, then touch base next July to see who won. Hamline University is currently tracking the D1 storm drains, and may be able to do the official tracking for both. Also, Andrew may be able to design an app filter to track ours.

It’s on, like Donkey Kong. The group is in agreement that we should move forward, although we don’t have a quorum, so we couldn’t officially back it. Q noted that a clear

street and drain adds to the curb appeal of houses. We may be promoting the competition at the Ice Cream Social, if we get the initial count before then.

- **Lexington Boulevards Beautification Project.**

- Quentin (Cue) Nguyen

The project grew out of his love of Como, and the conservatory. There are 20 boulevards from Montana to Larpentuer where there could be ½ block long gardens, 20 total, with easy maintenance, beauty, and seasonal, native, pollinator-friendly plants that are naturally designed to overtake weeds. City code governs that plants can't be over 18" on the boulevards. Q's project involves native plants with no pesticides or herbicides. The flowers would bloom one after the next all summer long – one lot at a time, plus there would be non-blooming plants as well.

The current goal is \$3000, this may change. Michael let Q know that D10 can act as a Fiscal Agent – if he receives grant money, it can go through us.

Home owners can volunteer their boulevards and either take care of them from May to October, or there could be a group of volunteers that could help to take care. However, the goal is to have very low maintenance plants that would not need much maintenance by design – low watering need, etc. It would lead to stronger community relations, and not rely on city resources. There is also the chance of student volunteers from Murray to sponsor the gardens – environmental class and/or National Junior Honor Society.

He already has 8 home owners committed to the project, with several waiting to make up their minds for a final decision, and some renters waiting to hear back from the home owners. He may begin without all 20 properties, and then add houses as the project takes hold.

Dawn suggested adding features that would have them double as rain gardens, and also had advice to help pollinators and have fall clean-up easier. Q will be having the boulevards lower than the sidewalks to start. Prairie Restoration and Metro Blooms may be able to help out with this if there are neighbors that are interested. Q is also interested in maintaining the ability to walk on the boulevards.

Michael suggested putting the details (specific plants/cost, which ones will go where, how many are needed, when will they be planted, map etc.) into list format so that we can begin looking for donations, volunteer groups, etc., as well as outlining benefits – rotating blooming, helping for pollinators, etc.

INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Volunteers needed for our District 10 ice cream social**

Mike passed the sign-up list.

- **Spring Cafe gardens requesting someone to be a garden steward - Mike Ireland**

Erin has volunteers, but not to the level of bi-weekly or monthly upkeep; but could have several students that can come to a spring or fall clean-up.

- **Lake Como aeration information signage - Teri Alberico**

- **Sky Rise Bronze Bee sculpture sign - Dawn Lamm**

Mock-up of the bee high rise sign with basic information and QR code to lead to the website. The goal is not to fill the sign with words, but highlight the beauty of the bronze

bee, linking it to the bee high-rise, and the QR code to lead them to more information. Still looking for a professional photographer for the final pieces of the signage. There will also be information about the plants around the Streetcar Station and integrated pest management.

- **Updates**

- Second storm sewer mural installation on June 23 -- Rain delay day was needed. The artist also touched up the first painting, and they are both sealed to protect them.
- District 10 June 23 co-sponsorship with CRWD on the rain garden analysis – about 20 people came to this event (approximately half of those who signed up). Once everyone figured out how to do the analysis, it went fairly quickly. Some (many??) of our boulevards are too narrow or shady to be good sites. The goal is 30 gardens installed before the grant runs out in 2020.
- 2040 St. Paul comprehensive plan ([Draft of Plan](#))
 - Open houses were held June 9 and June 12. Was anyone able to attend? Nobody was able to attend, but Michael has been looking through the document. One item that may come across our agenda in the future: How we use parks for the community; particularly for new immigrants. Do we need to look more at how we use parks – more scheduled events/programs, perhaps the way-finder info and/or CWOC QR codes?
- Parks and Rec pruning education event on June 19. Was anyone able to attend? No
- Capitol Region Watershed District will soon be able to present the monitoring info to the community.
- Lucas Koski Saint Paul Lawn Art Fund project – He has funding for this project, and will, perhaps, update us in the near future. This project is for art installations in front yards.
- Greenway Glow fundraising event on July 28 ([click to register](#))

- **Miscellaneous Stuff**

- Reaching outside the Environmental committee for community involvement
- \$400 discretionary budget

- **2018 committee initiatives and project planning**

Encourage replacement of pesticides, herbicides and other chemicals in lawn and garden maintenance: Through awareness and education, advocate a reduction of environmentally harmful pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers and promote ecologically friendly alternatives. Teri and Eric

Initiate improved recycling options in parks and other public spaces: Work with Parks and Rec and other organizations to improve community and visitor awareness and correct participation in recycling in parks and public spaces through education and process improvements. Eric, Teri and Thomas

- New recycle bins placed around the lake!

Explore options to fight the growing chloride threat to Como Lake: Work with the golf course management, Parks and Rec and the CRWD to improve water conservation and filtration. Maybe Gordy and Dawn would be interested in this?

Pursue improved leaf-clearing initiatives to fight the growing nutrient threat to Como Lake: Leaf sweeping, collection and street sweeping in the fall to optimize the timing, method and prioritization within D10. Andrew, Adina and Mike

- Consider partnership with the CRWD and then engage Public Works
- Tree database letter requesting “exclusive intended use for this project, the contact name and number, the exact area needing mapping/data, and a statement that you will not use or share the data outside of your project”

Discussion included looking at how small the Como Lake watershed is, and requesting a second sweeping for that area only – it could maybe done in a half-day? Perhaps this second sweeping could be partially funded by Cap Region?? Perhaps asking the City if they will do a second sweep if we up the “adopted” drains by a certain percentage?? Also – Michael found out that there is a data base with boulevard trees that could help to identify when some trees would be dropping leaves, and including prevailing winds and slopes.

Establish a neighborhood "pollinator friendly" garden tour

Erin. Maybe Mike MacDonald and Dawn and Bill would be interested in this? The file folder has been found. Julia Brokaw may be able to lead tours. Dawn and Bill would be able to facilitate this. There is also a Citizen Science class at Murray this year, so there is an option for student volunteers. Also: Wildlife Corridors.

COMMUNITY SECTION – a time for anyone’s input or concerns

PARTNER UPDATES

- **Como Connect** - Bill Devroy, Julie Wegscheid, Dawn Lamm and Mike Ireland
- **Como Woodland Outdoor Classroom** - Teri Heyer and Susan Jane Cheney
- **Como Park Pathfinding subcommittee** - Teri, Andrew and Michael
- **The Mapping Tool** (comopark.info) - Andrew Gustin
- **Churchill Gardens** - Erin
- **Como Organic Compost Subcommittee** – Michael
- **Capital Region Watershed District** - Mike MacDonald
- **Como Active Citizen Network** - Janna Caywood
- **Como Lake Pollinator Garden** - Angie Sechler
- **Como Community Seed Library** - Dawn Lamm
- **Clean Energy Resource Team** – Bill Devroy
- **Master composter/recycling program** - Teri Alberico
- **Midtown Greenway** - Mike Ireland
- **Transition Twin Cities** - leveraging resources and people

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **July 13** District 10 ice cream social from 5:30 to 8 pm

ADJOURNMENT

- **Next Meeting:** July 25 at 7 pm (last Wednesday of each month)

Land Use Committee - District 10 Como Community Council – 6/26/2018
(July) - Agenda

1. **Call to order 5:32pm Present:** Maggie, Cody, Michael K., Rebecca, community members

2. **Amend/Adopt Agenda - Moved by acclamation - unanimously approved**

3. **Land Use Voting Procedures Reminders**
Members of D10 are allowed to vote on land use issues - pink cards will signify your voting ability.

4. **Speaker: Elizabeth Stiffler – StP Traffic Engineer – Como by the Lake Signage/Crossing**
 1. Looked at Como/Nagasaki traffic counts and data and it did not meet the criteria of needing a full three-way stop sign.
 2. Also concerns for pedestrian safety at that intersection area:
 1. July 2014 survey had 7600 cars on Como Blvd between Nagasaki and Rose streets.
 2. Nagasaki considered minor intersection; 3k cars on EB Nagasaki.
 3. Only 10 crashes in 10 years; need 5 crashes in 12 months to get stop sign.
 4. Volume criteria were met (for car traffic).
 5. Average car speed requirements did not meet.
 3. Steering committee is looking at changing the criteria for needing a new crosswalk at 20 pedestrians per hour (avg)
 4. Lowered speed limit on Como from 35 to 30.
 5. Pedestrian count has been ordered.
 6. Also talked about the Como/Como/Como intersection. Signage was changed in 1981 and 1985 with confusing instructions, no names attached. And in 1986 it was changed as well “due to volume” which doesn’t make as much sense today. It was brought up that Como Pl used to cross the railroad tracks, and in the 80s the crossing was removed, which would explain that.
 7. Proposal is to replace Yield sign with Stop sign. Remove stop sign at the bus stop. To make where the road is less confusing, proposal is to put in center stripe/other striping to make the throughway clearer. (Before fall)
 8. Question about removing parking nearby Como On The Lake to make sight lines easier from pedestrian walkways at Como/Nagasaki — may implement that
 9. Talking to Como On the Lake people about making that parking lot behind the building for any visitors - no on-street parking for visitors

10. Implementing a Stop For Me Event on that intersection
11. Talked about getting pedestrian counts on a Saturday during summer and during Fall weekday
12. **Off-topic question:** 75% of residents need to petition to get parking permitting needed, and also survey needs to be done at at least 8 block faces need that demand in a region — excludes businesses. Still working out some details at city council level.

5. Ongoing Business

1. Lexington updates

- ◆ *Date of crosswalk project start?*

This fall is a likely timeline; not during the busy season.

- ◆ *Resurfacing project timelines*

Because we are in busy season this probably won't happen until after Labor Day.

2. State Fair Overlay District

- ◆ *Follow up on Monday 6/25 meeting for expansion area*

See notes from the parking meeting for more information.

- ◆ *Consider forum for those west of Hamline in current overlay*

Stay tuned for date, sometime in July.

3. Hmong Festival Parking

- ◆ *Follow up on Monday 6/25 meeting*

See notes from south parking meeting for more information.

4. Como Dog Park

- ◆ *Meetings second Tuesdays of the Month @ Delicata Basement*

Next meeting is second Tues in July: July 10th.

- ◆ *Primary desired location is space north of Humane Society, P&R land used as a sort of machinery junkyard right now. Parks invited to next Dog Park meeting*

Wednesday June 27th at 4pm there's a walkthrough about the primary site.

6. Neighbor Concerns

Neighbor brought up concern that people don't stop at stop sign at Como/ Maryland northbound on Como because the stop sign is so small.

Also brought up car drivers who drive and park too close to pedestrians and walkway in the driveway at the 727 Front High Rise. Sidewalk driven on and is very narrow. Not public sidewalk it's property sidewalk. Wanted to engage public housing and figure out a way to improve pedestrian safety.

7. Coming events

1. July ComoFest

- ◆ *July 13th 5:30pm Ice Cream Social @ Streetcar Station*

- ◆ *July 13th 9pm North Dale Movie Night*
- ◆ *July 20th 2-8pm Lyngblomsten Mid-Summer Festival*
- ◆ *July 21st 8am ComoFest 5k Run/Walk (Block Nurse Program)*
- ◆ *July 22nd 10am-2pm ComoFest Art Fair @ Spring Café*
- ◆ *July 27th 6:45pm NW Como Movie Night & Campout*
- ◆ *July 28th 11am Community Appreciation Picnic @ Topline Credit Union*
- ◆ *July 28th 1-5pm Gabe's Mini Mingle*

8. Adjourn - 7:00pm

NOTES FROM PARKING MEETINGS 6/25
Como Park Lutheran Church and Gabe's By The Park
Total attendance: 24

North Meeting

Observations and Concerns

- Traffic and parking are moving east on busy days: past Fernwood and even Lexington. However, the area designated for one-sided parking is too large.
- Overflow parking from shuttle lot at New Life Presbyterian Church is clogging Milton and sometimes California. This congestion causes safety concerns turning onto Larpenteur.
- This is a problem in many parts of the neighborhood; there are safety problems and sightline problems trying to "get out" of side streets and turning onto major streets.
- Many seniors feel homebound during the Fair.
- On some blocks, residents take up free parking by putting their own cars on the street.
- Some blocks embrace lawn parking; some have a culture of discouraging it. Expanding the overlay district brings more problems than it solves (trash, late-night noise, etc.). There is too much pressure on neighborhood – why should we be the ones expected to solve it?
- Fair seems to have cut back on the number of trash cans it places in the neighborhood.
- Peddlers camouflage criminal activity: example – peddlers placing fliers on cars often are trying to see if car doors are open.

Solutions

- Restore car pool discounts at Fair parking lots.
- Offer admission discounts or other incentives for people who travel to Fair by means other than private automobile.
- Try pilot projects, such as forbidding left turns during the Fair, or setting up a system of one-way streets (including unloading areas).
- Police should patrol area with mounted or bike patrols.
- Saturate the neighborhood with lawn signs with safety messages.
- Saturate pedestrian routes near the Fair with safety flags.

South Meeting

Questions

- Who reviews permitting process for Hmong Festival? Is it time to take fresh look at it?
- What is the process required for any of the parking changes under discussion?

Observations and Concerns

- Map should expand potential overlay district to area between RR tracks, too. What is proper area for one-sided parking?
- The east side of the park is far more congested than the west side.
- The park has done a lot to increase use: pool, music, rental of picnic areas and Streetcar Station, runs and walks, etc. Combined with TCGIS, it means year-round parking and congestion issues in Warrendale.
- A lot of visitors to Hmong Festival are from out-of-town. Hmong festival lacks designated parking places for handicap vans and for vendors.
- Hmong festival should place more trash cans in neighborhood.
- This part of neighborhood has a lot of dead-end streets and less street and alley infrastructure than west of park. Cul-de-sacs need one-sided parking, or true “resident only” parking during festival.
- Allowing overlay parking puts extra sets of eyes on the street to prevent mischief.
- On Lexington restriping: Is left-turn lane onto Wynne long enough? There should be more warning signs about lane ending.

Solutions

- On northbound Lexington Parkway at RR bridge, install bollards or jersey barriers to keep traffic from getting too close to low edge of bridge.
- Put “low clearance” warning signs on Lexington south of Front, on Front east of Lexington, and on Energy Park west of Lexington to alert trucks and give them time to avoid bridge before it’s too late.
- Hmong festival needs to post more signs about how to get to shuttle lot.

District 10 Como Community Council
Neighborhood Relations, Safety, and Outreach

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018 @ 7:00pm

Como Streetcar Station

I. OPENING

- A. Call to order (7:05pm)
- B. Introductions: Laura Busian, Olivia Morawiecki, Mike Ireland, Sarah Wein, Jennifer Grilliot, Daniel Sarasti, Michael Kuchta
- C. Approval of Minutes from 6/2/2018 NRSO Committee Meeting
 1. Unable to officially approve; no quorum
- D. Approval of Agenda for 6/26/2018 NRSO Committee Meeting
 1. Unable to officially approve; no quorum
- E. Summary of 6/19/2018 D10 Board Meeting (Laura, Haley, Dunnette, Mike and Michael)
 1. Spring café
 - Going well, getting through initial kinks
 - No espresso; trying not to make same mistakes as Dockside
 2. Presentation from D1 Youth Council (ext. of Community Council)
 - We are not in a position to start one right now, but there's interest for this and something we should think about for the future
 3. Equity Grant from City of Saint Paul
 4. Land Use Meeting
 - Approved Hmong Freedom Fest Variance
 - Approved Gabe's sound variance

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

- A. Minute Recorder
 1. Volunteer needed (SPW)

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2018 Event Schedule Update
 1. Ice Cream Social – Friday, July 13 (5:30pm – 8:00pm)
 - Need a few more volunteers, esp. cleanup
 - Laura will talk with Melissa about toppings, tip jar, etc, and purchase toppings
 - Use two tables for toppings (this was a bottleneck last year)
 - Face painting only (there were options for add. Entertainment) at \$80/hr
 - Reached out to Como Park Coaches, hopefully they come (soccer? Ultimate teams?)
 - Lawn Games – Laura will send an e-mail to D10 Board and NRSO committee to see who has games they can bring
 - Sponsors are still coming in – Michael will print after he knows
 - E-mailed elected officials, we have a short list of RSVPs
 - In the future, how can we better reach out to groups that we

don't connect with enough to make sure they know about this event? (minority groups, apartment buildings, public housing, etc)

- Flyer distribution - flyer looks fantastic! NRSO committee members will distribute as many as possible
2. National Night Out – Tuesday, August 7
 - Starter Kit will be created by Haley and Jennifer
 - Will have table tent design ready by July 20th for Michael to print
 - Have kits ready (tent and drinks) a week in advance of NNO
 - Use police list of block club leaders that have signed up with the police as official to sign up for kit
- B. Current Initiative Update
1. Healthy Aging Partnership (Michael)
 - Still moving forward, but meeting wasn't overly productive
 - Still figuring out the goals of the group
 - Next meeting is July 31st
- C. Other Event/Initiative Updates
1. Haley was not there to discuss the September social?
- D. Long-Term Initiatives
1. Equity
 2. The Next Generation
 3. Welcome Kit

IV. NEW BUSINESS

V. NEXT MEETING

- A. Currently set for Tuesday, August 7 @ 7:00pm
1. Same night as National Night Out; we will reschedule this meeting – look for e-mail from Laura

* Meeting unofficially adjourned at 8:20pm