



**District 10 Community Council Board Meeting  
Historic Street Car Station  
1224 Lexington Parkway, St. Paul, MN 55108  
Tuesday March 20, 2018  
7:00 PM  
MINUTES**

**I. Call to order**

Chair Ryan Flynn called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

**II. Board introductions**

Present: Laura Jo Busian, Ryan Flynn, Haley Fruen, Mike Ireland, Melissa Liu, João Medeiros, Cari Ness Nesje, Tim Post, Maggie Zimmerman, Kevin Dahm, Joseph Mueller, Dunette Combs  
Absent: Erin Dooley, Amy Perna, Debra Pursley, Adina Florea Weseman, Jon Heyer  
Staff: Michael Kuchta

**III. Review, amend agenda:**

**MOTION:** *Approve the agenda (approved by unanimous consent)*

**IV. Community section**

- A. Board chair report Ryan Flynn discussed the annual meeting and elections coming up in April.
- B. Treasurer's report Amy Perna is absent; the treasurer's report in the March board packet.
- C. Other community concerns None

**V. Board Business Section**

A. Minutes and financial reports

**MOTION:** *Approve February 2018 meeting minutes and financial statements. (Dahm/Fruen) Passes*

- B. Officers' report Ryan Flynn discussed the latest on the committee membership, the potential purchase of a standing desk for the D10 office, a survey to gauge the prospects for fundraising and what kind of work community members would support, the equity grant, and consideration of a social media policy.

**MOTION:** *That D10 continue its pilot project of streaming meetings in April and May 2018 (Post/Mueller) Passes*

Committee updates

**Environment** Mike Ireland presented the environment committee's report, which is available in the board packet.

**Land Use** Kevin Dahm reported a Shalom Home update, the creation of a working group to look into a dog park, the new carousel at Como Zoo, the demolition of a home at 1060 Avon, and the results of the Lexington crosswalk survey.

**MOTION:** *Send the issue of D10's position on the Lexington Ave crosswalk back to the Land Use committee and draft an action item based on input of the board. (Ness Nesje/Liu) Passes*

**ACTION ITEM:** *That the Como Community Council create an off-leash dog park work group to explore the feasibility of creating a dog park or exercise area in D10. The work group will report to the Land Use Committee. Initial members of the work group will be Alexis Baker, Jeanne Baumann, Matthew Hall, Joan Heinen, Susan Janda, Brian Lebakken, Lynne Menturweck, Anna Mosser, Emily Pohl, Debbie Prokopf, David Stolzberg, Anne Thom, and Sarah Wein. Passes*

**ACTION ITEM:** *Moved, that District 10 support the minor variances requested to convert the decommissioned fire station at 1290 Snelling Ave. N into a single-family residence. (Dahm/Ness Nesje) PASSES*

**Neighborhood** Melissa Liu report updated the board on the committee's last meeting, the Sunday Series, the results on garage sale survey, long-term initiatives for the committee, collaboration ideas with other district councils, the latest on a welcome kit for new neighbors, updating the D10 map, and a new crime prevention booklet.

**Staff report:** Michael Kuchta reported on a State Fair overlay work update, the Metro Deaf School's plans to move, the plans for Mac's Fish and Chips new building with Dunkin' Donuts, and the latest on the Twin Cities German Immersion School's expansion.

#### E. New business

Committee assignments end soon, so new assignments will be coming.

**MOTION:** *D10 cease participation in the Amazon Smiles program. (Medeiros/Ness Nesje) Passes*

**MOTION:** *(laid over from February) Add to Article IV, Section 3 of By-Laws: "However, the partial term served by a member of the Board who fills a vacancy pursuant to Article IV, Section 6 is not counted for purposes of this term limit." Passes*

**MOTION:** *Authorize the chair of District 10 to sign an engagement letter with Harrington Langer and Associates (Medeiros/Dahm) Passes*

**VI. Adjourn** Meeting was adjourned at 9:19 pm by Ryan Flynn.

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

## Como Community Council: Officers Meeting

April 11, 2018 (Gabe's by the Park)

### 1. Community

- **State Fair projects.** Michael met April 3 with representatives from Ward 4, Ward 5, State Fair, Saint Paul Police, Saint Paul Fire, Parks Security, Department of Safety and Inspections, Planning and Economic Development, and Public Works. Discussed concerns reflected in the Action Items passed at our January meeting. It was eye-opening for many in the room to hear about the different layers of authority and jurisdiction that make a consistent approach difficult. On specific issues:
  - **Peddlers:** Libby Kantner from Ward 4 and Michael will meet with city attorney's office to get up to speed on legal issues and case law involved in potential enforcement. Cost and limited staffing is a challenge in getting reliable enforcement. Relying on police may be best option.
  - **Parking enforcement:** Libby Kantner and I have begun conversations with Pam Barragan and Julie Maidment from Saint Paul Police about uniform standards for street parking violations.
  - **Other enforcement.** We should work with DSI on language regarding what is allowed for signs and other promotion of off-street parking. DSI could insert this into a pre-enforcement letter distributed in the parking overlay district and to nearby businesses and institutions.
  - **One-sided parking.** Public Works will determine cost estimate of installing additional signs. District 10 needs to begin public engagement in the two proposed areas to gauge support or opposition by residents. Any new additions would have to be contiguous. If change is not made this year, we should do traffic counts before, during, and after State Fair to provide data for our position.
  - **Expanding parking overlay district.** There is concern about the risks of opening up the zoning code for this. However, could be part of a larger discussion citywide about parking for the soccer stadium and other large events. Formal process would require going through Planning Commission (probably Transportation or Neighborhood Committee) before going to City Council. District 10 should begin direct engagement of residents to determine support or opposition.
  - **Shuttles.** State Fair does plan an additional transit hub, but 2019 is not a definite date. Fair officials question District 10's estimate that 3,000 additional spaces are available in Energy Park and Como neighborhoods.
  - **Traffic calming.** Public Works has no process for installing traffic-calming measures for events.
  - **Bike access.** Council Member Samantha Henningson added this to the list. Believes better access for bicycles needs to be discussed and settled in time for build-out of Grand Round along Como Ave. in 2020. Also encouraged Fair to surrender additional space or vehicle parking for more bike racks. Officers suggested that D10 identify streets that have one-sided parking during the fair and propose a network of temporary bike lanes to make travel through the neighborhood to the Fairgrounds safer.
- **Lexington corridor.** In response to board discussion in March, Land Use is bringing motion to April board meeting to oppose crosswalk as proposed.
- **Como / Front / Dale.** City is likely to install pedestrian-activated crossing signal on Dale at Jessamine. Will use some of the money it saves from not eliminating designated right turn from Como onto Front.

## 2. New Business

- **Dog Park Work Group.** Held first meeting April 10.
- **Twin Cities German Immersion School.** Lots of discussion in community since we reported school's plans to expand by tearing down old St. Andrew's church building. School has had at least one meeting with nearby residents. Land Use is willing to make school's expansion the focus of its May meeting. Uncertain where that meeting will be held, as Streetcar Station may lack capacity for large crowd. School staff and parents have letter-writing campaign to D10 and Council Member Brendmoen urging support of school's plans.
- **Aging in Place.** Michael attended initial meeting March 27 hosted by Ramsey County about establishing a Health Aging coalition in Como and Falcon Heights. Lyngblomsten, Block Nurse Program, and several congregations were present. There is interest in continuing discussion. Next meeting is April 24. This topic will be sent to Neighborhood Relations, with request to make a recommendation to the board on D10 involvement and how that would take place.

## 3. Financials

- **Bookkeeper.** Transition to new bookkeeper is underway; we are waiting for delivery of checks to make this complete.
- **Equity grant.** Michael and other district councils are lobbying city to change policy so we can be reimbursed for food when it is used for community outreach. Still not sure when contracts will be available.
- **Fund-raising.** Amy obtained addresses from 2013 individual giving. That only netted about \$300. She is hoping to go through last couple of years' worth of sign-in sheets to get contact information for more-recent activists (this will require volunteers to do data entry). We also can obtain lists of voters for about \$45 from secretary of state's office. As a tool for outreach, Amy is drafting a survey so we can assess highest areas of interest of residents. She will forward questions to officers and Cari Ness Nesje for feedback. Goal is to use electronic and paper versions of survey at listening sessions in rental communities, coffee shops, restaurants, and other locations. Once we know results, we can make tiered ask: with XX amount of money, we can do this; with XX + XX, we can do more. Facebook offers opportunities to use "geo fencing" that can focus ads on users in D10. Ads can be used to raise awareness, be educational, do lead-up to a giving campaign, or even include a donate button. Tim has working knowledge of how to build this.
- **Standing desk.** Amy obtained workplace health grant of \$300 from Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce.
- **Snow removal.** Costs are way over budget for snow removal at organics recycling site. Michael will ask contractor not to do any more this season. We may need to shift some COPP money to cover extra expenses.
- **Amazon Smiles.** We have cancelled participation in program.

## 4. Communication

- **Live streaming.** March meeting had 587 total views (although battery died in the middle of meeting). Having microphone and changing location of camera was improvement. Next challenge: monitoring feed so we can respond to questions from audience (this is especially important because Facebook encourages people to post questions). May need to designate a board member to watch feed and ask questions as they come up. Tim estimates that if we do this long term, it will require an additional investment of

\$200-\$500 for equipment such as a microphone, stand, long power cord, and wide angle lens.

- **Survey policy.** Any policy has to come down to common sense. If it is a potentially sensitive topic, we need to take more care in wording, make sure more people review it, let more people know in advance that it's coming.
- **Social media policy.** Michael shared an extensive policy that is in place in District 5; addresses staff and board presence on social media platforms. Ryan hopes to review it and suggest what can be adapted for our use, but it will be at least a month.

#### 5. Organizational Business

- **Elections.** We have 15 candidates for 8 positions. (4 others dropped out after filing) Ryan will appoint interim committee chairs after election results are known.
- **Annual meeting.** Amy will give report. Ryan will not have special year in review, though he hopes to write an article for the two local papers.
- **Board meeting.** Land Use is bringing action items on Accessory Dwelling Units, a Parking Overlay District for Hmong Festival, and the Lexington Crosswalk.
- **Future presenters.** May: City of Saint Paul 2040 Comprehensive Plan (Lucy Thompson). June: District 1 on establishing a youth council (Chia Lor). Future: Matty O'Reilley (Delicata and Spring Café) / Police Civilian Internal Affairs Review Commission

#### 6. Other Business

- **Board meetings.** Length of meetings is a concern. Potential solutions: Move starting time of meeting up to 6:30. Set firm adjournment time; any agenda item that has not been discussed is moved to the following month. Cut length of committee reports: limit them to business that needs to come before the board; otherwise, refer to written committee reports for details.
- **Board retreat.** Will shoot for June or July.

## District 10 Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2018 at 7 pm

### STANDARD ITEMS

- **Call to order**
- **Committee member and guest introductions**
- **Approval of previous meeting minutes and this agenda draft**

MSA

#### Highlights/To Do:

- Climate Generation workshop – attended and recommended by Dawn and Bill
- Friends of the Mississippi is funding a second storm sewer grate art installation
- City wide Nature Challenge coming to CWOC on April 28<sup>th</sup>
- Como Community Seed Library - seeds and experts @ Streetcar Station May 5<sup>th</sup>
- Rain Barrel workshop May 19<sup>th</sup> @ TCGIS
- Rain Garden Program workshop June 23 @ Streetcar Station
- Churchill Gardens – There will be a spring spruce-up and opportunities to sign up for summer upkeep. Erin has contacted the garden club and will share date/s.

- **District 10 board meeting summary**

- Adina, Erin, Cari, Laura, Michael and Mike

- There are 8 open seats on the D10 board. The process is fairly streamlined.

- The D10 meetings are on-line, live and archived

- We are no longer doing Amazon donation service

- The fire house may be transformed into housing

- Shalom home continues to hit roadblocks in their efforts to remodel/re-build. Tear-down is probably not an option. It is the largest abandoned space in the city.

- Dog park sub-committee – having their first official meeting next Wednesday.

Present: Bill Devroy, Mike Ireland, Andrew Gustin, Adina Weseman, Bill Niebur, Dawn Lamm, Erin Dooley, Eric Odney, Susan Jane Caney, Mike McDonald, Michael Kuchta, Bill Devroy, Cari Ness Nesje, Teri Aliberico

Mike spoke eloquently on the passing of Courtney Ryan and the many things that she did for her community and those around her. Bethel will be installing a stone in her memory, the Watershed District has made a donation in her name. There may be a clean-up event in her honor this spring/summer. [Courtney Ryan's Obituary](http://qctimes.com/news/local/obituaries/courtney-jane-ryan/article_f0808307-7532-5f01-ac2b-0f4685d29468.html) from the Quad City Times: [http://qctimes.com/news/local/obituaries/courtney-jane-ryan/article\\_f0808307-7532-5f01-ac2b-0f4685d29468.html](http://qctimes.com/news/local/obituaries/courtney-jane-ryan/article_f0808307-7532-5f01-ac2b-0f4685d29468.html)

### PRESENTATION

- Any presentation suggestions or topics you would like considered?

### INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Climate Generation's Talk Climate Institute** - Dawn and Bill  
March 12-13 at Wilder Center

Around 70 participants.

Attended by Dawn and Bill. Climate science, how people react to it, where the money goes, comparison of different areas/neighborhoods, perspectives.

The workshop wrapped up with a story telling slam of people telling their climate stories. NPR Story Corps was also in attendance, as were people who could connect attendees with legislators/committees to enable communication. Link to find information who to contact: <https://www.gis.leg.mn/iMaps/districts/>

The networking was very powerful. There were a wide range of perspectives – youth, residents from past-glacier areas, Aveda corporation member, etc. They are interested in a convening at D10. Climate Generation has offered to assist in the set up of this.

- **Building Resilience to Heat Waves and Extreme Precipitation:** How should St. Paul build resilience for weather and climate-related hazards? May 12 by application approval only (<http://ecastonline.org/climate/saint-paul/>)

- **Participation in district council meetings with mayor's office** - Erin, Laura, Cari, Bill D and Mike

Still waiting to hear back about this group.

- **German Immersion School's rescheduled listening session** on efforts to create a sustainable building and related finances

The current plan from the school is 3 sections per grade. We may or may not be contacted re: environmental impact. All issues are being funneled through Land Use.

- **Friends of the Mississippi River second storm grate mural** - Mike

Grant application and our letter of recommendation has been submitted. The grant was approved. Same artist as last year. Current target: June 9<sup>th</sup>, the same day as the neighborhood clean-up, back up day is June 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

Nothing new at this time. Lindsay or Jessica from the city will be reaching out to us with more information; from there, we can move forward.

- **Como Active Citizen Network** - Mike

2018 new initiative - Salt: Balancing the impact to the lake with safety

- **Sky Rise Bronze Bee Sculpture Sign** - Dawn Lamm

- **32nd Annual Citywide Spring Cleanup**

April 21 9 - 11:30 am

- Facebook:

[https://www.facebook.com/events/1774444419261571/?notif\\_t=event\\_calendar\\_create&notif\\_id=1519758450577886](https://www.facebook.com/events/1774444419261571/?notif_t=event_calendar_create&notif_id=1519758450577886)

- Register at:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1zZij6v2oTvPtEHARIRikTqAWCvLlOYmz7RSXZJN-B4M/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1zZij6v2oTvPtEHARIRikTqAWCvLlOYmz7RSXZJN-B4M/viewform?edit_requested=true)

- **Worldwide "City Nature Challenge"** - Susan Jane Cheney

April 28 from 9 am to 4 pm at the CWOC

There will be representatives from the advisory group. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event of Citizen Scientists getting together – it is a competition between 60 cities. There is training available in iNaturalist and eBird. Michael will do e-blasts on both the event and the app trainings.

There are still opportunities for eco stewards in the Como Woodland. Link to apply for Ecostewards: <https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/parks-recreation/natural-resources/volunteer-resources/ongoing-volunteers>

- **Como Community Seed Library** - Dawn Lamm

May 5 from 11 am to 2 pm at the streetcar station

Mosaic is coming up. Teri will be on hand as the master composter, there will be master gardeners, soils expert, and a few others who have seed and gardening wisdom to share.

Volunteers are needed! If you volunteer you get first crack at all of the information. They also need volunteers to grow out some of the seeds – focus on a few plants, return a percentage of the seeds. There will also be a gift certificate to Egg Plant. [Como Seed Library facebook page with info.](#)

There will be a seed library pop up on Earth Day.

- **Rain Barrel workshop** - Mike MacDonald

May 19 from 1 to 3 pm at the German Immersion School

Look for the e-blast for more information. Volunteers will be needed on the 18<sup>th</sup> to move the barrels. Teri has volunteered her garage for storage right next door. There are 40 barrels, but more people can attend the info session.

- **District 10 co-sponsorship with CRWD on the rain garden program**

June 23 from 9 am to noon at the streetcar station.

This is moving full speed ahead. Info will be in the e-news blast and on the website, as we get closer to this event.

- **Sunday Series Update**

3/18 St. Paul Proposed Pedestrian Safety Plan

4/15 Crime Prevention Through Landscape Design at the station

6/3 Como Park Tree Trek meets outside the Como Pavilion

- **Miscellaneous Stuff** - Mike

- Reaching outside the Environmental committee for assistance

- **Review of suggested 2018 initiatives** from our last meeting

How do we monitor, share the burden, what/why/who/when for each of the initiatives – we do not need to do each of these, we are only the steering committee. There are items from the list that will become an integral part of the committee, others will be ad-hoc only, or become part of our partner updates.

Mike will send the list via email as well.

**COMMUNITY SECTION** – a time for anyone's input or concerns

**PARTNER UPDATES**



- **Como Connect** - Dawn Lamm and Mike

Communications coordinator is being phased in. The current planned date is October 13<sup>th</sup>. Monthly meetings continue.

- **Como Woodland Outdoor Classroom** - Teri Heyer and Susan Jane Cheney
- **Como Park Pathfinding subcommittee** - Teri, Andrew and Michael
- **The Mapping Tool** ([comopark.info](http://comopark.info)) - Andrew Gustin

There are two main areas of focus – survey and pathway analysis (maps, app info, etc.). Completion of initial phase: June 30. From there, there will be a more full report.

- **Churchill Gardens** – Erin

Erin will reach out to the group to see if there is a goal day for a spring spruce up.

- **Como Organic Compost Subcommittee** – Michael

Ruts galore. Michael continues to add gravel to them. Gates are fixed. The gate company thinks that perhaps the gates are being hit/pushed during pick-up. The gate company has been repairing up until now, but this will not continue.

The organized trash will, ultimately, take the place of the organics site. We are currently about 6 months past the date when the organics site was set to wrap up.

- **Capital Region Watershed District** - Mike MacDonald

They are set to move in October. Star Tribune article on the new site:

<http://www.startribune.com/hot-property-capitol-region-watershed-district-headquarters-in-st-paul/472235913/>

- **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
- **Extend the Greenway** - Mike - Campaign Kickoff on Thursday, April 5, at 6 p.m. at Anne Sullivan community school  
Registration is full
- **Transition Twin Cities** - leveraging resources and people

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 21** Citywide Spring Cleanup: 9 - 11:30 am at the Pavilion
- **May 5** CCSL's Green Thumb Kickoff: 11 am - 2 pm at the station
- **May 6** Yoga, 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the station
- **May 19** Rain barrel workshop: 1 - 3 pm at the German Immersion School
- **June 9** St. Paul City Wide Drop Off: 8 am - 1 pm at the fairgrounds
- **June 23** CRWD and D10 Rain Garden Workshop: 9 am - noon at the station
- **Spring** Storm Grate Mural painting at the east parking lot on Lake Como
- **Fall** Como Community Parade

## ADJOURNMENT

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

## Land Use Committee - District 10 Como Community Council – 4/9/2018

1. Call to order 7:01pm  
Present: Kevin Dahm, Maggie Zimmerman, Jon Heyer, Joe Meuller (committee members); Michael Kuchta (staff); approximately 25 residents and speakers.
2. Amend/Adopt Agenda – Approved
3. Request from residents to allow lawn parking during the annual Hmong Festival
  - a. David Kehborn – Churchill St
    - i. History of parking over the last 20 years, but in the last 2 years there has been enforcement
    - ii. 12,000 people come for two days
    - iii. Residents look out for all the new people in the neighborhood, do some clean up, etc
    - iv. Money generated from parking often funds their Neighborhood Night Out
    - v. Resident requests overlay for just his four-block area
    - vi. Board discussed that it would appropriate to expand this potential overlay region to include area from Pierce Butler to Horton/Nagasaki and Lexington to Chatsworth on the east side of the festival grounds, and Hamline to Snelling and Wynne to Midway(?) on the west side of the festival grounds.
    - vii. Board offered reminder that overlay parking areas are still subject to neighbor approval, so no one could park cars without consent from their immediate neighbors.
  - b. Move to support the effort to create parking overlay zone for the Hmong Festival and work with the city/neighbors on details. PASSED**
4. Accessory Dwelling units – Jamie Radel (Saint Paul Dept. of Planning and Economic Development)
  - a. Public hear on April 20<sup>th</sup> to consider whether to change city zoning to include Como in neighborhoods that would allow ADU.
  - b. Supporting documents provided
  - c. Any separate buildings require a separate plumbing connection – applies to stand-alone but not to any ADUs that are attached. Area-to-lot ratio remains the same. Same setbacks as apply to garages. ADU vs Duplex: For ADU, you have to live on the property and you have to fall into the “one family” definition.
  - d. Staff recommendation is that this be citywide
  - e. Lida Gilbertson – Advisor for aging in the city. ADU can be a source for additional income, can provide housing for care-givers. There has been growth in family inter-generational living in the past 10 years. Also, groups of older adults are seeking out ways to live with friends in modified homes; this could be a solution.
  - f. Motion to support the inclusion of ADU within the Como Park Neighborhood and citywide. PASSED**
5. Metro Deaf School move to 1125 Energy Park Drive – Susan Lane Outlaw
  - a. Serve 30 school districts around the metro, 100% special education.

- b. 1125 Energy Park has been mostly empty for 5 years. Buses would use parking lots and not be in streets. More staff than average school, and there is sufficient parking for increased staff.
  - c. First charter for deaf students in the US. Active research site. School districts place students with MDS.
  - d. Used to be a battery-making site – lots of site clean-up has already happened, some additional venting systems are planned. One-page letter from Environmental Engineer on venting for residents if desired.
  - e. Nearly all students are bused – no concerned about traffic backup on Lex or Energy Park. School can accommodate entire fleet of transport vans in their own parking/dropoff area.
  - f. Request of support from council for a request for HRA bonding for up to \$16m to buy and renovate property for long term home for MDS and grant from Department of Economic Development for cleanup of site.
  - g. Motion to provide letters of support from the Land Use Council. PASSED.**
6. Hamline/Larpenteur redevelopment for Mac’s Fish and Chips + Dunkin Donuts – Hung Ly
- a. Combine Macs + drycleaner lots to build one single building that houses a DD on one side and Macs on the other. Drive thru window for DD.
  - b. Neighbor concerns about alley traffic increases
    - i. suggestion to make alley one-way north or to post for no thru-traffic.
  - c. Question about potential environmental clean-up under dry cleaners.
  - d. Support for redevelopment of that corner, support for reducing the current 3 ingress and egress locations down to one, as planned by developer.
  - e. Support for front-facing look of building and use of lot
  - f. Significant neighbor concerns that queuing of cars for drive-thru would block lot entrances and Hamline. Additional concerns about drivers stopping on Hamline southbound waiting to turn into lot.
    - i. Suggestion to flip location of Mac/DD in order to create more queuing space on the premises
  - g. Motion to support conditional use permit providing [PASSED]**
    - i. builder creates more backup capacity for drive thru lanes on the premises**
    - ii. exploration of one-way alley for egress north to Larpenteur**
7. Lexington Parkway Crosswalk in Como Regional Park
- a. Residents concerned from safety perspective - traffic coming from the north can see, but residents coming from the south come over the hill and don’t have sufficient reaction time before crosswalk.
  - b. Residents concerned there is no stopping time for cars coming over the hill to stop before rear-ending cars stopped for pedestrians.
  - c. Residents concerned about safety. Look at bigger plan to includes sidewalks on the west side of Lexington.
  - d. Concern about “vertical curve” on Lexington just south of proposed crossing - dangerous to put a crosswalk at the bottom – bad sightlines for vehicles and for pedestrians



# Como Park District 10's Neighborhood Relations, Safety, and Outreach Tuesday April 3, 2018

## **Agenda**

- Call to Order – 7:07 p.m.
- Attendance: Melissa Liu (chair); Mike Ireland (board member); Jennifer Grilliot, Sarah Wein (community members); Michael Kuchta (staff)  
Board members absent: Dunnette Combs, Haley Fruen, Debra Pursley  
Because of lack of quorum of board members, no official business can take place

## **Administrative**

Melissa informed committee that her term ends this month; she is seeking re-election but there is no guarantee she will win or be re-appointed chair. If she is re-elected, she expects to take a few months away for maternity leave. Debra is not seeking re-election.

## **Old Business**

### **A. 2018 Events Schedule Update**

1. **Yoga.** Currently, D10 is planning Sunday morning yoga only once a quarter – in part because we get limited free use of Streetcar Station, because we need to apply for insurance waivers, and because budget did not anticipate more sessions. Darcy Rivers investigated whether sessions could take place more frequently under Parks and Rec jurisdiction. If they were scheduled as Parks activity, Parks would contract with instructor and schedule classes (though it is not clear where they would have to be held.) D10 would not need to take out liability insurance. Consensus is to file that information away, but to continue to hold classes quarterly this year. People seem to like the time, the lack of long-term commitment, the multiple skill levels, and the affordability.
2. **Yard/Garage Sale.** Price will remain \$15. Registration can start anytime. We will provide publicity through newsletter, website, and other usual channels. In addition, we will investigate setting up Facebook group that only sellers can access to post their own publicity and updates. Also will investigate promoting on Craigslist (though listing can get buried in a hurry). We will make multiple versions of signs that sellers can download as PDF and print on their own. Need to talk with Debra about how she does map and be able to pick up that task once she is off committee. Map will be posted as PDF on website.
3. **Community social.** Haley has confirmed with Blackhawks that we can again hold event at Orchard Park on June 3. Details need to be worked out. Michael will check on availability of chairs and tables through park district.
4. **Ice Cream Social.** Friday July 13, 5:30-8 p.m.
  - 4.1. Michael has request into Kemps for ice cream donation. Still needs to find a face-painter and talk with golf course about donating jugs of water and use of golf cart to make site more accessible for visitors with mobility issues.

- 4.2. She Shells are available to provide music. Fee: \$150.
  - 4.3. Tables: Likely will keep organizational tables on east side of building, but need to remind organizations that sun can be difficult in early evening. Mike Ireland will provide list of possible organizations to invite. Also will extend invitation to all local elected officials and announced candidates. Music. Members liked having solo musician instead of band; Jennifer will ask neighborhood resident Lisa Kane if her duo, She Shells, is available this year.
  - 4.4. Revamping set-up. Outside, we will investigate moving vendor tables from east side to north side, to get them out of sun and make them more accessible to visitors. Inside, we will investigate flow to reduce length of lines; this could include moving toppings to a separate table and reducing number of toppings.
  - 4.5. Having helpers who can deliver water and ice cream to vendors at their tables.
  - 4.6. The possibility of stamping hands once someone has received ice cream to reduce repeats; also making clear to servers what appropriate serving size is.
5. **National Night Out.** Tuesday Aug. 7.
    - 5.1. NNO kit will be offered to every block party (old and new) that registers with Western District. Kit will contain:
      - 5.1.1. lemonade and iced tea (for food safety reasons, this will have to be bottled, not powdered)
      - 5.1.2. sleeve of compostable cups and compostable bag
      - 5.1.3. table tent featuring District 10 information (and attempting to capture email addresses)
      - 5.1.4. D10 crime booklet
      - 5.1.5. simple fact sheet for NNO organizer to fill advocacy role.
    - 5.2. Will set aside \$200 from committee budget; hope to be able to use equity grant money for larger outreach to rental communities.
6. **Neighborhood Parade.** Jennifer met with Como Park HS booster club. School is hoping for Homecoming at end of September, but may not know date until June at the earliest, possibly as late as August. Is that enough time to plan? Will we be able to do real outreach to schools and others during summer? Are there other ways to support high school? Jennifer will attend May booster club meeting; we may get more clarity after that. Otherwise, will still investigate a detached parade – perhaps a people-powered parade, or “parade of species,” which could tie in with zoo.
7. **Sunday Series.** “Crime Prevention through Landscape Design” is set for April 15.
  8. **Community policing.** Como Park Lutheran Church is holding a presentation April 4. Jennifer will attend and report back.
  9. **Budget.** NRSO's line items in the 2018 budget are:
    - **Como Fest and Neighborhood Days** - majority of these costs are covered by fees from other participants.
    - **Rental Outreach and Equity Initiatives** - \$1100 for an organizer (60 hours at \$20/hour) paid for with COPP W4 grant, \$5,100 for equity work (likely will not cover food) paid for with Innovation Grant from the city (note: this grant has not

been approved yet and no work can start until it has), \$1500 for outreach work paid for with SHIP Grant (not this grant application has been submitted, status is unknown)

- **Ice Cream Social** - \$1200 for supplies (non food), entertainment and bike racks paid for with Community Engagement Grant from the city.
- **Other Initiatives** - \$400 for whatever other events you want to do (some of your ideas are listed above) paid for with money from the D10 bank account - unrestricted. It would include covering the costs for: Neighborhood Social, Crime Prevention Activity, Como High School Homecoming, New Neighbor Welcome Letters, Garage Sale, Possible Parade, Block Club Kits, Yoga, etc.

## **B. Long-term initiatives**

1. **Equity.** Darcy Rivers sent links detailing types of facilities in D10. These include 1 outdoor basketball court (at Northwest Como), 2 sets of tennis courts (at North Dale and Orchard), and 6 playgrounds. There seems to be a disparity in the availability of low-cost facilities. Now that we have the data, what do we do about it? What do facilities cost? Is the need for additional or a different set of facilities real or perceived? How are decisions made at Parks and Rec? As a start, should we invest in our own gaga ball pit?
2. **The Next Generation.** We could benefit from getting teens involved, learning about their issues, concerns, ideas. What's the best way to do this – bring them into one of our meetings for a dialogue, hold a forum in one of the high schools, etc.? District 1 has a youth council; we could learn from their experience. Michael will invite them to present to full board this summer. Committee members will do initial outreach to local high schools: Como Park Senior High (Melissa), Great River School (Jennifer), Hmong College Prep Academy (Sarah), Metro Deaf School (Michael).
3. **Welcome kit.** New map is finished. Michael will draft welcome postcard. Committee will continue assembly promotions, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.