



**District 10 Community Council Board Meeting  
Historic Street Car Station  
1224 Lexington Parkway, St. Paul, MN 55108  
Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2017  
7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**I. Call to order:**

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

**II. Board introductions:**

Present: Debra Pursley, Amy Perna, Tim Post, Jon Heyer, David Sorenson, Maggie Zimmerman, Erin Dooley, Mike Ireland, Darius DeBoer Massoudi, Adina Florea Weseman, Brandon Heffron, Melissa Liu, Wesley Farrow

Absent: Kevin Dahm, João Medeiros, Melissa Finnegan

Staff: Michael Kuchta

**III. Review, amend agenda:**

**MOTION:** *Approve the agenda. (Sorenson/Heffron) Passed.*

**IV. Community section:**

A. Special Presentation -Dan Marckel and Rich Herriges from the Como Regional Park Advisory Committee gave board members an overview of the committee's history, purpose and current work with St. Paul Parks and Rec Dept.

B. Board chair report: Chair Ryan Flynn Ryan says the parking variance from BZA has been approved for the Metro Deaf School. The Hmong College Prep Academy's request to not install a sidewalk along Wynne Ave has been rejected by the city. The school will appeal the requirement.

The Neighborhood Honor Roll celebration is Jan. 27.

A letter drafted by D10 has been sent to BZA, we expect some response in the future.

The next recycling drop-off event is scheduled for Oct. 7.

C. Treasurer's report: none.

D. Other community concerns: none.

**V. Board Business Section**

A: Minutes and Financials:

**MOTION:** Approve December 2016 meeting minutes and financial statements.  
(Pursley/Sorenson) Passed (Abstention Massoudi)

B. Officers' report: Ryan Flynn has made committee assignments: Weseman and Zimmerman to Environment. Masoudi to Land Use. Farrow to Neighborhood.

Website update: Amazon still looks like a good option, with the possibility of six to 12 months of free service based on D10's web traffic. The current site is still working.

Michael recently discovered D10 was being charged for a second phone line, and will be refunded for several months of payments.

Several purchases made at the end of the year, including new signs for outside D10.

At the D10 leadership meeting, officers discussed planning another leadership meeting after board elections in April. Chair Flynn reminds committees that it's time to figure out their work plans. In coming months the D10 officers will be drafting election rules to incorporate preferential voting.

C. Committee updates:

-Environment chair Mike Ireland recapped the trouble with pick-ups at the compost site during the holidays. Committee members will take turns resupplying bags at the site instead of only Michael taking on that task.

Environment and Neighborhood Relations are exploring working together on a garden tour event.

Mike met with the new pastor at Bethel Lutheran about how the church might be involved with the committee's work. Mike also met with the Como High principal for a similar discussion. The next Environment committee meeting is Jan. 25.

-Land Use chair Kevin Dahm is absent, but Jon Heyer reported the last meeting didn't have a formal agenda for lack of a quorum of members. The committee heard about the Metro Deaf School receiving their variance, and Hmong Prep not receiving theirs. The new owners of Gabe's are in the process of transferring a liquor license from previous owner. Members received an update on what Como High will do during its field reconstruction and renovation. The committee is looking at locking down a date for a meeting on State Fair parking this summer. The committee's next meeting is Monday Jan. 30.

-Neighborhood chair Melissa Liu says she posted a message to Facebook to try to get more neighbors engaged in the committee's work. The committee is exploring a comprehensive community plan to check off what D10 has done. Members are also exploring fundraising, discussing how and how much D10 should work to raise. In 2017 the committee will work on creating tightknit communities, and issues such as pedestrian safety and crime prevention. The ice cream social will happen again this year, but the committee has decided to end the pancake breakfast. Other ideas for events this year: A D10 sponsored 5K, block parties, and a neighborhood parade.

Melissa also reports that an Alina Health grant is now available that offers \$7,500 to \$10,000 for community efforts to assist people have access to health eating, and healthcare.

D. Staff report: Michael offered more details on the Sanimax compost site pick-up problems. The Sunday series is shaping up for the coming year. Neighborhood Honor Roll celebration is on Jan. 27. Michael continues to hear feedback on St. Paul's new recycling system, and he's working on end of the year financials. City staff recently told Michael they couldn't find nine months of D10

rent payments, but then found the checks had been applied somewhere else. Michael also got word that the new owners of Gabe's are asking for some modifications on their liquor license.

E. New business: D10 board member Darius DeBoer Massoudi wants to see more business development in Subdistrict 4. He would like to see D10 advocate for re-development in the neighborhood to increase its walkability, livability, and economic viability.

**VI. Adjourn** Meeting was adjourned 8:59 pm.

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

## Como Community Council Officers Meeting

February 1, 2017, Historic Streetcar Station

The meeting began at 7:03 pm.

Present: Joao Medeiros, vice chair; Tim Post, secretary; Michael Kuchta, staff.

### Events

- **Sunday Series.** Details continue to take shape: State Fair History with general manager (and District 10 resident) Jerry Hammer will be Feb. 12 at Dockside; Como Woodlands Outdoor Classroom will be March 19 at Como Zoo and Conservatory Visitors Center; University of Minnesota Monarch Lab with Sarah Weaver will be April 2 (site TBD); Landscape and Garden Design will be in May (site, speakers, and date TBD); and Como Lake ecology with Capital Region Watershed District's Bob Fossum will be June 11 (site TBD).
- **Neighborhood Honor Roll.** D10 filled 3 tables at the Jan. 27 celebration. Michael was the event's emcee.
- **Eureka Recycling community discussion.** This Jan. 25 event, hosted by the Environment Committee, attracted nearly 40 people. Details are on the website.
- **Community Garden.** The leadership is holding an organizational meeting for gardeners on Feb. 9. Board will need to appoint a new representative to the group to replace David Sorenson, who says he will not seek re-election in April.
- **Lyngblomsten** will host a community discussion on aging May 18 from 4-6 p.m. Mayor Coleman will attend. We have been invited to participate if we want.

### Community

- **Como/Snelling business district study.** Intern Sarah Arnold has begun research. Michael will serve as her supervisor and has provided her a task list. He will keep officers updated on progress. Goal is that she can finish project within 100 hours of work, which is roughly 8-10 hours a week.
- **Land Use.** Michael updated officers on activities from the committee's Jan. 30 meeting:
  - Hmong College Prep Academy will be required to build a sidewalk on south side of Wynne as part of its expansion.
  - Gabe's is seeking to modify its liquor license to allow music on the patio, and to allow the patio to remain open until 12:30 a.m. Committee members will survey nearby residents to get feedback. D10 needs to file position with city by March 3. Officers will have to check with Kevin about process of how committee or board responds.
  - Committee will forward Action Item supporting request by developers of the former Sholom Home property for up to \$18 million in tax-exempt revenue bonds from the city. Developers available to present at Feb. 21 board meeting. Details are on the website.

### Communication

- We have opened an account on Amazon Web Services. Panod Klongtruatroke expects to begin transferring files soon.

## **Financials**

- Joao asked how much of our city grant is tied to federal funds, which could be in jeopardy depending on how federal policy changes regarding funding for “sanctuary cities.” Michael replied that all of D10’s grants from the city are from city funds; we do not receive federal Community Development Block Grant money, as some councils do.
- Ward 4 has informed us we will receive \$2,400 in COPP funding in 2017. Michael will survey board members for ideas on how to use this. We have not heard from Ward 5 yet, and we typically do not receive COPP money from Ward 1.

## **Organizational Business**

- Wendy Lane from city is able to respond to our concerns about timing of zoning issues. We will invite her to a future board meeting to explain state law, city policies, and alternatives we have with deadlines.
- Joao shared language from Robert’s Rules about preferential voting. He will use this language as guidelines to draft procedures for District elections. This will not be the default, but will be in place as an option if needed.
- Joao will draft language for March meeting amending our Articles of Incorporation to legally include Subdistrict 4 into that document. This will need to be ready in time for April Annual Meeting.
- David Sorenson has indicated he will not run for re-election in April. Board will need to replace him as board representative to the Community Garden leadership committee.
- Ryan Flynn, Mike Ireland, and Michael met Jan. 25 with representatives from Hylden Advocacy and Law, who are representing Dart Container Corp. They provided information about the “sustainable” packaging ordinance Saint Paul is considering.
- Michael will email board members whose terms expire in April. Chair also will cover in his report.

## **Board Meeting Feb. 21**

- Because of trial responsibilities, Ryan is unlikely to be available to chair.
- Developers from former Sholom Home property will be guest speakers.
- Darcy Rivers from Parks and Recreation will introduce new program leads at North Dale and Northwest Como Rec Centers.
- Land Use will have Action Item on Sholom Home property, and possibly Gabe’s.
- Possible future speakers include new Ramsey County Sheriff Jack Serier, the three city council members, and Wendy Lane from BZA.

The meeting ended at 8:06 p.m.

*Notes by Michael Kuchta*

## **District 10 Environmental Committee Meeting**

1224 Lexington Parkway N, Saint Paul, MN 55103

Wednesday, January 25, 7:00 pm

### **Minutes**

#### **1. Call to order**

**2. Committee member and guest introductions** -- Attending: Mehr Aslani, Mike Ireland, Terri Alberico, Susan Jane Cheney, Michael Kuchta, Erin Dooley, Maggie Zimmerman, Bill Sylvester, Courtney Ryan, Bill DeVroy, Eric Wilber, Amanda Jackson-Wilber, Jackie Morrison, Nilla Sjoberg, Megan Kuhl-Stennes, Adina Weseman, Betty Conley

**3. District 10 board meeting summary** – Erin, Michael and Mike

**4. Eureka Recycling Event Review** – Everyone

Eureka Recycling Event – approximately 40 people attended. There were many questions answered, some technical, others were more discussion-based.

**5. NRSO committee assistance with their minutes** – Mike

A request was made to the committee for a minute documentarian on this committee.

**6. Bethel Lutheran Church and Como High School community outreach** – Mike

The church has a new pastor, who is hoping to be more integrated in the community. They offer space (not on Sundays) and volunteers for events. They may be hosting a crime prevention event.

**7. Pollinator and Traffic Triangle Garden Update** – Maren Swenson, Sandara Peterson, and Bonnie Youngquist - no updates

**8. CWOC** – Teri Heier and Susan Jane Cheney

The Greater and Greener conference, held every other year, will be in St Paul this year and CWOC may be hosting a mobile classroom. July 31.

**9. Como Compost Subcommittee** – Michael Kutcha

We have a bag re-stock rotation, however one alternative could be that all volunteers have bags and as we bring compost of our own, and notice that the box is empty, we could re-stock as we go. Bag rotation is set up, county sends out limited bags, so for now, we will stick to the rotation. If needed in the future, we can re-think.

The hauler had been sporadic, at best in December. The county is working with the hauler to make sure that service is consistent, and has an alternative set up. Non-pick-up is in violation of their contract.

Compost site – the processing is most like local, but we don't know for sure. There is a processing plant in Rosemont.

#### **10. Garden tour**

- Co-sponsored with NRSO committee?
- Val Cunningham provided the file from previous tours so we don't have to start from scratch

At the last meeting, there was interest in a garden tour for this summer. Neighborhood relations is also interested in working on this event. There is a file from prior years. Val Cunningham and Sharon ?? spearheaded the effort and there was a slight drop-off in host gardens. It had initially been every year, but then moved to every other year, possibly as a joint effort with D6. The tour is a self-guided event one Saturday during the summer. One issue is that different gardens are at their peak at different times of the year.

NRSO had this item on their agenda and may be interested in partnering.

### **11. 2017 Work plan – Mike**

Last summer, we started looking at the overall plan. We will move this to next meeting, as it is rather in-depth.

### **12. Sunday Series – Everyone**

Can presenters sell their items at a Sunday Series? The committee agreed that we should be able to, provided that they are more to support the educational purpose of the event, rather than becoming a sales event.

- **Open issue:** Can presenters sell their items at these events?
- **History of the Minnesota State Fair – February 19<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Como Dockside**
    - Jerry Hammer will present, we need to narrow the topic.
- **Como Outdoor Woodland Classroom – March 19<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Como Park Zoo Visitor Center**
    - History, volunteer recruitment, the new guide book/app will be discussed.
- **U of M Monarch Butterfly Lab – April 2**
  - Possible location: TBD
  - Sarah Weaver from the U of M Monarch Lab will present:
    - life cycle
    - why the population decline
    - the Endangered Species Act in connection with the monarch
    - what people can do to help (garden, donate, etc.)
  - Other possible additions:
    - include the benefits or detriments to other important insects (e.g. bees) of butterfly gardens.
    - provide how-to resources (free, web-based ideally) if anyone would like to raise monarchs themselves.
- **Landscape and Garden Design – May, TBD**

Possible location: TBD Possible Locations: Great River Academy, Orchard Rec Center. Erin will contact some possibilities and coordinate with Michael and Mike.

  - Susan suggested local landscape architect Eric Olsen
  - Look at different ways to do home gardening.
  - We can also advertise the community garden and reach out to Garden Skillshare resources and Harvest Exchange group.
  - Umbrella presentation about garden landscaping and then having small presentations, fair style, on local gardens that tie into the main topic.
  - Michael will contact Frank, the Como Park Conservatory, and maybe Ramsey County.
- **Shallow Lake Ecology – June 11th**
  - Possible location: Lakeshore
  - Capital Region is looking at a new presentation.
  - Como Active Citizen Network is willing to coordinate.

### **13. Community section – open for community input**

A Dart (Styrofoam producer) Lobbyist met with Michael, Ryan and Mike to lay out the benefits and detriments of from their perspective on the St. Paul proposed only recyclable/compostable containers for the carry-out food containers. Styrofoam can be recycled, but needs processing first. Eureka is a zero waste organization, and prefers items be bio-based. Compostable would be preferable (to them) to either Styrofoam or recyclable. Dart also makes certified compostable items.

Also, restaurants can re-coop some of the cost of compostable/recyclable carry out items by reducing garbage pick-up. There may also be a way to offer a list of vendors/restaurants who use recyclable/compostable containers. This will most likely go to the City Council this spring.

Eureka is hesitant to add plastic recycling, as there are often alternatives to those items. An ultimate end-product of a potentially recyclable item isn't enough, by itself, to add a whole new recycle stream.

#### **14. Updates from community partners (if present) and ongoing reminders**

- Capital Region Watershed District update - Mike MacDonald
- Como Woodland Outdoor Classroom update - Teri Haier and Susan Jane Cheney
- Como Active Citizen Network - Janna Caywood

Over the next few months, Janna is meeting one-on-one with neighbors that make up the CACN, which has now surpassed 100 households. The purpose is to gather information on member interests and network trajectory preferences as the CACN prepares to expand what they do, now that robust capacity has been reached. Results will be shared with D10.

- Como Lake Pollinator Garden - Angie Sechler
- "CARS" Update - Cathy Velasquez
- Garden Skillshare and Harvest Exchange - Dawn Lamm and Allison Goetzman
- Como Lake Cleanup - Jacki Morrison

Como Lake Clean-up was not as well attended at the beginning of last year as it had been in the prior year, but picked up as the summer went on. It had begun as a grass-roots monthly event with breakfast and clean-up. This past summer, Dockside began donating coffee and Wheel Fun donated boats. Dockside and Wheel Fun will probably join again this summer, and Mike will connect Jacki with the Chelsea Optimist Club with this group. One barrier is that we would need to contact the park board to make sure that they will pick up the trash that the group collects. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month from April to September. Capitol Region Watershed granted \$3000 to the group, but it was tied up in red tape due to fiscal agent vs fiscal sponsor issues. There may be another group that could fill that role, if the money still exists.

- Clean Energy Resource Team – Bill Devroy
- Leveraging Transition activities, resources and people within District 10

#### **15. Adjournment**

**Next Meeting:** February 22 at 7:00 p.m. (the last Wednesday of each month)



**Como Community Council--District 10  
Land Use Committee  
Monday Jan. 30, 2017  
Streetcar Station**

**NOTES**

**Present:** Kevin Dahm, Jon Heyer, Darius Massoudi, Michael Kuchta (staff)

**Absent:** Melissa Finnegan

**Community:** Doug Carlson, Dave Carr, Barbara Clark, Stephanie Hawkinson, Jon Knox, Dan Montpetit, Ken Piper

**Call to Order:** Kevin Dahm called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Agenda

**Gabe's by the Park.** Dan Montpetit spoke on the restaurant's application to modify the conditions on its liquor license. The restaurant is seeking to have music on the patio, and to keep the patio open until 12:30 a.m. daily. He said there would be no live music or bands, only speakers for recorded music, and that it would conform to volume restrictions in existing ordinance. The restaurant has not sought feedback from neighbors.

District 10 has until March 3 to file comments with the city. Committee members expressed hesitance to take a position without talking with neighbors. Kevin Dahm and Darius Massoudi agreed they will canvas neighbors within a certain radius, collect feedback and demographic information if possible, and report back. Further consideration tabled until then.

**Como Park Senior Living.** Doug Carlson, Dave Carr, Stephanie Hawkinson, and Ken Piper appeared on behalf of the developers of the former Sholom Home property at 1554 Midway Parkway. They are seeking up to \$18 million in tax-exempt revenue bonds through the city to finance roughly half of the costs to convert the building into a senior assisted living and memory care facility. This is a competitive process and they would like District 10's support. They showed architectural schemes of the conversion and outlined plans for the facility, including 143 one-bedroom assisted living units, 25 studio units for memory care, and 57 on-site parking spaces. Most of the apartments would qualify as "affordable" senior housing, with subsidized rents ranging from \$751-\$891 per month; about 45 would be "market rate" with rents in the vicinity of \$2,700 a month. Plans are to begin asbestos remediation as soon as February. If the city bonds are approved in March, construction could begin in May and residents could move in as soon as fall 2018. If the tax-exempt bonds are not obtained, the need to obtain other financing could push the timetable back 12-18 months. *M/S/C (unanimous) to recommend that the full District Council support the bond request.*

**Hmong College Prep Academy.** City will require the school to install a sidewalk along the south side of Wynne between Snelling and Arona. Committee members discussed the impact on the neighborhood of the loss of trees, and what might replace them.

**State Fair.** Committee members discussed plans for a set of three meetings concerning the impact of State Fair events on traffic and parking in the neighborhood. A community meeting will need to be scheduled in late July or early August to make sure residents understand what can and cannot occur in the parking and vending overlay districts during the State Fair. Two other meetings would address the larger issue of parking and traffic during large Fairgrounds events, including when one-sided parking restrictions are in place (possibly based on attendance thresholds) and whether one-sided parking and parking overlay zones need to expand to cope with record attendance days at the Fair. Consensus is to

hold one meeting for residents to air concerns and suggestions, then to hold a second “summit” meeting with Fair management, city staff, elected officials, and other relevant stakeholders to find solutions. These meetings need to happen soon to have any effect this year.

**Business Development.** Darius Massoudi expanded on concerns he raised at the January District Council meeting about the lack of economic investment in the neighborhood, particularly along Front Ave., which he believes can be a vibrant, walkable business district. He urged the committee and council to take a more active role, along the lines of economic development arms that some other district councils or neighborhoods have. He suggested reinventing the Como Business Network, housing it within the Land Use Committee, and using it not only connect neighborhood businesses, but to actively seek investment, research the types of assistance the city can provide, identify available sites in the neighborhood that are ripe for investment, and seek out the types of businesses and mixed-use development that could provide density and enhance the neighborhood. Examples could be attracting a Colossal Café-type restaurant to the old Java Train/Como Park Grill site, building on the transit access at Como and Snelling, and recruiting the types of businesses residents said they wanted in surveys during development of the Community Plan. These businesses include coffee shops, specialty stores, family friendly restaurants, a taproom, and a business incubator. Committee members agreed to make this an ongoing discussion item on the committee agenda. As a start, the committee will invite real estate agent Brian Pulford, which is marketing the uniform store site at Como/Front/Dale.

#### Other Business

**Meeting Day.** Committee members discussed moving the day and time of the regular meeting. Consensus was to meet on Feb. 27 as scheduled, then meet on first Wednesdays beginning April 5.

**Dog Park.** Kevin reported that the dog park subcommittee will meet Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Underground Music Café.

**Next Meeting:** Monday Feb. 27 at the Streetcar Station, 7 p.m.

**Future meeting dates:** April 5, May 3, June 7, July 5, August 2, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6.

Notes compiled by Michael Kuchta  
*These notes are not official until approved.*

District 10 NRSCO Committee Meeting  
February 7th, 2017  
Minutes by Wesley Farrow

District 10 Council Staff Present  
Michael Kuchta (Executive Director)

Council Members Present:  
Melissa Liu (Chair), Brandon Heffron, Debra Pursley, Adina Weseman, Wesley Farrow, Mike Ireland (visiting)

Community Members Present  
Janna Caywood, Tom Fruen, Haley Fruen, Sarah Wein, Nick Mollgoard, Bill Sylvester

- I. Call to order (LIU)
- II. Introductions (ALL)
- III. Review of 1/3/17 minutes and overview of January full board meeting (LIU)
  - A. Looking forward to getting into concrete planning now that we know one another
- IV. Plans for 2017
  - A. Credit Score Seminar (KUCHTA)
    1. 6pm on March 22nd and Oct (date TBD)
      - a) Co-hosted and led by Topline Federal Credit Union
      - b) Will require attendance of representative from D10
      - c) Use for cross-promotion to engage folks with D10
  - B. Como Fest 2017 (KUCHTA)
    1. Not hosted by D10. D10 is a co-hosting org just like everyone else.
    2. Originated as “staycation” for affordable outings near Northwest Como Rec Center during recession, which has since expanded through weekends in July and throughout the Como area
    3. Tend to be low-key, low-cost, family oriented
    4. Each org generally gives \$200 for publicity, which can also be open to non-hosting organizations as sponsors.
      - a) Budget is break-even
        - (1) Cost of \$1,300 for flyers last year was about the same as revenue of about \$1,500
    5. Various organizations cross-promote and offer hostings in collaboration with one another, given the feel of a big event through a host of small gatherings.
      - a) D10 Ice Cream Social on 7/14
      - b) Art Fair at Como Dockside on 7/14
      - c) Lyngblomsten Mid-summer festival on 7/21
      - d) Northdale Rec Center moving on 7/21
      - e) Block Nurse Program run event on 7/22

- f) Northwest Como Family event night and overnight campout and kickball tournament 7/28-29
- g) Topline Federal Credit Union still planning
  - (1) Cookout perhaps with Gabe's and/or Half-time Rec (date TBD)
  - (2) Bike donation drive for repair and donation
- h) Underground Music Cafe music festival in parking lot (pending)
  - (1) Liaison from past years is no longer there
- i) Other ideas welcome!
  - (1) Consider synergy with existing event locations, themes, etc.
  - (2) Next planning committee meeting with these partner organizations takes place on Monday 5:30pm - All are welcome!
  - (3) Beloved Tattoo studio might host a music event to be a part of Como Fest (HEFFRON)

C. South Como Community Building Event (H. FRUEN see attachment A)

- 1. In response to availability of \$500 grant, H. and T. FRUEN have been exploring potential community building event in subdistrict 4 that reaches beyond the immediate neighborhood
- 2. Close to 100 neighbors have come out for H and T FRUEN's block party in the past
- 3. Thus, a "Community Social" could be hosted in 2017
  - a) Food trucks will come at no cost if there is sufficient audience
    - (1) Free media coverage from Bugle food writer
  - b) Children's activities, bouncy house, etc., etc.,
  - c) Likely either at Orchard Rec Center or Como Streetcar
  - d) Street art and/or murals could be a part of the event, which can contribute to traffic calming
    - (1) KUCHTA and LIU Paint the Pavement program may be potential way of doing this
  - e) SYLVESTER mentioned local ceramics school/studio Mary Jo?
  - f) H FRUEN to reach out to Orchard Rec Center to find out about available dates
  - g) *\*For more details see "Community Social Proposal" by Haley and Thomas Fruen (at end of this document)*
  - h) Once event date options are known, proposal to be reviewed at next NRSO Committee meeting for allocation of \$500 grant

D. Fundraising expectation is \$1,500 for 2017 (LIU)

- 1. Financially D10 is in a good position, but grant money is often restricted.
- 2. Hence \$1,500 would be a very helpful amount to have flexible for immediate need as well as general operations
- 3. Ideas?

- a) PURSLEY and H. FRUEN - 5K run on a Saturday afternoon maybe in Fall with community bonfire, could be a \$5 donation
  - (1) KUCHTA Would need permit from SPPD and/or Parks and Rec
  - (2) PURSLEY to create map for run/walk route
  - (3) LIU Could include differentiated run routes for little kids, including a “diaper dash” for toddlers
  - (4) T. FRUEN and HEFFRON Planning and details required for advance registration, transaction platform, etc.
    - (a) CAYWOOD We may benefit from learning from another entity who has already done a 5K in the past
    - (b) LIU to ask Block Nurse for input based on their experience
  - (5) KUCHTA to check on potentially competing 5K-like events at Como Park for appropriate timing and check on permitting process
- b) CAYWOOD Dog “kissing” booth, perhaps in coordination with future Como Park dog park
- c) WESEMAN Connect fundraising with community clean up with donation per unit (pound, bag, hour, etc.)
  - (1) IRELAND (from Environmental Committee) Como Park clean-up is once a month on the 2nd Saturday, so perhaps that could be a bigger version once per year?
  - (2) CAYWOOD Perhaps donate in conjunction with Como Active Citizen Network curb cleanup
- d) FARROW Can we promote online monthly giving, perhaps at gatherings and events?
  - (1) Would have to go through a 3rd party site
  - (2) Donate button exists, but only for a 1-time donation
  - (3) Some people use Amazon Smile

E. Ice Cream Social (see Como Fest above)

- 1. Purpose was initially to welcome subdistrict 4 to District 10, and has since continued due to event success
- 2. Ice cream and toppings have been donated by churches
  - a) Last year
    - (1) Got about \$200 donated from participants
    - (2) Kemps donated about 6 gallons last year and that wasn't enough
      - (a) Kuchta has placed request and is awaiting response
  - b) Liu's church donated ice cream toppings and volunteers
  - c) Deb arranged lawn games

d) Tables were available at no cost

- (1) Como Compost
- (2) Eureka Recycling
- (3) Fire truck
- (4) Lyngblomsten
- (5) Maybe others?

3. Suggestions for 2017

- a) PURSLEY Ice cream for free but sell affordable drinks
- b) FRUEN Donation box with sign
- c) WESEMAN Perhaps we can reach out to Connie's?
- d) PURSLEY Have promotional flyers available early for folks to distribute
- e) PURSLEY Maybe schedule for 5:30 to 8:30 (slightly earlier than last year)?
- f) WESEMAN Perhaps a raffle? She will look into it
  - (1) HEFFRON Be aware of legal issues around gambling laws

F. Community Garden Tour (KUCHTA)

1. Used to have 10-15 garden sites, both public and private from circa 2011-15, with 75-125 visitors. Gardeners were available for tour and Q&A Saturday 10am to 2pm
2. D10 made maps available online and in person, coordinated calendar/dates with gardens for a weekend in June or July to avoid June 23-25 car event
3. Number of unanswered questions from the past - What is purpose? Who are potential partners?
4. IRELAND Not done in 2016 due to lack of capacity and concerns of logistical undertaking on Environmental Committee
5. LIU and PURSELY June/July seem quite busy. This could be delayed a year or two and then revisit
6. SYLVESTER Environmental Committee originally ran the event largely with committee member's gardens themselves, which is no longer the case with the current Environmental Committee members
7. WESEMAN Other gardening related programs exist (eg Plant Swap) so no desperate need for a garden tour
8. CAYWOOD Perhaps a future gardening club would be interested in this kind of thing, but not necessarily through D10

V. Community Member Section

A. Little Library Contributions Be the Change Make it Happen and Do Nice Be Kind Spread Happy

1. LIU shared that Caywood is donating a set of empowering books to be shared through little libraries in the area
  - a) Children to donate books in person wearing superhero(ine) cape
2. PURSLEY Ideally one could be placed in each subdistrict

3. CAYWOOD and FARROW will promote via NextDoor
- VI. Community Partners
- A. Humphrey Job Corps Center (email sent)
    1. FARROW Attended community breakfast with Kuchta and Heyera few weeks ago.
      - a) Humphrey is available to host events potentially with free food made by students as a component of their culinary vocational education program
        - (1) PURSLEY Cookout and/or BBQ could be a great opportunity, either on campus or at a local event
        - (2) CAYWOOD Humphrey could host lots of community events such as chili cookout, etc.
      - b) KUCHTA to invite someone from Humphrey to attend our next NRSCO Committee meeting for brainstorming
      - c) CAYWOOD had a great experience with Job Corp students working with leaf clean-up
  - B. Como/Falcoln Heights Block Nurse Program (email sent)
    1. LIU to invite someone to attend our next NRSCO Committee meeting
- VII. Next meeting on 3/7/14 at 7pm

*\*"Community Social Proposal" by Haley and Thomas Fruen (PENDING)*

**Attachment A**

# **COMMUNITY SOCIAL PROPOSAL**

*Proposed By Haley and Thomas Fruen*

**Name of Event: District 10 Community Social**

**Date of Event: TBD May-June Time- Afternoon to evening.**

**Even Location: TBD Orchard Rec Center, Police Federation, Como Woods, Street Car Station**

**Event Organizers:**

- **Haley Fruen**

- *Tom Fruen*
- *Angela Schneider*
- *Clara Haycraft*
- *Andrew Johnson*

***Purpose: To Build a Strong more connected Community and to fundraise for District 10's community improvement projects such as; Street Murals, Intersection Crossing Flags, and Future Community Projects.***

***Event Description: A day out with the whole neighborhood. Having multiple food vendors/food trucks, activities for kids and neighborhood awareness.***

***Main Activities for Event:***

- *Food Trucks (Hoping to have neighbors who are food vendors)*
- *Bouncy House*
- *Recycling*
- *Police and Fire*
- *Parks and Rec sign up.*
- *Street Mural Information*
- *Local Artist vendors*

***Funding: Estimation of \$500***

***Event Publicity: Nextdoor, Como Neighborhood Fun Stuff, Flyers at local Businesses, Park Bugle article.***