



**District 10 Community Council Board Meeting
Historic Street Car Station
1224 Lexington Parkway, St. Paul, MN 55108
Tuesday Aug. 15, 2017
7:00 PM**

MINUTES

Special election

Called to order at 7:02pm

Joseph Mueller candidate for the Sub District 4 seat

MOTION: *Vote by acclamation to appoint Joseph Mueller to the District 10 Board. (Heyer/Dooley)*
Passed

I. Call to order João Medeiros called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

II. Board introductions

Present: Laura Jo Busian, Kevin Dahm, Erin Dooley, Haley Fruen, Jon Heyer, Mike Ireland, Melissa Liu, João Medeiros, Joseph Mueller, Amy Perna, Tim Post, Adina Florea Weseman, Maggie Zimmerman

Absent: Ryan Flynn, Cari Ness Nesje, Debra Pursley

Staff: Michael Kuchta

III. Review, amend agenda:

MOTION: *Approve the agenda. (Heyer /Dooley) Passed*

IV. Community section

A. Board chair report D10 vice chair João Medeiros reports board member Andrew Johnson is moving out of the neighborhood and has resigned his seat. An election will be held next month for that Subdistrict 4 position. The executive director's annual review is coming up soon; chair Ryan Flynn will send an email seeking feedback from members. Ryan Flynn passes on thanks to board members for their well wishes and support after the birth of his baby.

C. Treasurer's report Amy Perna reports that with four months left in year there are no financial issues. D10 recently received its community engagement grant so we have plenty of money in the bank.

D. Other Community concerns None

V. Board Business Section

A. Minutes and financial statements

MOTION: *Approve August 2017 meeting minutes and financial statements. (Dahm/Zimmerman)*
Passed

B. Officers' report The D10 officers met last week and discussed items facing the board; those will be presented in the staff update.

C. Committee reports

Environment Mike Ireland says the new "high rise" for pollinators has been installed. The University of Minnesota Bee Lab will remove hibernating bees in the winter to study them. Other high rises may go up at Lake Phalen and on the U of M campus.

The Como Curb clean-up project kicks off for the fall soon.

A new sign for the Capitol Watershed District may be installed soon in the Churchill gardens; permits are being processed now.

The Friends of the Mississippi plan on painting a mural on the east parking lot of Como Lake. The five-foot-square mural would be painted around a grate to bring awareness of water and the environment. It will likely be painted in the first or second week of October. The Friends of the Mississippi has submitted a grant request for the work and requests a letter of support from D10

MOTION: *The District 10 Como Community Council board approves a letter of recommendation be sent to the Director of Parks and Recreation expressing the Council and Environmental committee's support for the Friends of the Mississippi and St. Paul Public Works storm drain mural project. Action item passes*

Land use Chair Kevin Dahm is working to distribute items on agenda to people within the committee, so committee members have ownership on certain issues.

Representatives from the Twin Cities German Immersion School were present at the last Land Use meeting.

Kevin met with school officials recently and watched a morning arrival. Parking seems better this year, but the recent problem of rubber padding coming off of playground and ending up in the street is still an issue. The school is planning a remodel in the next year or so, and perhaps some sound abatement between the playground and a neighbor's house will happen then.

The committee talked about the recent TCGIS surveys and read the 25 results. Kevin says they're not scientifically perfect, but neighbors who filled them out included comments which give a sense of the concerns people in the neighborhood have about noise and parking. Who deals with complaints? Kevin says the St. Paul police western district wants nothing to do with it, Michael adds that the St. Paul Department of Safety and Inspections won't do a noise study. Kevin says Land Use will explore the cost of hiring a third party to do a noise study.

Neighborhood Chair Melissa Liu says 21 pedestrian flags are missing from crosswalks around D10. She anticipated some would disappear, but the committee didn't budget for a 50 percent replacement of the flags.

The committee is discussing how to partner with other community councils to raise funds and supplies to create “comfort cases” -- soft sided luggage filled with books, toothbrushes, pajamas etc. to give to foster children in D10.

Melissa and Michael met with the Western District’s new crime prevention coordinator. The committee is also considering a Sunday Series on crime prevention.

The committee is considering a survey for the D10 site to survey renters on their concerns, and how D10 can help them.

The committee is brainstorming ideas on how to connect with the neighborhood now that new community members no longer come to the Streetcar Station to get recycling bins. One item is to pass out “good neighbor cards” that would give them an incentive to come to D10. The committee also working on a flowchart that board members could use to help residents walk through how to deal with issues that come up.

The city wide drop off event is Saturday, Oct. 7.

The committee will host a free yoga even on Dec. 3; coffee will be for sale and the vendor will give 10 percent of sales to D10.

Neighborhood is considering the follow up procedure when someone comes to D10 with a complaint. How do we follow up with them and tell them what’s been done?

D. Staff report Michael Kuchta is working with the Como Park Advisory Committee on a wayfinding effort and D10 will form a subcommittee to gather info. The next move is getting data from various groups, vendors; finding out who visits the park and from where, how they use the park, to give use info to the park advisory committee. A similar survey is happening at Lake Phalen. The subcommittee needs a chairperson from the D10 board. Contact Michael or Ryan if you’re interested. Members of the subcommittee will be recruited from the neighborhood.

Michael toured the area outside the fairgrounds during the State Fair with DSI to watch how they handle complaints from the neighborhood about traffic and peddlers. The main complaint seems to be peddlers are clogging up the sidewalks. Michael sees several issues D10 may need to approach surrounding parking -- the overlay district, potential signage for parking, impact of parking on the neighborhood, etc. Also how can D10 encourage the use of empty parking spaces in the neighborhood during the fair? He counted 3,800 open parking spaces in D10 during the fair. Humphrey Center can no longer open up for parking because it’s a closed campus. They’re concerned about the money they’re losing, and feel like it is perceived they are a bad neighbor. Michael would like to have permission to talk to the Labor Department to get a 12-day exemption so they can use their 90 spots for paid parking and use the money on student activities.

E. New business **MOTION** *D10 will allow Michael Kuchta to creep up the chain of command with the Labor Department to discuss giving the Humphrey Job Corp permission to use spaces on its campus for parking during the 12 days of the MN state fair. (Ireland/Heyer) Passes*

VI. Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm by João Medeiros.

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

District 10 Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2017 at 7 pm

Nilla Sjoberg, Bill Sylvester, Andrew Gustin, Mike Ireland, Susan Jane Cheney, Julie Wegscheid, Courtney Ryan, Laura Brusian, Michael Kuchta, Erin Dooley, Teri Alberico

Several committee members were out of town or had commitments.

Summary/Action items:

- **Board action item: Request for D10 to endorse the Como Connect: A Neighborhood Resource Fair**
- **Como Curb Cleanup kicks off on Oct. 7. Demonstration site signs are available.**
- **Courtney Ryan is completing a capstone project for a Hamline Water Steward project at Bethel Lutheran Church.**
- **February 10th is the date for the Como Connect Resource Fair at Bethel Lutheran.**
- **Como Woodland Outdoor Classroom invites anyone interested to their advisory group meetings (See below for details). They also have QR codes in their signs.**
- **A local map app specialist is working on apps to make navigating Como Park easier.**

STANDARD ITEMS

- **Call to order**
- **Committee member and guest introductions**
- **Approval of minutes**
- **District 10 board meeting summary**
 - Adina, Erin, Cari, Michael and Mike

PRESENTATION

- **2017 Como Curb Cleanup and Como Active Citizen Network's future direction** - Janna Caywood

Janna couldn't be here, but, demonstration house campaign kicks off on October 7. 108 houses last year, 32 new houses. The goal of the group is to be self-sustaining, like the recycling program. This program serves a dual purpose: Keeping phosphorous out of the water stream, and community building, as more and more neighbors take part.

INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Bethel Lutheran Church hosts an Environmental Symposium on September 28 at 7 pm** - Courtney Ryan

Courtney is doing a dual-grant project as part of her Master Water Steward program. She is wrapping up her capstone project, including partnering with local home owners and Bethel Lutheran Church. She has been partnering with several community members to install a rain garden there, with help of many volunteers of all ages. An environmental symposium is scheduled for 9/28 7:00 p.m. with general information about Minnesota water quality and water quality issues in our neighborhood. There will also be information on what neighbors can do around their homes. The Church plan includes many possible updates that may include elements for water protection in their upcoming parking lot renovation.

- **Curb cuts and residential interest** - Mike MacDonald
- **Rain Barrel grant application** - Mike MacDonald

There had been a Rain Barrel program at the Sunday Series in the past. This is a possibility for this year. Mike and Mike are looking into an Action Item for D10 to begin writing a grant. Another possibility: writing several grants, for different water grants. From there, we could build a water quality Sunday Series event.

- **Other grant ideas for the CRWD's Partner grants** - Mike and Mike
- **Capitol Region Watershed District nominations** - Mike and Mike

Nominations are now being taken for this year's awards – individual, art, organization, lifetime steward, etc. Mike can help with the process, if needed.

- **Understanding recycling at Park and Rec sites and improving visitor participation** - Teri Alberico

Teri is beginning a Master-Composter type series of courses soon.

- **Energy Fair in St. Paul, MN at Harriet Island Park**- Bill Devroy
- **Como Regional Park Pedestrian Wayfinding project** – Michael

There was a working session with D10, and the Como Regional Park Advisory Committee, and other entities represented. There will be an audit of existing signage and other information, surveys of park use, use of the zoo/vendors, etc. and then making recommendations to the park board in the spring.

There will be recruiting for a diverse group of committee participants beginning in this week's newsletter.

- **Como Connect: A Neighborhood Resource Fair** - Dawn, Cari and Sara
- Action item request for District 10 support

February 10th, 10 am-3pm (tentative) at Bethel Lutheran Church, it would be a forum of matching groups that may need assistance with groups that provide resources.

To assist planning, researching groups and individuals from each group, and advertising. Mike made a motion that the Environmental committee request the D1 board to formally support and endorse this event. It was passed unanimously. Mike will submit an action item to the board for consideration at the October 17 board meeting.

Question from Teri as to whether there would be vendors or not? There is a possibility of having coffee and/or Cravin' pies however, we are trying to keep the focus on the groups.

- **Bee Sky Rise Dedication and Bronze Bee Sculpture Location - Michael**

The dedication was great, there were media outlets, etc. It is a one-of-a-kind installation (so far).

We received a Bronze Bee from the organization, which is planned to be placed in the D10 office somewhere to become a talking piece. The goal is to have it public, visible, noticeable, etc. to draw attention to the bee and begin a conversation.

- **Fall Pollinator Garden Cleanup - this Saturday morning – Mike**

This Saturday morning, 10-noon, just north of Dockside. Angie Sechler is organizing and hopes for more volunteers than for the spring clean-up. Bring gloves and tools.

This is a great opportunity for people who are interested in doing some volunteering, but aren't interested in long range commitments.

- **Miscellaneous Stuff - Mike**

- Reaching outside the Environmental committee for assistance with single one-time efforts
- Friends of the Mississippi River storm sewer grate art update

Board approved the letter, the mural is planned for October, depending on weather and paint type. It may end up being next spring.

- Public Art on Private Land (Lucas Koski initiative)

Matching grant for public art on private land. He is in the finalist list for this grant.

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

There was a burn on the Oak Savanna area, north of the lake on the bluff. They are injecting native grass seeds to take the place of the Kentucky blue grass, which had been there.

PARTNER UPDATES

- **Como Woodland Outdoor Classroom - Teri Heyer and Susan Jane Cheney**

There was a meeting last Wednesday. The EcoStewards program that does much of the work in the woodland will probably be extending to next year – kind of like an adopt-a-plot and pull various invasives during the season, plus doing additional activities.

If anyone is interested in the advisory group meetings, they meet twice per month, one with parks, and now they are adding one on the 1st Sat of each month, 9 am with community members at North Dale Rec Center.

The QR codes on the posts in the woodland are now functional.

Q from Michael: Is there any difference in visitors to the Woodland since the road work around McMurray field?

Unknown at this time.

- **The Mapping Tool** (<http://geopoi.us/freelance/>) - Andrew Gustin

Andrew is working on moving the maps to formats so that it will be easier to create more useful apps.

- **Como Regional Park Pedestrian Wayfinding project (CRPPWP)**
- **Churchill Gardens** - Erin, Maren Swenson, Sandra Peterson, and Bonnie Youngquist

Sign is on the way, delay in permitting process, but is should be installed by the end of October.

- **Como Organic Compost Subcommittee** – Michael Kutcha
- **Capital Region Watershed District** - Mike MacDonald
- **Como Active Citizen Network** - Janna Caywood
- **Como Lake Pollinator Garden** - Angie Sechler
- **Como Community Seed Library** - Dawn Lamm
- **Como Lake Cleanup** - Jacki Morrison
- **Clean Energy Resource Team** – Bill Devroy
- **Greenway Extension** – Mike

Connection between Mpls and St Paul, nothing new to report.

- **Como Connect: A Neighborhood Resource Fair** - Dawn, Cari and Sara
- **Transition Twin Cities** - leveraging resources and people

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **2/10/2018** Tentative Como Connection fair
- **Fall 2018** Como Community Parade

ADJOURNMENT

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

District 10 Community Council

Land Use Committee

10/4/2017

7PM-9PM

1. Call to order 7:02pm
 - a. Present: Kevin Dahm, Maggie Zimmerman, Joe Mueller, Bill Sylvester; Michael Kuchta (staff); Gael Braddock (Twin Cities German Immersion School); Kris Anderson, Douglas Siekmann (community members)
2. Amend/Adopt Agenda
 - a. Moved (Maggie), Seconded (Bill), Approved
3. Full Board update
 - a. Election of Joe Mueller
4. Residential
 - a. 1483 Huron (Revocation)
 - b. 1062 Front (Rehab)
 - i. No new reports. Supposedly up to code, but no movement
 - c. 934 California Ave W (Revocation)
 - d. 1126 Oxford St N (Revocation)
5. Ongoing
 - a. Sholom Home
 - i. No updates, non-responsive to email, crane has come down
 - b. Falls Event Center in Bandana Square
 - i. On hold while financing for other locations get resolved
 - ii. D10 will likely be asked to weigh in for some variances on Heritage Preservation
 - c. State Fairgrounds and Overlay District (Bill)
 - i. Bill says autonomous vehicles will eventually change parking situation
 - d. Walking districts and vacant lots
 - i. Chelsea Heights walk-to-school day on Wednesday 10/4
 - ii. Darius had advocated for vacant lot ID and promoting infill, maintaining list of vacant homes
 - iii. Snelling/Como study, and now Dale St and D10 market analysis
 - iv. Kevin suggests sharing information from our D10 intern study of Como/Snelling with the business owners in that area.
 - e. Rail safety, Guest speaker for full board meeting?
 - i. Oct 17th we will have DSI in to full board meeting to discuss city communications with railroads
 - f. Lexington Ave, golf course crosswalk etc.
 - i. Crosswalk by Cozy's is on hold because bid came in way over budget
 1. Being put out to general bids, no specific time table
 2. Conversation with city and county engineers reports that they have their own plan for restriping. Appears that they are trying to find a viable way to condense down to a single northbound lane south of railroad track. Supposedly striping may happen before winter.
 - g. Dog Park
 - i. NextDoor had some chatter about dog park
 - ii. Dog Park group may do more door knocking on north and south sides of the lake.

- iii. Land on south side of the lake may have been gifted to the city and have use restrictions.

6. Active

- a. Standard letter for all actions not brought before the Committee/Board
 - i. Motion to approve (Maggie), Seconded (Kevin). Ayes: 3, Abstentions: 1.
 - 1. **ACTION ITEM: Send to full board to approval**
- b. Como HS: Removal of No parking signs
 - i. School district made the request to remove No Parking signs along Como Elementary to open up morning parking for high school.
 - ii. Other streets are No Parking by neighbor petition.
- c. TCGIS & Neighbors
 - i. Neighbors report parking on Van Slyke has improved.
 - ii. Letter to City Council members asking them to compel DSI to monitor sound to TCGIS
 - 1. Motion to approve long version of the letter (Kevin), Seconded (Bill), approved
 - a. **ACTION ITEM: Send to full board for approval**
 - iii. Creation of new TCGIS neighborhood survey
 - 1. Previous survey – 25 results. Lots of filled in comments
 - a. Congestion concerns with pick up and drop off
 - b. Concerns over noise were from those within one block of school
 - c. Happy to have TCGIS in neighborhood, viewed as community asset
 - d. Most issues are centered on those immediately adjacent to TCGIS
 - iv. Cost of independent sound level survey
 - 1. Kevin and Michael collected estimates for sound monitoring. Professional sound surveys are about \$500 per unit and take place over a week.
 - 2. Potentially add wording to letter on cost of private monitoring
 - 3. If DSI won't monitor, hope would be to cost split
 - v. Como pool parking option
 - 1. School not pursuing at this time
 - vi. TCGIS expansion timeline
 - 1. No timeline exists yet for expansion project
 - 2. TCGIS will plan listening sessions when plans begin to take some shape that can elicit feedback.
 - 3. Current enrollment is 520, planning for possibly 650 in the future
 - 4. Doing general assessment of what classroom and office needs are
 - 5. Assessing potential options
 - a. School did approach Arturo about buying his house – school is open to it, doesn't sound like Arturo is interested
 - b. Church across the street is not interested in selling, but potentially interested in renting.
 - c. Renovation of old church
 - vii. Kevin requests that TCGIS has some formal plan for mediating sound for Arturo's property before the end of 2017.
 - 1. Potentially allowing him to build a higher than regulation fence
 - 2. School building a wall in a place where it wouldn't interfere with future building projects

7. Adjourn 8:46pm

Como Park District 10
Neighborhood Relations, Safety, and Outreach Committee
Meeting; Tuesday, 9/5/2017 at 7:00 pm

Call to Order – 7:05pm

- I. Attendees - Melissa, Debra, Haley, Mike Ireland, Bill, and Michael.
- II. Review of minutes from previous mtg – minutes not completed. Debra’s apologies.
- III. Business;
 - A. **Pedestrian Safety Flags** – a short discussion commenced on how the Cmte. will maintain the Pedestrian Flag Sets (PFS) on an ongoing basis. It was decided to get through this first winter and see how the sets fare and then decide on a plan of action next spring. Until then, all board members will be encouraged to report to this Cmte any damage or missing flags they see. Debra will also do an occasional drive around to view the flag sets. Bill noted that another board member had mentioned in another committee meeting her concerns about the intersection of Hamline & Nebraska; this can be discussed further in this Cmte if/when the other board member wants to come talk with us about ideas.
 1. **Post note** – Debra did a drive around the week of 9/11/17 and counted 21 missing flags from the existing 11 sets. A rash of theft has occurred very recently! Replacement flags have been ordered but are pricing if we continue to see this kind of loss. We need to find a cheaper means of replacing stolen flags.
 - B. **Foster Children “Comfort Cases”** – waiting on an update from Ramsey County regarding the number of foster children in our district before further discussion can be had on this proposed project.
 - C. **Crime & Crime Prevention** – community member Andrea Mayeux joined our meeting to discuss the recent theft of her backyard patio furniture as well as some other neighbors’ furniture. Much discussion followed regarding what exactly D10 can do to help neighbors with these kind of thefts. We all agreed that theft of any property should immediately be reported to the SPPD so they can create a record track trends. We discussed working with the new Crime & Crime Prevention liaison, Patty Lammers, to create a checklist of things to look for that might make your property more vulnerable to thieves. We also discussed the possibility of setting up a yearly Sunday Series on crime prevention techniques that would be helpful to residents; touching on seasonal trends in theft (packages from the porch during holiday season, bikes and other items left in the yard in the spring and summer). Michael will connect Andrea with Patty.
 - D. **Rental Input** – this Committee is tasked with engaging renters in our district in order to get a better sense of their thoughts and concerns about being residents in Como Park. An online survey on the D10 website had only a few dozen respondents. What other ways can we reach-out and engage our renting neighbors?
 1. More out-reach via Facebook, Next Door, the Monitor and Bugle, D10 Website.
 2. Direct out-reach by going to multi-unit rental residents and engaging renters directly with food and surveys.

3. Discussion followed about the difficulty of getting access to the multi-unit rental buildings without the consent of the building manager or Rental Company.
4. There will be more discussion regarding this topic. We need to get a listing of all multi-unit rental buildings within the District 10 borders and contact names of on-site managers or even direct contact with renters to gain access to the bldgs in order to engage with the residents.

E. **2018 Parade and Joint Como HS homecoming** – it is noted that the Como Park HS Homecoming Parade is the same Saturday as the STP Citywide Cleanup event this year (2017). And the concern is that these events might coincide in future years. If this is the case, do we pursue a separate parade event? More discussion.

F. **D10 Good Neighbor Cards** – new residents into District 10 no longer need to visit the Historic Street Car Station (HSCS) to get their recycling bins, so how do we engage directly with new neighbors? Discussion surrounded a possible mailing to all new residents on a monthly/quarterly basis. We could get the new resident listing from STP Water from their database of new water hookups.

1. A postcard mailing to all new residents inviting them to the HSCS to pick up a New Resident Packet.
2. The packet might include; a welcome letter, the Como Park booklet, map, coupons for locale businesses, a list of the “Top 10 things To Do in Como park”.

G. **Being a good neighbor** – Adina Wesman floated the idea of this Cmte creating a “problem solving flow-chart” for residents to refer to when they have issues come up. The flow chart would list contact names and numbers of appropriate city departments or offices. What to do if you witness a crime, or have a problem property near you or are burglarized. Michael is working on a draft of this and will partner with Patty Lammers to get other districts involved.

H. **Ahhhhhhh...Yoga in December** - Haley has locked in her yoga instructor friend and we are tentatively committed to holding this event on Sunday, December 3rd, 9-11am. We will advertise this event in the Friday Newsblasts and on the web-site. We will try to procure a coffee truck and other morning snacks. More discussion to follow.

V. **Community Member Section** – Haley brought up some concerns she is having with how our board follows up with community members when they take the time to attend either our monthly board meeting or one of the committee meetings with a concern they have. An example would be the resident who attended a board meeting to bring up her safety concern about the railings at the pavilion. What was the boards official follow up? Was a letter sent to the Parks Department? Was the resident ever followed up with to inform her of the Boards steps? Much discussion followed on this topic and we all agreed that the board can and should do a better job of following up with community members on their topics. This item will be brought up at the next full Board meeting on Tuesday 9/19/17.

This Committee meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

Como Park District 10
Neighborhood Relations, Safety, and Outreach Committee
Meeting; Tuesday, 8/8/2017 at 7:00 pm

- I. Call to Order – 7:03pm
- II. Attendees - Melissa, Bill, Mike, Haley, Debra, Michael and Jennifer
- III. Review of 7/11/2017 minutes and overview of July full board meeting – **APPROVED**

- IV. Ongoing Business;
 - A. **Safe Driving Signs** – all three sets are currently being displayed by community members. Signs will be displayed for about 2 weeks in each location. We must remind community members to display these signs on their property, NOT on the city boulevards. We will keep this program going until the snow flies or until we no longer have any community members volunteering to display them. Plan is to reinstate the program in the spring.

 - B. **Pedestrian Safety Flags** – all 11 sets are now installed and being used!! We have two more sponsored sets, but will not install them until the sponsorship dollars are received.

 - C. **Foster Children “Comfort Cases”** – a discussion was had if this committee wanted to take on the project of building these kind of “cases” for all foster kids within our district.
 1. “Cases” would consist of a suitcase or duffle bag, with a set of jammies, dental care items, books, and other items that kids would enjoy or find useful.
 2. D10 would need to work with the Ramsey County Foster Program to see how many children might reside within our district borders.
 3. A suggestions was made to contact County Commissioner Janice Rettman to get her input on whether this would be a useful project for NRSO to take on. More discussion to follow in the coming months.

 - D. **Ice Cream Social** –
 1. We all agreed that the hired entertainment was good for the event; we also agreed that we should do our best to try to combine this event with the Shakespeare in the Park players again next year; seemed to be beneficial to both groups.
 2. Presenters – we will most likely NOT invite the firefighters to the event in coming years due to the logistical problems with having them come with their truck.
 3. Ice Cream – we seemed to have enough, and went through about 24 gallons.
 4. Logistics – lines were longer this year, we should find a way to better control how guests move through the line and we should stamp hands so that people do not go through more than once; more signage upfront; move the donation jars to where the bowls are given out to encourage more donations.

E. **2018 Parade and Joint Como HS homecoming**

1. Jennifer Grilliot contacted 8 schools in our community to inquire about their interest in partnering with the Como HS Homecoming Parade to try and make the event bigger and encompass more of the district. She did not hear back from all, but most showed an interest in getting more information about this possible event for the fall of 2018.

The schools contacted were;

- 1 – Metro Deaf School
- 2 – Hmong College Prep Academy
- 3 – German Immersion
- 4 – Como Park elementary
- 5 – Chelsea Heights elem.
- 6– Como Park HS booster Club
- 7 – Murray Middles School
- 8 – Great River School

E. **Neighborhood Night Out** – 36 block parties registered with the STP Police; all feedback indicates the events were very well attended.

F. **New Business;**

1. Wheelock construction has begun!! And will continue on through November.
2. A short discussion about planning a Sunday Yoga session sometime in early December, between the holidays. A fun, relaxing event for community members to help ease the stress of the holidays. Haley will check with a yoga instructor friend of hers to see if she would be interested in leading the class. D10 will rent the Street Car Station and charge guests \$5 to participate. More discussion and details to follow.
3. An invitation from the Public Arts organization to D10 Community members to come celebrate to instillation of the Bee High-rise at Como/Nagasaki/Horton on Wed 8/16 from 6-730pm.

V. **Community Member Section** – no community members in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at

Como Community Council Officers Meeting

Oct. 11, 2017

Present: Ryan Flynn, chair; Joao Medeiros, vice chair; Tim Post, secretary; Michael Kuchta, staff. The meeting began at 7:10 p.m.

1. Events

- **Citywide Dropoff:** The Oct 7 event at the State Fairgrounds attracted about 800 cars, organizers Amy Perna and Debra Pursley report. They will meet with staff Oct. 13 and have a more formal report after that. Issues to address for next year include further refinement of the layout, dealing with increasing requests for senior pickups, and further refining volunteer sign-ups.
- **Financial Literacy Training:** TopLine Federal Credit Union holds this annual event in the Streetcar Station Oct. 18.
- **Holiday Yoga:** Neighborhood Relations is organizing this stress-reduction activity on Dec. 3.

2. Community

- **Lexington corridor:** Parks and Recreation still has not given us a timeline for installation of the new crossing near the golf course. At last report, they were seeking a contractor who could do the project within budget. County and city engineers say they are working on a restriping plan for northbound traffic between Front and Horton/Como Ave. This is likely to include eliminating the “weave” north of the railroad bridge and replacing it with a formal “merge” from two lanes to one south of the bridge. They are also discussing the best way to configure lanes north of Wynne. We have asked for a public presentation before work begins.
- **Community crime meeting:** More than 40 people attended the Oct. 10 event. Michael gave a presentation of crime statistics and trends over the past three years; the Western District’s crime prevention coordinator, Patty Lammers, gave a presentation on “Crime Prevention 101.” Based on audience concerns, we may need to focus on direct outreach to residents within a few blocks of the Dale corridor.
- **Perkins + Will market analysis:** This study, being done as part of our 2017-18 COPP grant, is likely to be done next week. We have scheduled a presentation for the November board meeting.
- **Como / Front / Dale commercial vitality project:** Michael is meeting with Ward 5 staff on Oct. 12 to get more details on progress. At last report, efforts were focusing on restriping, creating landscaping demarcations along the convenience store/hardware store parking lot, and eliminating the right-turn from eastbound Como to westbound Front. It is not clear how many options for improvements have been considered or how much research has gone into evaluating their impacts. Officers instructed Michael to seek a delay in any work until 2018 so there could be a more robust public engagement process.

3. Financials

- **Charge card:** Sunrise Bank informed us our limit has been raised to \$3,000. That should eliminate the need to use personal cards at peak times of the year.
- **2018 budget:** Committees will be encouraged to submit requests in time for officers to discuss at their November meeting.

4. Organizational Business

- Committee appointments:
 - **Standing committees:** Ryan will finalize appointments in November, after the remaining board seat is filled.
 - **Other committees:** Officers reviewed applications from community members. Applicants for the subcommittee on Como Park wayfinding will be presented to the board next week for formal approval. At this point, there are four new applicants; Tim has volunteered to chair the subcommittee. Ryan will make a recommendation for our additional appointment to the Dockside evaluation committee. At this point, there are six applicants for one position.
- **Leadership meeting:** The meeting of officers and committee chairs will meet Tuesday Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. Location and agenda have not been determined.
- Board Meeting Oct. 17
 - There will be a **special election** for Sub-District 4 vacancy left by Andrew Johnson. One resident, James Sadkovich, submitted his nomination before the ballot deadline.
 - Two **guest speakers** are scheduled: Travis Bistodeau, from the Department of Safety and Inspections, will give an update on city efforts to improve rail safety communication and protocols; Susie Odegard from Parks and Recreation will discuss the plan to extend the contract for Como golf course management.
 - We have received two requests for topics under **community concerns:** Ann Schrooten will address the deteriorating condition of the Schiffman Fountain; board member Cari Ness Nesje has raised the question of historical designation for the Hazzard House, 1371 Nebraska.
 - **Action Items:** Items from committees include a Land Use letter to our council members re: DSI's refusal to take sound readings at the German Immersion School; a standing letter from Land Use to the Board of Zoning Appeals regarding variance requests; and a request from Environment to endorse a community resource fair in 2018.
- **Live Streaming:** Tim raised the possibility of live-streaming board meetings on Facebook. Advances in technology have made this easy to do. It could be an additional way of reaching more residents who can't attend meetings in person, and would have meetings recorded and archived. Further discussion raised a number of concerns, including balancing access to information v. access to privacy, balancing newsworthy presentations v. routine operations, the need to post notices that events were being recorded, and the need to establish policies. There also are concerns that it could chill debate or open board members and residents up to harassment and other uncivil behavior on the internet or in person. An action item will be prepared for Tuesday's meeting to seek approval for a pilot project in November and December 2017.

5. Staff Report

Michael gave this report:

- **Medical leave:** He is likely to be gone Oct. 31-Nov. 15 while recovering from hip surgery. He has enough PTO in the bank to cover this absence. Mike Ireland, Amy Perna, and Debra Pursley have offered to lock up the Streetcar Station on Nov. 7 after municipal elections. Tim will cover the weekly newsletter on Nov. 3 and 10. Michael is likely to miss these committee meetings: Land Use Nov. 1, Neighborhood Relations Nov. 7, and Officers Nov. 8. Whether he will be able to attend the leadership meeting Nov. 14 is uncertain.
- **Building security / enhancements:** Parks has installed a lock box for our keys in the mailbox, and expects to install an electronic keypad for our office in 2018. We have

requested construction of shelves in the additional storage closet in the exhibit space; and an external sign. Because of space limitations, Michael will present options for sign language at Tuesday's board meeting.

- **Committee projects:** Michael is working on a block club / crime prevention packet, a new resident welcome postcard, renter outreach, and the lawn sign campaign for Neighborhood Relations; State Fair overlay district issues (including Job Corps parking), German Immersion School, and Lexington Corridor issues for Land Use; and the Como Park pedestrian wayfinding subcommittee for Environment.
- **Gardens:** Water department will remove spigots next week; Churchill and Community Garden coordinators have been asked to bring in hoses for winter storage. Michael will make sure the community garden coordinator informs gardeners of the requirement to clean out plots before winter. After several delays, we have a permit for the interpretive sign for the Churchill Gardens; the watershed district will install.
- **Training:** Michael and Amy attended a weeklong training at CURA about outreach, especially to underrepresented residents. Michael also attended a Council of Nonprofits session on "for-profit thinking in the non-profit world." He is talking with the International Institute about the possibility of scheduling cultural competency training for board members and key volunteers.
- **Annual review:** Ryan will try to schedule this with Michael before his surgery. He asked Michael to prepare a list of projects and duties.

The meeting ended at 8:55 p.m.

Next meeting: Nov. 8