



**District 10 Community Council Board Meeting
Historic Street Car Station
1224 Lexington Parkway, St. Paul, MN 55108
Tuesday Jan. 16, 2018
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

I. Call to order

Chair Ryan Flynn called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

II. Board introductions

Present: Laura Jo Busian, Kevin Dahm, Erin Dooley, Ryan Flynn, Haley Fruen, Jon Heyer, Mike Ireland, Melissa Liu, João Medeiros, Joseph Mueller, Cari Ness Nesje, Amy Perna, Tim Post, Maggie Zimmerman

Absent: Dunette Combs, Debra Pursley, Adina Florea Weseman

STAFF: Michael Kuchta

III. Review, amend agenda:

MOTION: *Approve the agenda (Dahm/Heyer) Passes*

IV. Community section

A. Board chair report

Appointment: *Ryan Flynn appoints Cari Ness Nesje to the city committee working to fill the former Putt'r There mini golf site in Como Park. (Ireland/Zimmerman) Passes*

B. Treasurer's report

Amy Perna reports that D10 is in the black. The board is starting the process of looking for a new bookkeeper.

C. Other community concerns None

V. Board Business Section

A. Minutes and financial reports

MOTION: *Approve December 2017 meeting minutes and financial statements. Passes*

B. Officers' report Ryan Flynn says there are tickets left for the Neighborhood Honor Roll celebration on Jan. 26 if board members want to attend.

D10 is signing a new, two-year contract with Century Link that will be cheaper on a month-to-month basis.

In a closed session in December, the board authorized a bonus of \$315 to D10 Executive Director Michael Kuchta.

C. Committee updates

Environment Mike Ireland reports the committee didn't have a quorum at its last meeting, so took no formal action.

Tim Post reported on the Pathways Committee work, saying that the committee will meet again soon and begin to work on a survey to gather info on how people get around the park.

Events coming up: Blooming St. Paul Awards Jan. 22, and Best Practices in Pollinators Feb. 8.

The Como Connect event originally scheduled for Feb. 10 is pushed back; new target date is April

ACTION ITEM: *Permission by the Council for the Como Connect organizers to reference the District 10 endorsement and use its logo in the marketing and advertising for this specific, rescheduled event. Passes*

ACTION ITEM: *District 10 Como Community Council's non-financial partnership with the Capitol Region Watershed District in their one-time 2018 May or June workshop for the purpose of determining specific District 10 residential properties' suitability for boulevard rain gardens and/or curb cuts. Passes*

ACTION ITEM: *The District 10 Como Community Council authorize the Environmental Committee to designate a representative to participate at upcoming district council meetings with the mayor's office pertaining to the Climate Action Plan and possible integration with the next Comprehensive Plan. Passes*

Land Use Kevin Dahm reports that committee members discussed the Lexington restriping project and the proposed crosswalk near the golf course parking lot. The committee is discussing creating a survey to get a feeling for D10 residents' thoughts on the project. Most of the meeting was spent talking about the State Fairgrounds and the overlay district.

ACTION ITEM: *That District 10 explore and pursue expanding the availability and use of off-street parking during the Fair, especially on the weekends. Passes*

ACTION ITEM: *That District 10 explore and pursue expanding the number of neighborhood streets in which parking is restricted to one side during the Fair. Streets to be explored are those west of Victoria between Larpenteur and Nebraska, and those between Lexington and E. Como Blvd., south of the lake and north of the railroad tracks. Passes*

ACTION ITEM: *That District 10 explore expanding the parking overlay district to include all blocks between Hamline, Lexington, Arlington, and Larpenteur. PASSES (Item was amended to remove language "and pursue." (Medeiros/Ness Nesje) PASSES)*

ACTION ITEM: *That District 10 work with the City of Saint Paul to eliminate peddling within the State Fair Parking Overlay District. FAILS*

ACTION ITEM: *That District 10 work with the City of Saint Paul, and other jurisdictions as necessary, to implement universal enforcement of vending, peddling, and parking within the State Fair Overlay Districts. PASSES*

ACTION ITEM: *That District 10 work with the City of Saint Paul departments to execute discussions that clarify what types of signs and advertising are allowed by residents, businesses, and institutions promoting off-street parking during the Fair. PASSES*

ACTION ITEM: *That District 10 explore and pursue temporary speed reductions and physical traffic calming measures such as speed bumps, barrels, stop signs, road closure signs, local traffic only signs, etc. to selected residential streets during the Fair. PASSES*

Neighborhood Melissa Liu says the committee is putting together its work plan for the year. The community crime meeting is coming up at North Dale soon and another yoga event is coming up this spring. Members are putting together a survey on the D10 yard sale to find a date that works for most people. Liu says another community celebration will be planned again at

Orchard. National Night Out is Aug. 7; the committee is considering putting together a packet to help neighbors plan their events.

The committee is looking into putting together a neighborhood parade made up of local schools and businesses. The committee is discussing long term approaches to better involving neighbors who are passionate about pedestrian safety.

Other Maggie Zimmerman offered an update on the effort to find a new business to replace Dockside. She can't comment yet, but says the selection committee has been established and is looking at proposals. She expects to have news to share at the February meeting.

Staff Report: Michael Kuchta says there are three Sunday Series events coming up: State Fair history, the city's pedestrian safety plan, and crime prevention. Michael reports the Como compost site is getting good use.

E. New business

Michael presented the Como/Front/Dale intersection survey results. Residents were asked five questions about the proposed project. 534 responses were received with 172 comments made. 68 percent of respondents live in D10, 13 were from D6 and the rest were from elsewhere. In general, respondents were supportive of the project, especially the proposed high visibility stripes for pedestrian crossings, green painted bike lanes, moving the bus stop, and adding landscaping. The least amount of support was for the proposal to remove the right turn lane (Question 1 on survey); those opposed feared drivers would find other routes through the neighborhood.

MOTION: *Take no position on Question 1, actively support the other four (Zimmerman/Mueller)*
PASSES

F. Closed session (personnel)

VI. Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm by Ryan Flynn

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

Como Community Council Officers Meeting

Feb. 15, 2018 (Delicata)

Present: Ryan Flynn, chair; Joao Medeiros, vice chair; Amy Perna, treasurer; Tim Post, secretary; Michael Kuchta, staff. The meeting began at 7:11 p.m.

Events

- **Sunday Series.** Four events are confirmed:
 - State Fair history from 1920-present on Feb. 25 at Lyngblomsten.
 - Saint Paul pedestrian plan on March 18 at the Como Zoo Visitors Center. This features Sgt. Jeremy Ellison from the Stop for Me campaign, and Fay Simer, the city's pedestrian safety advocate.
 - Crime prevention through landscape design on April 15, featuring crime prevention coordinator Patty Lammers. Location to be determined.
 - Como Park tree trek on June 3, beginning outside the Pavilion. This features arborist Tim Morgan.
 - Michael continues to pursue a fifth event featuring presenters from two neighborhood organizations: the International Institute and Muslim American Society of Minnesota.
 - Publicity is out on our website, newsletter, Facebook, Next Door, Park Bugle, Midway Como Monitor, Roseville Review, and local church bulletins.
- **Curb-cut boulevard rain gardens.** A workshop in partnership with Capitol Region Watershed District is confirmed for Saturday June 23, starting at the Streetcar Station. It is still unclear what standards will be used to recruit potential residents to have their sites evaluated.
- **Community yoga.** NRSO has scheduled 4 sessions at the Streetcar Station (March 4, May 6, Sept. 9, Dec. 2)
- **Citywide Dropoff at State Fairgrounds.** This is confirmed for June 9. Amy is in contact with District 12 to help recruit volunteers. Michael will reach out to neighborhood high schools for volunteers. Logistics will have to be worked out on senior pickups. Seniors should call D10 office. We will continue to follow the policy that volunteers for these pickups should be board members or volunteers with whom we have a multi-year relationship. This will be handled on a case-by-case basis; Ryan will make final decisions.
- **Community Crime Meeting** (Jan. 25). Michael led this meeting, distributed beta versions of NRSO's crime packet, and highlighted crime trends in D10 from 2017. 15 residents attended.
- **Neighborhood Honor Roll** (Jan. 26). D10 had a good showing, filling 2+ tables.
- **Seed Share** (May 5). Environment will bring an Action Item to hold this event at the Streetcar Station.
- **Rain Barrel Workshop** (May 19). Environment will bring an Action Item to co-sponsor this event. Twin Cities German Immersion School has agreed to donate space.
- **Garage Sale.** Officers reviewed the draft survey, suggested a few revisions and additions, and authorized its distribution.

Community Activities

- **Lexington corridor.** Michael met with city engineer John Maczko and county engineer Erin Laberee to seek consensus on a plan to restripe Lexington Parkway between Front and Como/Horton. There is progress at the Como/Horton intersection, and more research needed south of the RR tracks. Also, Land Use has approved a draft survey to

assess residents opinions about the Park District's proposed crossing near the golf course parking lot. Officers will review the survey for approval.

- **Como / Front / Dale.** Michael shared results of the survey and the January D10 board vote with District 6, with PED, and the Ward 1 and Ward 5 offices. As a result, Ward 5 legislative aide Kim O'Brien says, PED and Public Works no longer will pursue eliminating the dedicated right-turn lane from southeast-bound Como onto westbound Front. She expects project staff to provide a list of existing and potential projects using Commercial Vitality Zone money, and their costs, for the district councils to consider further. She expects to convene a small advisory group to oversee the CVZ and economic development initiatives.
- **State Fair Overlay District.** At the request of Land Use, Michael is trying to coordinate with city staff for a series of preliminary meetings concerning the State Fair initiatives approved at the January board meeting. Minimal progress so far.
- **Sholom Home / 1554 Midway Parkway.** David Grzan revealed to Michael that the developers are out of money. John noted that one vehicle of financing the developers were seeking – tax-free conduit revenue bonds – no longer are allowed under the new tax code. Land Use met with neighbors to discuss concerns on Feb. 7, and will focus again on the property at its March 7 meeting, which will be in Buchanan Hall at Holy Childhood parish. There is a meeting Wednesday Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. with staff from the Department of Safety and Inspections to discuss oversight of the property. Some Land Use members and officers will try to attend. After the March 7 meeting, board leadership will have to discuss how best to engage the community about the property's future.
- **County commissioner election.** We were approached by District 6 (North End) to co-sponsor a candidates forum with them and District 7 (Frogtown). Because the announced candidates all have ties to different councils, officers believe D10 should participate only if an established, nonpartisan entity such as the League of Women Voters takes the lead. This will minimize perceived conflicts of interest. Also, any forum should wait until after filing period closes. Two candidates have asked to meet with D10 to discuss policy and issue concerns; Michael will try to set up meetings, but make it clear of our commitment to remain neutral. Leadership will be advised of those meetings in advance.

Communications

- **Live-streaming board meetings.** Tim reported that 307 people viewed at least part of the January meeting, although most stayed for only a short period. Sound was a problem for some viewers, because of the acoustics of the space and use of only one microphone. February meeting also will be streamed, then we will assess what to do for future.
- **Survey policy.** John is still drafting a formal process. In the meantime, officers will continue to review all surveys. They approved NRSO's garage sale survey (with modifications), and will have recommendations on Land Use's Lexington Crossing survey before Tuesday's board meeting. Also being developed: a user survey for the Pathways work group.

Financials

- **Bookkeeper.** Amy will provide the board with information on Tuesday.
- **Equity grant.** The grant, from the District Council Innovation Fund, is scheduled as part of the City Council's consent agenda on Feb. 21. D10 would get about \$5,500 for 2018.

Organizational Business

- **Ad-hoc fact-finding committee.** There will be further discussion in closed session at the end of the Feb. 20 board meeting.
- **Board Meeting (Feb. 20).** Environment will bring action items on the proposed rain barrel workshop, another storm grate mural, and a Como Community Seed Library event.
- **Future presenter requests.** We have received requests from the Police Civilian Internal Affairs Review Commission (Libby Kantner) and to discuss the City of Saint Paul 2040 Comprehensive Plan (Lucy Thompson).
- **April Annual Meeting and elections.** Ryan will raise this under his report on Tuesday. Michael will inform those board members whose terms expire this year.

Staff Report

Michael noted that he:

- Worked to get the city to release information about Spring Café taking over the Lakeside Pavilion before the contract was settled.
- Submitted a revised workers' comp audit to Hartford Insurance, to correct errors made by our bookkeeper. As a result, instead of paying \$676 more, we will pay \$9 less.
- Is part of a District Council steering committee organizing workshops for board members from across the city to meet with each other and brainstorm about the future of District Councils. Workshops are March 1 and March 3; a flier was sent earlier this week and will be included in the board packet.

The meeting ended at 8:44 p.m.

District 10 Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2018 at 7 pm

Highlights:

- New mini golf is slated to be open this spring.
- Como Connect Resource Fair is rescheduled for April 7 or 28.
- District Council meetings with the Mayor's office – Erin and Laura volunteered to take part; Mike and Bill are also interested.
- Rain Garden Program – Workshop on June 23, Mike M is working on a grant.
- There is a second storm grate mural in the works in the parking lot on the north side of Como Lake.
- Another seed Library event is planned for May 5th. Seed swap, preservation information, and possibly other plant-related topics.
- Como Lake signage – additional signs may be added to alert the public about the aeration system and to avoid feeding wildlife.
- Signage for the bronze bee that was awarded to D10, options will be discussed at the next meeting. Possibilities include highlighting native pollinator-friendly plants in the area and information about the bee sky rise.
- There are three Sunday series planned – State Fair History, Pedestrian Safety, and Crime Prevention through Landscape Design. Two additional possibilities: Tree Trek, and Immigration to the area.
- Committee will be reviewing our 2018 plan at the next meeting.
- Como Woodland: iNaturalist app is set up for the City Wide Nature Challenge. The group is also planning a tree inventory and protocols for native and invasive species.
- Path Finding Committee: additional sites have been uploaded, park user surveys are in the works.

STANDARD ITEMS

• Call to order

Present: Julie Wegscheid, Mike Ireland, Andrew Gustin, Bill Devroy, Mike MacDonald, Susan Jane Cheney, Erin Dooley, Bill Sylvester, Teri Aliberico, Cari Ness Nesje, Dawn Lamm, Michael Kuchta, Laura Busian

• Committee member and guest introductions

- **Approval of November minutes and January's agenda** – approved and seconded.

• District 10 board meeting summary

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

Land use: Several local intersections are slated to be painted in order to better serve traffic flow. They also summarized some discussions around the State Fair overlay district.

NRSO: Crime prevention workshop was fairly well attended. There will be more yoga sessions coming up. Neighborhood garage sale is coming, as is a Neighborhood get-together at Orchard Rec. They are also putting together kids for Neighborhood Night Out and Welcome packets.

PRESENTATION

Cari was on the approval team for the new vendor at the Mini Golf Course. The deadline for committee feedback is the end of this week. From there, there will be a public hearing and then a final decision. The goal is opening early this spring.

INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Como Connect Neighborhood Resource Fair** - Dawn and Mike
Action item passed - Rescheduled for April 7 or 28th but...
we need more people to help!

Julie and Bill have volunteered to support this effort. Mike will reach out to this group to firm things up.

- **Participation in district council meetings with mayor's office** - Mike
Action item passed - we need to assign a representative – may be working with Russ Stark in his new position.

Erin and Laura volunteered to be part of this group. Mike and Bill Devroy are also interested.

- **District 10 possible cosponsoring a CRWD rain garden program**
Action item passed - the date needs to be agreed upon

June 23rd 9:00-Noon for the workshop. Volunteers will be needed.

Rain Barrel workshop - Mike MacDonald

CRWD has agreed to reimburse \$50/ barrel for the workshop but requires a grant application. Request an action item to the board

May 19th 1:00-3:00. Barrels cost \$90, so individuals will pay \$40, Mike M is planning a grant to cover the subsidy.

Action Item: Approve the grant application to send to the board. D10 would neither lose nor make money on the rain barrels. – Passed unanimously.

Volunteers will be needed to bring loads of barrels for the event. Mike M will be seeking drivers as we get closer to the event. Several members stated intent to assist.

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

Request an action item to the board for a letter and partnership

This group is looking to do a mural on the other grate. The Friends are asking for another letter of support for this project. The artist for the original stated, last year, that he would be willing to return to do the other piece.

Action Item: Approve a letter be generated by Mike I and presented to the D10 board in support of the second mural. – Passed unanimously.

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

Action item to the board to support hosting an event at the Streetcar Station on Saturday May 5 from 10 am to 3 pm

Many different aspects of seed swap, preservation, and information will be shared. Another possibility: native plants that are useful as food or medicines. The event last year was in conjunction with other speakers, and had a turnout of over 70. Seeds and stories were shared, as well as perennials.

Action Item: Holding this event at the Street Car Station, if available, on May 5th. Passed unanimously.

If D10/Composting is interested in a table, plus set-up and clean-up volunteers are wanted.

- **Grants for admission to environmental conferences or other related events**
- Dawn Lamm

Dawn is interested in pursuing grants and/or establishing an on-going education budget. Mike I brought up that the committee has a \$400 budget, but this would not cover all of the workshops available. Many workshops offer scholarships. There is some work being done on charitable giving to the D10 board.

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

Teri will contact the DNR to find out about signs, per Mike M's suggestion. If we were to change the location of the aeration system, to accommodate skating, it would be up to the Park and Rec department.

Mike I highlighted a "Thank you for not feeding the ducks" sign that he came across. These may be available from Parks and Rec.

- **Como Curb Cleanup update** - Janna Caywood, Courtney Ryan, Mike

No updates yet on fall results. The leadership is in the process of engaging churches tomoartocistemthismuocomijg fall and may expanded to other local organizations.

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

This is to highlight the bronze bee that will be on the stone above the door to the office. The sign may be installed in the spring. It can be as simple as a temporary lawn sign. For a permanent sign, we would need to permits.

Item for the March meeting: Discuss options, including adding photos of the bee high rise and the bee itself, highlighting the plants near the streetcar station, rotating the signs to provide various information that would rotate as the season changes.

- **Sunday Series Scheduled:**

- 2/25 State Fair History Part II (1920-present) at Lyngblomsten
- 3/18 St. Paul Proposed Pedestrian Safety Plan at TBD
- 4/15 Crime Prevention Through Landscape Design at TBD

Two additional possibilities – Tree Trek and Immigration in the area.

- **Miscellaneous Stuff** - Mike
 - Climate Generation's Talk Climate Institute
March 12-13 at Wilder Center. Registration Fee \$80
climategen.org/what-we-do/education/public-engagement/talk-climate-institute/
 - Public Works has confirmed that Saturday June 9 is the date for the Citywide Drop-off at the State Fairground
Volunteers get to drop off one free load.
 - Reaching outside the Environmental committee for assistance with single one-time efforts
- **2018 Environmental committee budget**

Compost \$650, Community Gardens: \$475. Grant for America Walks did not come through for the path finding, but there is a pathways committee grant from the city. Plus, we have a \$400 from D10 to use for committee expenses.

- **Brainstorm events and activities with dates for the year** - what the committee should focus on in 2018

We have short-, medium-, and long-term goals for the committee. New items are welcome to this document.

Mike I will send out the most recent version of the document for reflection, and discussion next month.

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

PARTNER UPDATES

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

Susan Jane: The City Wide Nature Challenge, workshop on the iNaturalist app. The coordinator may be hoping to use the streetcar station.

Tree inventory needs to be done, as well as a transect protocol for native/invasive species.

2018 is the Year of the Bird.

- **Como Park Pathfinding subcommittee** - Teri, Andrew and Michael

There are 20-30 additional sites that have been uploaded. There will be a meeting in February, TBD. There will also be a survey for park users. Michael is working on a draft that will be identical online as it is in person.

There is a bank of styles/colors/icons, etc. that the park will ultimately use, once all of the information is compiled.

- **The Mapping Tool** (twincities.geopoi.us) - Andrew Gustin

Andrew had business cards with information on the map apps for Winter Carnival and Super Bowl

- **Churchill Gardens** - Erin, Maren Swenson, Sandra Peterson, and Bonnie Youngquist

The sign post is in, but the information is not yet there.

- **Como Organic Compost Subcommittee** – Michael Kuchta

The hauler is coming twice per week. We will continue to monitor and adjust. All sites have gone up 14%, but Pierce Butler is down 21%. Promotion and 24-hour availability has made it really popular. With the increased composting, processing capacity is limited. The Mdewakanton Sioux site is hoping to expand, but permits take time.

- **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
- **Master composter/recycling program** - Teri Alberico
- **Greenway Extension** - Mike
- **Como Connect: A Neighborhood Resource Fair** - Dawn and Sara
- **Transition Twin Cities** - leveraging resources and people

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 2018 Tentative** for the Como Connect resource fair
- **Fall 2018** Como Community Parade

ADJOURNMENT

- **Next Meeting:** February 28 at 7 pm (last Wednesday of each month)

Land Use Committee - District 10 Como Community Council - 2/7/2018

1. Call to order 7:02pm

Present: Kevin Dahm (chair); Maggie Zimmerman, Joe Mueller, Jon Heyer, (board members); Bill Sylvester, Jon Knox, Lori Hill, Sheldon Moe, Barbara Clark (community members); Michael Kuchta (staff)

2. Amend/Adopt Agenda - Approved

3. Zoning

- a. Pope Automotive wants to expand shop, but hasn't filed any paperwork, so city notice was premature.
- b. 1086 Como Place. Owners want to convert existing 6-unit building into 7-unit building. Will need some variances. Likely will seek support at March 7 meeting
- c. 1060 Avon. Owner has been given until Feb. 13 to avoid demolition.

4. Como Town Mini Bee Jet Ride

- a. Todd Koshening (general manager of Lancer Como Town) presented plans to replace existing 1946 Classic Cruisers ride. New ride will be on same footprint, but larger concrete pad will replace some existing gravel. Because of location of mechanicals, and fact that Bee ride is electric and pneumatic (rather than hydraulic), it will be quieter and more environmentally friendly.
- b. Michelle Furrer (director of Como Zoo and Conservatory) gave an update on this year's construction plans. Demolition of existing seal and sea lion exhibit will begin in March; construction of new exhibit will begin in June. This is 19-month project scheduled to open late in 2019. Nearby food service will move; there may be some temporary closures of service roads and parking lot.
New plaza construction near carousel will begin in spring. A new exit path will be built for the Japanese garden. The mini-golf site received four bids; they are being ranked and negotiations will begin this month.

5. Ongoing

A. Sholom Home / 1554 Midway Parkway

- a. March meeting will focus on how to address future of the site. We will try to hold the meeting nearby: Lyngblomsten, Mount Olive, or Holy Childhood.
- b. With David Grzan's recent update that developers are out of money, there are many questions about short-term and long-term issues with site.
 - i. Immediate: Who clears sidewalks, eliminates graffiti, addresses security? Is it possible to get security fence put back up? Who do neighbors call with complaints, and how often do they need to call? What do neighbors need to document (and how)? How do we get building moved to Level 3 nuisance designation to set it up to be razed? Neighbors present expressed no confidence in any developer.
 - ii. Information needed from city: What is current state of building? Can we get in to get assessment of work that is done and what any developer would be dealing with?
 - iii. Future uses of site: Committee reviewed neighborhood survey and preferences from 2009, and some of site's history. Could D10 establish an ad hoc committee to oversee process, and work with city, county, state, and private-sector entities on solution? Estimate from several years ago said demolition would cost \$1.5 million. Belief is that if existing buildings remain, developer is grandfathered in on previous zoning requirements.

Building new building would mean meeting new code requirements.

- B. Dog park. Kevin reported no progress.
- C. Lexington Ave.
 - a. Restriping
 - i. Michael met with city and county engineers on Jan. 17. There is tentative agreement on how to restripe the northbound lanes at Horton/Como, though an actual plan still has to be drafted. County has several concerns about the draft proposal for restriping the merge south of the RR tracks near Orchard. County will collect more data and do modeling to assess potentials for backups and impact of new merge location on other traffic. At this point, City believes advantages outweigh potential disadvantages.
 - b. Golf Course crossing
 - i. Survey is finished and going to officers for approval.
- D. State Fairgrounds and Overlay District
 - a. Board approved 6 of the 7 action items. Committee and staff will try to set up meetings with city and other agencies to get agreement on path forward for each initiative. After that, we will hold public meetings with everybody in the same room to pass on information and gather feedback.
 - b. Neighbors expressed general frustration with lack of enforcement during Fair. Some things are not enforced at all, they say, such as property owners who violate parking overlay requirements, use golf carts on city streets to shuttle people to cars, and extort people who park with them. Calling to complain is a bureaucratic nightmare, and never filters down to city officials on the street. Their impression is that nobody wants to enforce anything, and that violators get 12 days of breaks.
- E. Adjourn 8:40 pm

Como Park District 10's Neighborhood Relations, Safety, and Outreach Tuesday Feb. 6, 2018

Agenda

- Call to Order – 7:05 p.m.
- Attendance: Melissa Liu (chair); Haley Fruen, Mike Ireland (board members); Jennifer Grilliot, Sarah Wein (community members); Michael Kuchta (staff)

Old Business

A. 2018 Events Schedule Update

1. **Community crime meeting**, January 25, North Dale Rec Center. 14 residents attended, primarily from Grids 8 and 28. Michael distributed beta version of crime packet, and gave summary of crime trends in District 10 from 2017. Patty Lammers and Johnny Howard from Police Department spoke and answered questions.
2. **Yoga**. Instructor Meghan Hall and Streetcar Station are confirmed for Sunday mornings March 4, May 6, Sept. 9 and Dec. 2. Meghan will be paid out of D10 budget; suggested registration of \$5 will go to D10.
3. **Yard/Garage Sale**. Committee reviewed draft survey of past garage sale participants. Survey will add open-ended question soliciting additional ideas to improve event. Michael will send survey to D10 officers for their suggestions and approval. Afterward, survey will be posted as soon as possible, with March 1 deadline so results can be reviewed at March 6 committee meeting. Michael will email participants in advance to let them know survey is coming.
4. **Community social**. Haley has not yet received response from Blackhawks about again holding event at Orchard Park.
5. **Ice Cream Social**. Friday July 13, 5:30-8 p.m. Bubble Baron (entertainment), Job Corps Center (servers), and Classical Actors Ensemble (Shakespeare troupe) are confirmed participants again this year. Michael will:
 - 5.1. Reach out again to face-painter
 - 5.2. Order tables and chairs from park district
 - 5.3. Order 6 bike racks
 - 5.4. Request ice-cream donation from Kemp's
 - 5.5. Talk with golf course about donating water jugs and golf carts to make site more accessible for visitors with mobility issuesCommittee also discussed:
 - 5.6. 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.
 - 5.7. 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.
 - 5.8. Having helpers who can deliver water and ice cream to vendors at their tables.
 - 5.9. The possibility of stamping hands once someone has received ice cream to reduce repeats; also making clear to servers what appropriate serving size is.
6. **National Night Out**. Tuesday Aug. 7.
 - 6.1. Providing root beer float kit can be logistical challenge because ice cream can melt, etc. Instead, committee will try to assemble block party kit including:

- 6.1.1. lemonade and iced tea
 - 6.1.2. sleeve of compostable cups and compostable bag
 - 6.1.3. table tent featuring District 10 information (and attempting to capture email addresses)
 - 6.1.4. D10 crime booklet
 - 6.1.5. simple fact sheet for NNO organizer to fill advocacy role.
 - 6.2. NNO kit will be offered to every block party that registers with Western District (roughly 3 dozen in 2017).
 - 6.3. Melissa will price out beverages. We will consider seeking business sponsor.
 - 6.4. Michael will promote availability of recycling stands.
7. **Neighborhood Parade.** Jennifer has been trading emails with Ann Levin; Como Park HS booster club is interested. Still don't know potential date of Homecoming.
8. **Other events.**
- 8.1. Citywide Drop-Off at the Fairgrounds is confirmed for June 9.
 - 8.2. "Crime Prevention through Landscape Design," as part of the Sunday Series, is confirmed for April 15.

B. Long-term initiatives

1. Equity initiatives

- 1.1. Parks. We must be realistic in our ability to make real change, but we definitely can raise the issues and force everyone to rethink status quo. We can seek information about investments in equipment, staff, and programming; then seek more of a balance, as necessary, based on neighborhood needs. Michael believes there is an existing report assessing equity in recreational opportunities in the city.
 - 1.2. District 10 meetings. How do we set up a trial to hold board and committee meetings at other times than weekday evenings? One possibility: survey current board members, survey community, make proposals for changes. How often would we rotate meeting times and locations? It's potentially a risky trade-off – losing current volunteers in hopes of getting new ones. Should find other/additional ways for more residents to engage. What are best ways to bring people in? Use marketing tools; ask other groups to cross-promote our meetings for us.
 - 1.3. Jennifer will set up meeting with Morgan Johnson of Hamline Pointe apartments. Michael will invite Tina Lassahn from Como Park Apartments.
 - 1.4. Michael will put volunteer information on home page of website – probably in the rotating tabs sections
2. **Translation.** We are looking for ability to translate promotional items into other languages. Haley will ask Tom Freun for contacts. Michael will ask International Institute. One goal: translate Ice Cream Social flier into at least 2 other languages.
3. **Grants** for such activities as Open Streets. Jennifer will begin research.
4. **Welcome kit.** Members will review the 2009 welcome booklet to suggest what to keep, what to update, what to eliminate. One key challenge: existing map does not include Sub-District 4. In outreach to businesses:
- 4.1. Delicata is willing to donate coins for gelato
 - 4.2. Nelson's is under new ownership; asked us to come back in April
 - 4.3. Outreach continuing to others.
5. **Crime prevention book.** Members will review latest version for content, ideas. We will print some copies, but this primarily will live online.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.