



**District 10 Community Council Annual Meeting and Elections**  
**Historic Street Car Station**  
**1224 Lexington Parkway, St. Paul, MN 55108**  
**Tuesday, April 16, 2019**  
**7:00 PM**  
**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER** The Annual Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Ryan Flynn (123 community members signed in)

**MOTION:** *Adopt D10's standard election procedures (passes)*

**SPECIAL ELECTION:**

**Treasurer**

Mike Ireland

*Elected by acclimation*

**ANNUAL ELECTIONS:**

**Chair**

Melissa Liu

*Elected by acclimation*

**Secretary**

Marika Staloch

*Elected by acclimation*

**Sub-District 1**

Lisa Linnell

Sarah Reuter *elected*

**Sub-District 2**

Stephen Greenwood

Amanda Rohrer *elected*

**Sub-District 3**

Sara Benzkofer *elected*

Melissa Brannon

Mike Mitchelson

**Sub-District 4**

Alexis Baker

*Elected by acclimation*

**At Large**

Jill Henricksen

Debra Verber *elected*

Jennifer Victor-Larsen *elected*

Maggie Zimmerman *elected*

Steve Greenwood (nominated from the floor)

Melissa Brannon (nominated from the floor)

**I. Call to order**

Chair Ryan Flynn called the April 2019 meeting to order at 8:07 pm.

**II. Board introductions**

Present: Ryan Flynn, Mike Ireland, Tim Post, Amy Perna, Thomas Coburn, Cody Zwiefelhofer, Annie Huidekoper, Alexis Baker, Rebecca Calvo, Olivia Mulvey Morawiecki, Adina Florea Weseman, Laura Jo Busian, Maggie Zimmerman, Melissa Liu, Cari Ness Nesje  
Absent: Haley Fruen  
Staff: Michael Kuchta

**III. Review, amend agenda:**

**MOTION:** *Approve the agenda (passed by acclimation)*

**IV. Community section**

A: **Board chair report:** Ryan Flynn reflected on his time as chair and some of the recent accomplishments of the board, its committees and members including: a soon-to-be-built pedestrian crossing on Lexington Ave, traffic calming efforts through pedestrian crossing flags, neighborhood signs, and Stop for Me events, the annual ice cream social, the annual drop off event, Como Connect, storm drain murals, a new D10 welcome pamphlet, the Pathways subcommittee, the compost site, work on Como/Front/Dale, a rework of internal policies to allow D10 to be the financial agent for other non-profits, a new social media policy, a rewrite of the D10 bylaws, and bringing the input of neighbors into the extensive work be done on multiple projects in D10.

B: **Treasurer's report:** no report

C: **Other community concerns:** none

**V. Board Business Section**

A. Minutes and financial reports:

**MOTION:** *Approve March 2019 meeting minutes and financial report. (Zimmerman/Baker) passes*

B. Officers' report: Ryan Flynn reports that after multiple interviews, and several versions of the organizer position, D10 has a candidate to put forward for the job. The position will be shared with D12 and day to day direction will be shared with their executive director. A hearing on TCGIS's historical designation is starting in May with a hearing on May 15 and city council vote on May 21. A hearing on D10's variance appeal is scheduled for June 5.

**ACTION ITEM:** *District Ten Community Council approves the hiring of Emily Rodriguez as a Community Organizer. Emily Rodriguez's start date will be April 24, 2019. (Perna/Thomas) Passes*

C. Committee updates

**Environment** Mike Ireland says the committee is looking for a representative from sub district 1 to include in this summer's pollinator garden tour. The garden tool and seed exchange is coming up on May 18. The Adopt a Drain challenge is still going, and Mike is looking for new numbers to update how D10 is doing in the contest. The citywide cleanup is April 27. The city is planning to make improvements to the Como Park compost site, but Parks and Rec is currently tied up with flood prevention efforts elsewhere in the city.

Tim's Pathways subcommittee update: Final recommendations are nearly finalized, the group assessed the condition of all paths in the park and will begin putting together the final report.

**Land use** Maggie Zimmerman continues to work with neighbors on Wynne Ave and the nearby Hmong Prep Academy on ways to reduce noise and deal with parking and visual issues. Higher Ground academy has a site plan finalized, they're reworking the parking area and getting feedback from neighbors and bus and car traffic. The Como/Front/Dale team continues its work and says the uniform shop in the area was recently bought and is being turned into a Buddhist temple. No news on the Shalom Home property. TCGIS historical designation meetings coming in May, variance appeals in June. Spring Café is now being operated by Lancer, the company that operates at Como Zoo and Como town. They're taking their role at the pavilion seriously and want to roll out their menu slowly and get feedback from neighbors. The pedestrian crossing between the golf course and the pavilion should be completed by Memorial Day (according to city officials).

Como Park High School is seeking D10s support for an amplified noise variance for events at the athletic field. Directional speakers would be used to keep the noise on the field and events would be done by 10 pm at the latest. The school will have the dates for upcoming games this summer.

**ACTION ITEM:** *The D10 Community Council supports the request from the Como Senior High School for an amplified noise sound variance during their 2019 home field sporting events. Directional speakers on the new athletic field are expected to be used during boys' and girls' varsity home games. Dates will be submitted to the city ahead of time and are expected to total less than 20 events in the fall. Games are done before 10 pm. (passes)*

**Neighborhood** Olivia Mulvey Morawiecki says the committee spent their last meeting discussing Como Connect (it's taking place during the ice cream social) and the supply of pedestrian crossing safety flags that need to be refilled

D. Staff report: Michael reports that there two more Sunday series, mosquito control and recycling coming up soon. Michael is also helping plan the renters' forum April 18 at Hamline University.

E. New business:

**ACTION ITEM:** *The Board has begun live streaming meetings. Under the original pilot program policy, retention was supposed to be 6 months. This policy expands that to 1 year and allows for additional expansions for specific presentations beyond that if articulated by the officers. It also allows for members of the Board or community to request earlier deletion or removal if justifiable reasons are given. (Perna/Baker) passes*

**MOTION:** *The Como Community Council is authorized to enter into a contract with Joshua W. Murray of Aeronautic Vigilante to redesign the District 10 website for \$2,530. Funds will be paid by the \$1,600 allocated in the current COPP grant, \$180 is savings from transferring web hosting from AWS after June, and \$650 in unallocated city grant money. (Zwiefelhofer /Calvo) passes*

**VI. Adjourn** Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm by Ryan Flynn.

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

## Como Community Council: Officers Meeting

May 15, 2019 (5 p.m. Spring Café)

Present: Melissa Liu, chair; Amy Perna, vice chair; Marika Staloch, secretary; Mike Ireland, treasurer; Michael Kuchta, executive director.

### Events

Michael presented a list of events scheduled for the rest of the year; he will include a more comprehensive list in the board packet. Some specifics:

- **Schiffman Fountain.** Dedication is still tentative for June 8; because that coincides with Drop-Off at State Fairgrounds, it is uncertain what capacity D10 has to be present at dedication ceremony.
- **Drop-Off.** Maggie Zimmerman and Amy Perna are working with city; Michael is collecting volunteer and senior pick-up requests; Debra Pursley will do some initial senior pick-ups. Warner Stellian is donating a truck and crew for pick-ups on June 8. Re-use area is being reconfigured; Jennifer Victor-Larsen is overseeing that. Falcon Heights is again participating; Amy will invoice them \$500 to help offset costs.
- **Garage Sale.** 26 people registered. Rebecca Calvo and resident Heather Doran worked on maps. Because of bad weather forecast, some participants are rescheduling for Memorial Day weekend. Officers authorized staff to produce new map and do another round of promotion.
- **Ice Cream Social.** Amy has found a Thrivent rep willing to pay for ice cream; now the challenge is to find supplier. Melissa will check options at Costco.

### Community

- **St. Andrew's.** City Council votes May 22 during its 3:30 session on local historical designation for the former church building.
- **German Immersion School.** D10's appeal of the Planning Commission decision on the school's site plan goes to the City Council on June 5, probably 5:30 p.m. We do not know other logistical details. Officers concur that executive director Michael Kuchta; Land Use chair Maggie Zimmerman, and former board chair Ryan Flynn should represent D10. The Ward 5 office has indicated they would like our recommendations in advance so other council members can get up to speed on the issues.
- **Hmong College Prep Academy.** There is some reduction of school staff parking on Wynne Ave. Neighbors say there is no improvement on intrusive lighting and delivery trucks arriving before 6 a.m. They are logging the vendors and times; DSI says they may be able to take the same approach they take with grocery stores that abut residential streets. Michael has asked the Ward 4 office if any year-round STAR money is available to purchase plants along Wynne Ave. Goal is to have city, D10, and school kick in equal amounts to improve visual screening of the back side of the school.
- **Como Senior High School.** Michael and Jonah Fields from the school's athletic department met with Dan Niziolek and Barb McGonigle-St. Denis from DSI about the school's PA system goals. DSI does not have procedures for dealing with amplified sound from school athletic fields; they propose a pilot project this fall that could monitor impacts lead to new ordinance language to apply citywide. School will start by bringing in a sound engineer to make recommendations.
- **ComoFest.** Michael met with organizers of other ComoFest events. ComoFest.org page is now live. Group is investigating business cards to leave around as promotion, inserting flier in Monitor newspaper, and promoting a #comofest hashtag for photos taken at events.

## Communication

Website contract has been signed and down-payment made. Developer now has access to begin transfer to new site.

## Financials

- **Bank account signatures.** Sunrise provided paperwork necessary to update accounts.
- **Fund-raising.** Amy hopes to use 2018 community survey results to guide fund-raising “ask” and use of donations. This will require further discussion after board reviews survey.
- **In-house audit.** Michael has compiled records from 2017 and 2018; need 3 board volunteers to review (officers should not take part).
- **2018 Innovation Fund.** We received an extension from the city through Sept. 30. This will allow us to maximize organizer’s hours and pursue additional training/education initiatives.
- **Compost barrel sales.** All 25 barrels are sold. There was agreement that this unanticipated revenue (about \$350) could be used as our contribution toward a Wynne Ave. greening project.

## Organizational Business

- **Organizer.** Emily Rodriguez is on board, and anticipates dedicating time to D10 primarily on Thursdays and Fridays. Emily prefers they/them/their pronouns. Their initial tasks are to cross-reference, combine, and update three separate spreadsheets on rental properties in D10; begin outreach to larger apartment communities to determine their willingness to host conversations with D10, promote D10 events, or include D10 welcome materials in their new tenant packets; and contact high schools in D10 to set up youth summit in autumn 2019. In general, Emily will not be expected to attend committee meetings, but should schedule introductions at a board and Neighborhood Relations meeting. Innovation Fund will cover most of Emily’s time; if board allocates same level of Innovation and Community Engagement funding next year, it will cover roughly 10 months of salary in 2020.
- **Equity presentation.** Michael and Amy continue to try to work out logistics with Anne Phibbs and potentially others on the history of redlining and other structural discrimination in St. Paul. The Mapping Prejudice project in Minneapolis (and the related “Jim Crow of the North” documentary) do not have a parallel in St. Paul or Ramsey County. Marika will forward one potential panelist; Michael and Amy will continue to tap potential sources through PED, CURA, Minnesota Historical Society, etc.
- **Nexus Community Partners.** Final two training sessions are May 16 (John’s Pizza Cafe) and May 30 (Streetcar Station). Feedback from first session May 2 was positive.
- **Community survey summary.** Amy has a summary; she will forward it to board in anticipation of a more in-depth discussion at May or June meetings.

- **Strategic planning.** Melissa led an introductory discussion with officers of a Strengths/Weaknesses/Opportunities/Threats assessment, and expressed hope that the full board could do formal strategic planning for the next two years. Goal is to have organization that is more proactive than reactive, and has a road map to guide us. The district plan can inform priorities, but is more of a neighborhood document than an organizational document.
- **Expectations.** Officers and staff discussed expectations of each other. One goal will be to have officers meet formally with committee chairs at least twice a year. Group also discussed how to collaborate more at board level with other district councils, as outlined in Phase 2 Community Engagement report. (Copies will be made available to new board members.)
- **Doors Open.** Melissa wondered if there is a way to do a version of this Minneapolis event in Saint Paul as a whole, or even in our neighborhood. We could research local possibilities for an “Unseen Como” – strengthening community by providing transparency and breaking down barriers to places or organizations that remain a mystery. Maybe each district council could identify one or two places and create a self-guided walking or bike tour. Or, it could be done on the ward level.
- **Flier for Citywide Drop-Off.** Previous brainstorming suggested that district councils should create a flier to hand out to cars waiting in line at drop-off events – explaining what district councils are, what they do, and how to get involved. Amy will check if Exhibit B funding would pay for printing. Michael showed an older, two-sided flier some district councils have used at events; he will draft a smaller, half-page version.
- **Board Meeting** (May 21). Agenda items include:
  - Special election for At-Large vacancy. 3 candidates have filed; 2 of them ran unsuccessfully in April.
  - Action Items from Melissa (committee appointments); Land Use (Gabe’s by the Park, Community Involvement Programs); and Mike Ireland (Public Art St. Paul).
- **Future presentations.** None are scheduled. We should invite local elected officials for presentation and Q&A. This year, have to be aware of city council elections; therefore, if we schedule council members Brendmoen and Nelson, it should be before filing period (July 30-Aug. 13). Also, county commissioner MatasCastillo, Public Works director Kathy Lantry, and representative from forestry and public art process.

### **Staff Report**

Michael will submit a written staff report in board packet.

## District 10 Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2019 at 7 pm

Present: Shariman Yusof, Sarah Daniels, Georgia-May Heran, Mike McDonald, Andrew Gustin, Mike Ireland, Julie Wegscheid, Bill Devroy, Eric Odney, Sara Benzkofer, Susan Jane Chaney, Erin Spring, Bill Niebur, Ariel Kagan, Brian Dockstader, Erin Dooley, Michael Kuchta.

### STANDARD ITEMS

- Committee member and guest introductions
- Review of previous meeting minutes and the agenda
- District 10 board meeting summary

Full house at the last meeting, many new D10 members. Mike is taking on the role of D10 Treasurer, and as such, will be resigning his role as committee chair, but will continue to be involved with the committee. New chair may or may not be in for the next meeting.

Como Park Sr High had asked for support for a sound variance, a letter was approved.

D10 money will be going to improve the phone app interface.

Adoption of a live streaming policy.

### INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Adopt-a-Drain challenge campaign strategy** - Annie Huidekoper agreed to help lead

	<b>Dec.</b>	<b>Nov.</b>
◦ Como	116	Same
◦ Hamline Midway	43	40
◦ Mac/Groveland	12	11
◦ Union Park	11	0
◦ Highland	16	Same
◦ St. Anthony Park	5	Same

Andrew will continue to work this initiative, Annie (Land Use) will join the effort.

- **Capitol Region Watershed District Items**

- **CRWD's Como Lake Management Plan**

March 28 final public advisory group meeting recap

[Como Lake Management Plan Draft](#)

[Como Lake Management Plan web site](#)

There are some mitigation steps being taken that could, potentially be controversial. For example, Curly Leaf Pondweed, which begins to grow before the ice is off the lake. Chemical additions to lower the phosphorus. Unsure at this point if the policy has been voted on.

This could, potentially, be a Sunday Series topic – unique needs of Como lake, the plan, on-going work, etc. We would need a venue. Pavilion? Outdoor? Bethel Lutheran? Como by the Lake? Capitol Region offices?

There may be, at some point, an information kiosk updating information.

- **Consideration of additional Sunday Series** on Como Lake presented by the CRWD

- **CRWD is developing the 2020 Watershed Management Plan**

They are hosting conversations with residents in May and June to learn more about the needs and interests of their community, improvements and opportunities to work together to better manage rainwater runoff. You can click [here](#) to RSVP.

An [online survey](#) is available if you cannot attend an event.

If you are interested in giving input to the plan for the next 10 years, this is your chance. All items planned from the last 10- year plan have been accomplished.

- **Como Lake Cleanup planning** - awarded \$2,420 - Erin Spry

- CRWD would like to include their Master Water Stewards team in these events

Plans for purchase of needed items/rentals was discussed. Most of which will be kept for re-use in future years' clean-up events.

Year 1: first Saturday – every other month and build from there . . .

June 1, August 3<sup>rd</sup> , October 12<sup>th</sup> -- 9:00 -Noon, flexible start time, and people can stay longer.

Advertising – social media, news blast, posters at local businesses.

- **St. Paul Citywide Spring Cleanup** - April 27 9:00 am-11:30

- Speedway will host at the Como Lake site but may need assistance

- Who will assist and cover the Environmental committee/compost site table?

- **District 10 and Saint Paul Natural Resources Planting Event!**

- Help plant the perennial plugs and shrubs the committee purchased

- May 13 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm at the Joyce Kilmer Memorial Fireplace

- Tools provided but space is limited to the first 20 people

- Please RSVP to [tricia.wehrle@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:tricia.wehrle@ci.stpaul.mn.us).

Plants will include a variety of height levels.

- **Como Community Seed Library spring event** – Dawn

May 18<sup>th</sup>, 11 am-2 pm

We could use a few more volunteers for the event itself, as well as after to deliver tools and leftover plants to various locations. Also at the event will be more information about pop-up events in boulevards, and growing plants specifically to restock the seed pool.

- **2019 Como Connect** - it will be held in conjunction with the ice cream social on July 12

- Sarah Reuter

Holding in conjunction with the Ice Cream Social will allow for more visitors to interact with the presenters.

- **Pollinator friendly garden tour** - Erin, Mike M. and Dawn

July 13, 10 am-2pm

Many local private gardens, some public gardens with partners (flower folding, Front Ave Pottery, Como Composts). It is on the same day (probably) as the art fair at the pavilion.

- **Bethel Lutheran Church's community gardens** (670 W. Wheelock Pkwy)

A couple of plots are still available. Michael will reach out to see if some people can be moved off of the D10 community garden waiting list.

- **Sunday Series update** – Michael 1-2 pm

This weekend: Mosquito Control District – Who are they? What do they do? -- Streetcar Station

Next weekend: Recycling Ain't What it Used to Be. Terri will be doing composting, we will be offering \$30 composting bins (25 are on order, there will be a pre-order system), City will be there to discuss all things recycling. Held at Good Acre.

- **Organic Compost Site** – Michael

Probably moving forward, but the parks system is currently focused on flooding. Some storage would need to be moved around to make room for the enlarged area. Fence will need to be re-done, cement slab.

County is on board, ruts are deep – people are not loving the ponds.

- **Committee response to the Citywide Garbage Service** - Thomas and Teri
- **Sky Rise Bronze Bee sculpture sign** – Dawn

The additional bees may, finally, be on the way. They are interested in using the Streetcar Station for a regional Bee Skyrise event July 24 or 31 (July 31 is the current date for the July meeting). We would advertise and staff the event. The bee bike may be here.

- **Miscellaneous Stuff**

- Reaching outside the Environmental to committee for community involvement
- Lexington Ave. Boulevard Beautification Project update
- 2019 committee budget

Compost site	\$650
Wayfinding	\$220
Printing	\$1,000
Tech support/ & research	\$100
Partner Grant	\$2,420
Discretionary	\$400

Idea for the discretionary funds – using some to replace some of the greenery between the Hmong College Prep Charter school and neighbors on Wynne. Can we match all or part of any funds from HCPC and the Forestry Department?

- **2018 committee initiatives and project planning**

*Do we want to continue to work on these?*

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

Teri and Eric

Eric will touch base with Teri to look at moving forward with this.

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

Eric, Teri and Thomas

**Explore options to fight the growing chloride threat to Como Lake:** Work with the golf course management, Parks and Rec and the CRWD to improve water conservation and filtration.

Gordy and Dawn

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

Andrew, Adina and Mike

- Requested inclusion in the CRWD Como Lake Management Plan and the CRWD Partner grant
- Obtain watershed sub-district boundaries
- Goal is to prepare a proposal this winter and partner with the CRWD

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

Ariel brought up the fact that Ayd Mill road is a boundary between the districts through which it crosses, so there aren't strong advocates to preserve it as a greenway. Perhaps a bike route? Ariel asks that we find out more. There is a petition out there.

<https://streets.mn/2019/04/23/five-reasons-saint-paul-should-not-spend-3569917-to-repave-ayd-mill-road/>

<https://www.twincities.com/2019/03/26/st-paul-to-repave-crumbling-ayd-mill-road-this-year-after-barrage-of-complaints/>

Survey link from St Paul Bicycle Coalition: Or you can send your friends this link: [https://actionnetwork.org/letters/build-an-ayd-mill-greenway?source=direct\\_link&](https://actionnetwork.org/letters/build-an-ayd-mill-greenway?source=direct_link&)

Workshop on inviting a broader range of perspectives to District Councils held Thursdays in May. May 2, 16, 30, dinner first, then workshop.

### **PARTNER UPDATES**

- **2019 Bird Survey** - Mike McDonald

20 people or so are involved.

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

Spring ephemerals this Friday (4/26)

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

This ad hoc group is nearing the completion of their project. The final recommendation is being written. Presentation to follow.

- **The Mapping Tool** ([comopark.info](http://comopark.info)) - Andrew Gustin
- **Churchill Gardens** - Erin
- **Como Organic Compost Subcommittee** – Michael
- **Capitol Region Watershed District** - Mike MacDonald
  - MPCA 319 Small Watersheds Focus Grant
- **Como Active Citizen Network** - Janna Caywood
- **Como Lake Pollinator Garden** - Angie Sechler
- **Como Community Seed Library** - Dawn Lamm
- **Clean Energy Resource Team** – Bill Devroy
- **Master composter/recycling program** - Teri Alberico
- **Midtown Greenway** - Mike Ireland
- **Transition Twin Cities** - leveraging resources and people

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

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|--------------------------|--|
| • April 27; 9 - 11:30 am | St. Paul Citywide Spring Cleanup               |
| • May 17 weekend         | D10 Neighborhood Garage Sale                   |
| • May 18 or 19           | Como Community Seed Library “Seed Your Dreams” |
| • June 1                 | Como Lake Clean Up                             |
| • July 12                | D10 Ice Cream Social with Como Connect         |
| • July 13                | Pollinator garden tour                         |
| • 6/9, 9/8, and 12/1     | Streetcar station yoga                         |
| • Through March 2020     | Como Bird Survey                               |

#### ADJOURNMENT

- **Next Meeting:** May 29 at 7 pm at the streetcar station

## Land Use Committee - District 10 Como Community Council – 5/1/2019 - Agenda

### 1. Call to order 7:00pm

Present: Maggie, Rebecca, Annie, Michael K., Cody is late

### 2. Amend/Adopt Agenda

Agenda is amended to include discussion on the sound variance for Friends of Gillette Walk and Run following Ally People Solutions/Community Involvement Programs in New Business. (Maggie, Rebecca) - Motion approved

### 3. Land Use Voting Procedures Reminders

### 4. New Business

- *Gabe's in the Park liquor license adjustment request*
  - ◆ They are asking for support to amend their liquor license to allow speakers that play background music on the patio.
  - ◆ Gabe's has residential neighbors to the East only; to the south, west, and north are all commercial/business space.
  - ◆ Gabe's contracted with Frattalone and Associates, Inc. to conduct a sound study and advise on type and location of sound equipment. The sound study took place during the week of March 27, 2019 on Thursday morning, Thursday evening, Thursday late night, and Sunday afternoon. Sound decibel readings at several points east of Gabe's and no sound measurement taken across from Gabe's on the eastern sidewalk along Lexington exceeded 53Db.
  - ◆ The sound system would be installed and managed by Frattalone so that decibel levels did not exceed 50Db across from Gabe's on Lexington. Speakers would be mounted on patio poles and aimed directionally inward to the patio. Rock, planter, and façade speakers were also recommended.
  - ◆ Patio supports 50-60 people and is open during good weather April-September. Wait staff serve patrons on the patio. Patio is open until 11pm.
  - ◆ Music would be programmed to be of lower decibel level than conversation of people talking outside on the patio, the amplifier would block even someone turning the music way up
  - ◆ Concern from a neighbor about conversational noise polluting his home across the street; talked about training wait staff to help quiet loud patrons down and agreed to be as responsive as possible when things get a little too loud for neighbors
  - ◆ **Motion:** District 10 Como Community Council supports the request from Gabe's in the Park for a liquor license adjustment for music on their patio. (6 yea, 1 nay, 2 abstentions) motion passes
- *Ally People Solutions/Community Involvement Programs STAR Grant request*
  - ◆ Two organizations merged as of April 1
  - ◆ Moving into 1 Merrill Circle, former Merrill campus
  - ◆ Estimated 130 new jobs in the area; expects to add 35 new positions as well over next five years
  - ◆ Grant is looking to help build out back warehouse space in back of the building; estimate to build out is \$300k, ask to city is \$175k between loans and grants

- ◆ **Motion:** The District 10 Como Community Council supports the STAR grant application from Community Involvement Programs to build space for a Center of Excellence at 1 Merrill Circle. (Passes unanimously)
- *Friends of Gillette Walk & Run*
  - ◆ Como Park – Midway Picnic Pavilion, 1199 Midway Parkway
  - ◆ Anderson Race Management has requested a sound level variance in order to present music and announcements for the Friends of Gillette Walk & Run at Como Park. The Variance is requested at no specified sound level limit or distance, for the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., with a pre-event sound check at 8:00 a.m., on Saturday, June 8, 2019.

## 5. Ongoing Business

- Updates (if applicable):
  - ◆ Como Senior High Amplified Sound Variance
    - ◆ Attempting to get a meeting with school representatives, DSI and D10 to pilot Como HS' sound variance dates aren't yet known, but they know how many events they will be looking for.
    - ◆ DSI does not have a template for this use case so need to figure out how that would look.
  - ◆ Wynne Ave/HPA
    - ◆ Still ongoing; still working with residents and HPA; Michael said there's been some improvement on staff parking in residential areas, but there are still a couple issues
  - ◆ Higher Ground Academy construction
    - ◆ All construction permits approved, traffic plan is not yet approved
  - ◆ Como/Front/Dale
    - ◆ Rainbow Daycare had their CVZ funding approved; cost of project still TBD but will be below remaining budget
  - ◆ Sholom Home
    - ◆ Owner did reach out to DSI with some questions, but still no progress on the building
  - ◆ TCGIS hearings
    - ◆ Introduction for historic designation was today; public hearing is May 15
    - ◆ Appeals on site plan is first weekend in June
  - ◆ Lexington Crossing construction
  - ◆ Spring Café Opening
    - ◆ Open daily as of today; lower window open on weekends

## 6. Staff Report

1. Met with several neighbors who live on Como Ave. west of Hamline and their concerns about the Como bike trail. Project is currently doing storm drain management in the area, and then they can begin final designs for bikes and curbs. Construction wouldn't start until 2020 at the earliest.

## 7. Coming events

- May Board Meeting – May 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7pm – Streetcar Station
- Next Land Use Meeting – June 5th @ 7pm – Streetcar Station

## 8. Adjourn 8:39pm

- I. Administrative
  - A. Minutes Recorder - Alexis
- II. Opening
  - A. Call to order at 7:04
  - B. Introductions - Debra, Olivia, Sarah Wem, Christine Pulver, Sarah Reuter, Alexis Baker, Jennifer Vickers Nelson, Mike Ireland, Michael Kuchta
  - C. Review of minutes:
  - D. No additions to agenda.
  - E. Review of last board meeting: Enviro: Recap of lake cleanup, unsure of turnout #s. Como outdoor planting on Monday May 13th at 5:30, See Mike I for sign up. Pollinator tours, adopt a drain campaign. Land use: Gabe wants outdoor speakers. Sound engineer says if speakers set up facing the building sound would be minimal. Committee approved. Also saw a presentation from Allied and CPI, they are applying for a grant. NRO: Need to solicit volunteers for Ice Cream Social. Overall: the board had elections.
- III. New Biz
  - A. Keystone presentation: overview of keystone: senior services, meals on wheels, community kids program, social entrepreneurship program, bicycle resale shop, right track program, basic needs programs - brick and mortar food shelves, food mobile that goes to 25 sites/month, crisis assistance beyond food like one-time financial assistance usually for housing, intensive case management linked with school social workers in roseville and mounds view SDs. Roseville food shelf is being lost. Presbyterian Homes, owner of land, is redeveloping the land; United Way also cutting funding. In conversation with church and another non-profit. Need 3k sq ft and 20 parking spaces, serves 2300 ppl a month. 50-60,000 pounds of food per month. Worst case is we close Roseville site. Roseville is mid-size. Hit a new service record - 8700 people in April for emergency food. Last all-time high was Oct '18 at 8300. SNAP benefits haven't changed, but housing has increased. Hard to absorb into existing sites. 9 full time volunteers and 5 staff. 2.3 million pounds of food distributed. March is MN food share month. Food shelf is based on behavior, usage, fresh produce, food rescue. People can shop once per month and leaves with 26 pounds per person. In summer, free farmer's market program on Friday mornings. July, Aug, Sept at Arlington Fields, Roseville Covenant, and W 7th center. No ID required. Just check-in w volunteer. At food shelf, proof of address and ID asked for but not required. New site needs to be in roseville area on transit line. Need for space, volunteers. Approx 50-90 people in Front St hi rise and Como By the Lake served per month. Ongoing need for transportation but no current formal program. Gala September 26 - info forthcoming, come as you are afterwork. Money also goes far. For the group: chew on it and let's discuss at next meeting.
  - B. Ice cream social
    - 1. Working on how many tables needed, Michael suggests 25 tables for organizations, 33 organizations on list, door prizes are encouraged but

not required, now finalizing email communication, SurveyMonkey to collect info from organizations and ask them if they want to be on our website, maybe bring State Fair mascot and photo booth \$700 or could there be another photo opportunity like hashtags or event photographer, budget is \$1250, Amy Perna has made connection thru Thrivent volunteer program for ice cream donation, Michael to price ice cream thru Costco, sweet science moving into delicata, need donations for large coolers - we beg anyone 5-6 fishing size coolers, need to decide if there will be bike racks, water jugs from cozy's and last year golf cart was lent so wont ask for one this year, bubble guy, face painter, shakespeare in the park, lawn games in the past have been hap-hazard, local musician Incredible Shrinking Men, 6 volunteers at least for set up, 2 shifts of ice cream with 5-6 people for 1.5 hrs, and then 10 for clean up 8-9. Will communicate to Board at next week and send out shift sign ups.

C. Garage Sale

1. 12 people have signed up. 2 days left to sign up. Weekend of May 17.

IV. Old Biz

A. Recent Events Review

B. Current Initiative Updates

1. Welcome Kit: Final draft complete. Michael getting pricing for color prints, 270 new households since June 2018.

C. Other Events/Initiatives

1. Schiffman Fountain: June 8th. Same day at the city wide drop off. During the day.
2. Equity Outreach: Reaching out to Front St high-rise and send to link for national night out. Michael to reach out to AI to see what expectations for D10 involvement is. Outreach coord Emily Rodriguez has started and is working on outreach to high school and rental communities.

D. Long Term Initiatives

1. Equity - training ongoing
2. Next Gen - Emily working on high school summit

E. Community Concerns

1. Bathroom at Tilden Park? Michael to call Parks and Rec about getting a port-a-potty
2. Coyote in Sub 4, called animal control.

V. Meeting Adjourned at 8:57

Food Desert Information:

1. <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=75abd19b3125420bb797fecc4ed640ce>
2. [https://www.wilder.org/sites/default/files/imports/Healthy%20Food%20Access%20Study\\_Final%20Report\\_April%202016.pdf](https://www.wilder.org/sites/default/files/imports/Healthy%20Food%20Access%20Study_Final%20Report_April%202016.pdf)