



**District 10 Community Council Board Meeting  
Historic Street Car Station  
1224 Lexington Parkway, St. Paul, MN 55108  
Tuesday, May 21, 2019  
7:00 PM  
MINUTES**

- Special election for At-Large
- Action Item from Melissa Liu: Committee appointments
- Action Item from Mike Ireland: Public Art St. Paul
- Action Item from Land Use: Gabe's by the Park
- Action Item from Land Use: Community Involvement Programs
- Motion to extend term of Pathways subcommittee

**I. Call to order**

Chair Melissa Liu called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

**II. Board introductions**

Present:

Alexis Baker, Sara Benzkofer, Thomas Coburn, Annie Huidekoper, Mike Ireland, Melissa Liu, Olivia Mulvey Morawiecki, Sarah Reuter, Amanda Rohrer, Marika Staloch, Debra Verber, Jennifer Victor-Larsen, Maggie Zimmerman, Cody Zwiefelhofer

Absent: Amy Perna, Rebecca Calvo

Staff: Michael Kuchta

**III. Review, amend agenda:**

Amendment to agenda by Mike Ireland to extend the term of the Pathways subcommittee.

**MOTION:** *Approve the agenda (Huidekper/Zwiefelhofer)* passes

**IV. Community section**

1. Special Election

a. Adoption of Election Rules

**MOTION:** Adopt the election rules (Zimmerman/Coburn) passes

b. Appointment of Tellers: Morawiecki, Reuter

c. Special Election: At-Large

Michael Kuchta read statement from Jill Hendrickson and support statement from Jason Peterson

Mike Mitchelson spoke; Debra Verber spoke on his behalf

Nominations from the floor: none

2. Board chair report:  
 Greatest turnout at the last meeting; obviously a lot of issues that are near and dear. Every year, half of the board is up for re-election.  
**MOTION:** Close voting (Baker/Verber) passes  
 Jill Hendrickson elected as the next D10 board member.
  
3. Community Concerns:  
 Cory Plath had questions about hiring someone for rental relations. How is it funded? Is there anything prohibiting D10 rental members from being involved? Is this council considering a stance on rent control position? Concern that this District Council is setting up for telling landlords what they can charge.  
 Michael Kuchta: Emily Rodriguez has been hired. D10 is sharing the position with D12 through an Innovation Fund grant received through the City of Saint Paul in 2019 and general community engagement and other funding for the last few weeks of 2019. Position exists because 40% of residents are renters, but majority of participants in D10 events, meetings, and surveys are homeowners. This position is also going to do outreach to the six-high-schools in D10 to engage youth.  
 Melissa: Rental residents are able to serve on board and are welcomed. Issue assigned to Neighborhood Relations. Cory has been invited to their meeting to flush out intentions.  
 Linda Koskela: most renters are transient and only stay 1-2 years in an apartment. Perhaps survey landlords and learn about how long people stay in rental units in our area.  
 [Unidentified resident]: Definition of rent control? Minnesota Multi Housing Association may be a resource. All who are interested can attend the Neighborhood Relations meeting.

**V. Board Business Section**

A. Minutes and financial reports:

**MOTION:** *Approve April 16, 2019 meeting minutes and financial report (Baker/Huidekoper)* passes

Mike Ireland verbally reported the finance highlights:

Expenditures

*Website design \$1600*

*Equity training \$3600*

*Director and officer insurance \$801*

Revenue

*COPP Grant \$1386*

*Recycling Reimbursement \$1700*

*Anne Hartman's company Benevity \$476*

**MOTION:** *Approve financial report (Zimmerman/Zwiefelhofer)* passes

B. Officers' report: (Melissa Liu)

Review of dates of upcoming events; looking for volunteers for audits; Emily Rodriguez is on board; Nexus Community Partner trainings - last of 3 is May 30, 2019; Community Survey is done and Amy will send out the report; talked about strategic plan; Doors Open Minneapolis brought here as Unseen Como to be education and transparency; discussed district council flier for citywide drop-off.

- **Action Item:** Board asked to ratify the following committee appointments:

**Land Use:**

Maggie Zimmerman, CHAIR

Rebecca Calvo

Annie Huidekoper

Cody Zwiefelhofer

**Environment:**

Sara Benzkofer, CHAIR  
Thomas Coburn  
Jennifer Victor-Larsen  
Amanda Rohrer

**Neighborhood Relations:**

Olivia Mulvey Morawiecki, CHAIR  
Sarah Reuter  
Alexis Baker  
Debra Verber

**Pathways Sub Committee:**

Rebecca Calvo, CHAIR

**MOTION** to approve (Ireland/Victor-Larson) passes

C. Committee updates

**Environment** (Sara Benzkofer)

Como is still in the lead for the Adopt-A-Drain program. Since August 1, we've adopted 132 drains. Hamline Midway is at 79. Annie Huidekoper is taking over. First Como Lake cleanup is June 1. Como Seed Library event last Saturday had 65 attendees. Pollinator garden tour is July 13. We are waiting for City of Saint Paul to approve the new slab and slightly relocated organics recycling area. Next meeting is May 29.

**Action Item:** Public Art Saint Paul (Ireland/Zwiefelhofer)

**ACTION REQUESTED:** District 10 Como Community Council's non-financial endorsement and hosting of a Public Art Saint Paul arts leader program to be held on July 24, 2019, at the Streetcar Station.

**Motion passes.**

**Land use** (Maggie Zimmerman)

Michael Kuchta gave the update of Como Senior High's upgraded athletic fields. Saint Paul doesn't have a way to handle this kind of variance, they usually for 1-3 day events or regularly scheduled, not variable with changing dates over several months. City of Saint Paul is interested in letting Como High School to be a pilot for this kind of sound variance. DSI will use the work done by the school in order to apply this citywide.

Lexington Crossing will not be done by Memorial Weekend.

TCGIS tomorrow is the vote on historic designation on Saint Andrews church.

Next committee meeting is Wednesday June 5.

Support the drop off event on June 8.

Como Bike trail hopes to host another open house Tuesday June 18 from 4:30 - 6:30.

**Action Item:** Gabe's By The Park

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Moved that the District 10 Como Community Council supports the request from Gabe's by the Park for a liquor license adjustment to allow background music on the patio. **Motion passes**

**Action Item:** Community Involvement Programs STAR Grant request

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Moved that 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 (1515 Energy Park Drive). **Motion passes**

**Neighborhood Relations** (Olivia Morawiecki)

Planning the Ice Cream Social/Como Connect; have about 7 organizations there. Need volunteers, lawn games, and coolers.

Hosted Keystone Services, who provide food shelf for residents from D10. Trying to work together to bridge the gap. Keystone Services' main location is shutting down, though more folks than ever are using their services.

June 4 is next meeting.

D. Staff report: (Michael Kuchta)

Sunday Series

Renter Summit

Como Ave.

Organics recycling site.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Live-streaming

Como Lake clean-up

Nexus Training

District Councils

Humphrey Job Corps Center

Peddlers: Continue to work with DSI as they pursue enforcement against peddling violations during State Fair. Expect to testify in one case before administrative law judge on July 15.

Welcome packet

E. New business:

Pathways sub-committee is analyzing pedestrian and bicycle pathways for structure/signage.

Community surveys and engagement. Community member concern about people taking up the whole pathway at the lake.

**Motion** (Ireland/Zwiefelhofer): D10 Board reauthorizes Pathways subcommittee for 1 year or until recommendation report is submitted to the board. **Motion passes**

VI. **Adjourn** Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm by Melissa Liu. (Coburn/Baker)

*Respectively submitted by Marika Staloch. These minutes are not official until approved.*

# Como Community Council: Officers Meeting

June 12, 2019 (5 p.m. Cozy's)

Present: Melissa Liu, chair; Amy Perman, vice chair; Marika Staloch, secretary; Mike Ireland, treasurer; Michael Kuchta, staff (and a few children)

## Events

Michael summed up recent events that D10 organized or co-sponsored:

- Como Community Seed Library's "Seed Your Dreams," May 18; attendance: 65
- Como Lake Clean-Up: June 1; attendance: 36
- Neighborhood Crime Meeting (Victoria/Arlington/Parkview area at Streetcar Station): June 3; attendance: 47
- Citywide Drop-Off at State Fairgrounds: June 8; 82 volunteers, 21 senior pickup; preliminary count: 1,070 vehicles. There were snafus with Ramsey County road construction on Larpenteur, and instances where volunteers seemed to lack training, cross-training, or a sense of purpose in assisting participants.
- Community yoga: June 9; 17 participants

Ryan Flynn will speak on behalf of D10 at the Schiffman Fountain dedication on June 13. Public Works will hold another Como Ave. Bike Trail Open House on June 18 before the board meeting. Emily Rodriguez has scheduled a renters outreach event at Hamline Pointe on June 22 from 10:30 a.m.-noon; building management is distributing fliers to all residents. Michael will notify members of Neighborhood Relations to see if they can join Emily.

## Community

- **Twin Cities German Immersion School.** On June 5, the City Council rejected local historic designation for the former St. Andrew's church building. The Council also approved three zoning variances and the site plan the school needs for its construction project. Details off all this are on our website.  
The site plan addresses all the issues we have been working on with residents and school for the past few years regarding traffic, parking, pedestrian safety and playground noise. It outlines a number of steps the city and school will take immediately, and includes a requirement that the city, school, and District 10 will work out additional steps if problems persist. These conditions essentially invalidated all the actions the Planning Commission took, and were approved without us having to testify in support of our appeal. Local council members and city staff thanked us for our work and diligence on the site plan issues. It will take at least 6 weeks for the school to receive demolition and construction permits, so a timeline remains up in the air. The school also has yet to pursue the conduit revenue bonds it is expected to seek to finance the building project. Before all this, Michael also talked with mediator Aimee Gorlay, who was hired by the city to evaluate whether common ground could be found on the St. Andrew's dispute. She concluded that there was little hope of progress at this point. Long-term, D10 needs to seek opportunities to nurture community healing.
- **Sholom Home.** The building now has been vacant for 10 years. David Grzan of the current ownership group told the Ward 4 office the building is still in foreclosure, that owners are still seeking financing, but that they would be willing to sell. New board

member Jill Henricksen and Michael met to brainstorm a way to break the logjam. They are recommending a “developers roundtable” to discuss realistic options for the site. Jill will contact connections in the development community to assess feasibility of such an approach. As outlined, the round table could include current owners, residents, city staff, developers, and housing experts.

### **Communication**

- **Website.** Developer Joshua Murray says he has created a basic framework in WordPress and downloaded all content from our current site. There is a link that works occasionally to check progress, but he has not yet populated the new site with content.
- **Flier.** At the request of Citywide Drop-Off organizers, Michael created a half-sheet flier about district councils to hand out to motorists in line. Some board members encouraged him to adapt a version with a D10 focus, which can be handed out at the Ice Cream Social, rental communities, and other events where we have a presence. He circulated the initial draft to officers and committee chairs for feedback. Draft will be shared in the board packet.

### **Financials**

- **In-house audit.** Alexis Baker, Jill Henricksen and Amanda Rohrer volunteered to do the in-house audit for 2017 and 2018. Tentative date scheduled for June 22.
- **Bank updates.** Paperwork for new authorized signers is complete. Amy is still investigating a glitch in our credit card account that limits the staff card to \$1,000, even though we have a total credit limit of \$3,000.
- **Supplemental budget.** Mike raised the issue that it does not seem the board ever approved a complete supplemental budget after we received additional funding through our Community Engagement grant. He will prepare an action item for the June 18 meeting.
- **Form 990.** Melissa signed the form authorizing our accountant to file the 2018 990 electronically.

### **Organizational Business**

- **Equity training.** Training through Nexus Community Partners was completed in May. Attendance was lower than anticipated, but feedback was positive. The next step: Where do we go from here? Officers will look into some of the changes other district councils, such as Frogtown and West Side, are practicing to open up their access. Also will look into Rosenberg’s Rules of Order instead of Robert’s Rules, as a less-intimidating way to run meetings. There was also preliminary discussion about changing the format of the annual meeting to eliminate the business portion; instead, there would be elections, presentations, food, and/or a community forum. This will be part of the discussion at board retreat.
- **Strategic planning.** Melissa contacted Gray Hall, which led the strategic planning process for District 6. We were told it would be minimum \$15,000. D6 says their process was less than \$11,000 and was paid through a grant from the St. Paul Foundation. We will try to get a copy of D6 results. Moving forward will require further

discussion, including whether it is better to do it sooner, or wait until we have some results from rental outreach and other engagement efforts.

- **Unseen Como.** Melissa says her initial conversations indicate this could work, but we need to find partners outside the board to make it happen. May be an opportunity to throw it out to community members, see who is interested, and expand our capacity.
- **Community survey.** Further discussion will wait until board retreat. Michael will print paper versions to have available at Ice Cream Social, rental communities, etc. We will look into tracking different events though different-color paper or other means to see if there are differences in responses.
- **Board retreat.** We will try for late July date. Elements will include food; and ice-breaker (Mike); basic board orientation (Michael); discussion of 2018 community survey (Amy); Nexus training lessons (Amy and Melissa); and strategic planning (yes, no, why or why not, what do we hope to accomplish?). Location to be determined; it may be upstairs at Cozy's.

### **New Business**

- **Board meeting June 18.** Ward 5 councilmember Amy Brendmoen will present and do Q&A. There will be action items on supplemental budget; from Land Use on Hmong Festival sound variance; and from Land Use on Gabe's Mini Mingle sound variance. Ward 4 councilmember Mitra Jalali Nelson will be guest in July; Ramsey County commissioner
- **Future officers' meetings.** New day typically will be first Thursday of the month beginning Aug. 1.
- **Leadership meetings.** Will be scheduled after board retreat; first one probably will be in September.
- **Bylaws.** Mike pointed out there seems to be a loophole in the bylaws: committees technically expire 7 days after board elections, which means committees legally cannot conduct business during that first month, until new committee assignments are ratified. Quick work-around is that any business would be brought by individuals, not by committee, which means motions would require a "second" at board meetings.
- **Candidate forum.** Amy will investigate the possibility of having a forum in District 10 for Ward 5 City Council candidates. Filing deadline is Aug. 13. She will explore partnering with League of Women Voters, and possibly having it outdoors at the Lakeside Pavilion. Other venue possibilities may be limited to neighborhood churches or Como HS.

## District 10 Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes

May 29, 2019 at 7 pm

### PRESENT

Rebecca Calvo, Jennifer Victor-Larson, Sara Benzkofer, Gordy Robol, Michael Kuchta, Erin Spry, Thomas Coburne, Susan Jane Cheney, Amanda Roher, Bill Niebur, Dawn Lamm, Mike Ireland, Erin Dooley, Mike MacDonald, Ariel Kagan, Brian Dockstader, Teri Alberico

Update on Andrew: He has a new job with Wilderness Inquiry, and will be busy this summer.

New Chair – Sara Benzkofer

Board summary: At large seat- Jill Henrickson July 24<sup>th</sup> Public Arts St Paul event with Bee Skyrise 6-9 pm at the streetcar station. Pathways sub-committee is nearing completion of the report, and will have the final report in late June. Recommended that Gabe's get a sound variance for their patio.

### STANDARD ITEMS

- Committee member and guest introductions, including introduction of new chair
- Review of previous meeting minutes (*no quorum was present!*) and the agenda
- District 10 board meeting summary
  - Public Art St. Paul action item approved, July 24, Streetcar Station

### PRESENTATIONS

- None

### INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Monthly committee meeting rescheduling**  
2nd Tuesday, 2nd Wednesday, 2nd Thursday of the month  
  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month conflicts with Cap Region monthly meeting. Motion passed. The switch will take place for the August meeting – August 14<sup>th</sup>.

- **City of St. Paul Climate Action and Resilience Plan future presentation**

Russ Stark will be coming to our committee in the near future, Sara will send out a link.

- **Como Lake Cleanup planning** - Erin Spry
  - June 1, August 3 and October 12 from 9 am -12 pm
  - CRWD would like to include their Master Water Stewards team in these events
  - Social media communications

Boats are reserved, doughnuts are on order, signage is set. Erin will send a notice via Next Door. Erin will pick up the doughnuts at 8:00 am and Mike Ireland will give access to the building for the clean-up items. We'll also have D10 newsletter sign-up, and maybe compost bags.

- **ComoConnect planning** - Sarah, Dawn and Mike I

There 10 organizations planning to attend the Ice Cream Social on July 12<sup>th</sup>.



- **Pollinator garden tour planning** - Erin, Mike M., Dawn, Bill and Mike I

Rebecca will be able to do the map. We also need volunteers to do the signage and markers at 9:00 and pull them at 1:00

There are 2 survey responses so far.

- **Repaving Ayd Mill Road without a plan for green space/bike paths** - Ariel Kagan  
[Ayd Mill Road Project Overview Link](#)  
[Letter to City Council Members Link](#)

The overlay was approved by the City Council, but there was not a strong plan for bike/pedestrian/garden components.

D10 has chosen to not become part of other local groups around a more unified bike plan, as would not be able to be an independent voice.

Ayd Mill Road is a boarder space between two councils, so it may not end up being a focus area for either of them.

- **Pumped hydroelectric energy storage** - Bill Devroy
- **Additional Sunday Series** (Como Lake Management Plan presentation?) – Michael

Watershed District has not yet responded with a date to share “The State of Como Lake.” When they do, we can do the Sunday Series

- **Renovation of the organic compost site** – Michael

No word yet on a schedule for this. City Attorney needs to sign off, Parks and Rec needs to have ducks in rows. In the meantime, the County has installed a more graphic-based sign, describing what can/can't be left there.

City ordinance states that parkland can't be taken away without replacing it. However, it will remain part of the park, just in a new, improved use.

Michael will step up the requesting for forward momentum on this project with the City and/or Parks and Rec. The committee is *really* hoping to have the site update completed by the end of summer, for a number of reasons.

- **Committee response to the Citywide Garbage Service** - Thomas and Teri

Tomas and Teri have not been able to connect as much as they had hoped. However, they continue to note that residents are frustrated with many elements of the city-wide program. They are looking into drafting a letter with recommendations to the city that will highlight these frustrations. Included in these are the fact that city workers and contractors need to be unionized. Other issues are billing/assessing, lack of communication, etc.

The city is tracking complaints. Thomas has posted lines to lodge issues with trash and recycling. He will also send info to Michael, who will share the contact info on the news blast.

- **Adopt-a-Drain Challenge campaign strategy** - Annie Huidekoper and Andrew Gustin

	5/2019	12/2018
◦ Como	132	116
◦ Hamline Midway	79	40
◦ Mac/Groveland	46	12

- Union Park            39            11
- Highland              55            16
- St. Anthony Park    13            5

Michael suggested away to re-invigorate the competition. Thomas suggested an “ugly” trophy of some sort, that could be kept at the winning district office. Erin D suggested a traveling trophy that could be passed from leading district to leading district on a semi-annual basis.

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- June 8      Citywide Drop-Off

Never enough volunteers! 2<sup>nd</sup> shift 10:00-1:30 has a greater need.

- July 12      Ice cream social with ComoConnect
- July 13      Pollinator garden tour
- July 24      2 hosts needed for the Public Art Saint Paul event

### **SYNOPSIS OF RECENT EVENTS**

- **St. Paul Citywide Spring Cleanup recap - Mike I**  
Held on April 27 – It was cold, but there were many people present.
- **District 10 and Saint Paul Natural Resources Planting recap - Mike I**  
Held on May 13 – Enviro Committee donated money to purchase plants for this event. There was a full docket of volunteers, and all plants are in.
- **Como Community Seed Library spring event recap - Dawn**  
Held on May 18 – 65 participants, plus volunteers. Dawn has extra milk weed seeds, if wanted. A variety of experts and interests! Another successful seed event.

### **MISCELLANEOUS STUFF**

- **Parks and Rec use of fertilizers and pest control chemicals**

A neighbor contacted D10 with a question about fertilizers and pest control chemicals. The response from the city was that they don't.

Question from Dawn: Is this also the case for golf courses? If not, what are they using? Glyphosate? 2-4D? Neonicotinoids?

- **City Council public hearing on Solar and Wind Energy amendments**  
June 19 at 5:30 pm in City Council Chambers addressing zoning amendments on solar and wind energy installations for wind turbines and solar gardens

### **2019 COMMITTEE PROJECTS**

- **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  
Tabled for now.
- **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

There are a few additional containers out, but for now, this item is tabled.

The new Spring Café owners do not provide a variety of receptacles for “waste.” Compost, recycling, trash. Michael will reach out to the owners. They seem to have compostable dinnerware, but no compost bins outside.

Thomas pointed out that Como could be a pilot neighborhood for education and next-level trash stream. Dawn pointed out that we can take note of what we’re finding during the lake clean-up. If there are many examples of Spring Café trash, we could use that as a rationale for improving their system.

Michael will do some investigation, and clean-up crew will also keep an eye out.

### **PARTNER UPDATES**

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

April 26<sup>th</sup>, spring ephemeral walk was well-attended

May 11<sup>th</sup>, bird walk, no official report, but anecdotally well attended

Tree walk coming up on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm

Mammals and Reptiles on June 22<sup>nd</sup> (Saturday)

Butterflies and Other Insects on July 18<sup>th</sup>

Also: with the possibility of a dog park in the section of Como just West of McMurray field, there was a video survey of animals. The survey showed twice as many mammals in that area (Autobahn Woods) than in CWOC. The dog park committee has somewhat fallen off the radar.

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

None at this time. The report is nearly complete. It will be ready in late June.

- **Como Active Citizen Network** - Janna Caywood and Mike I

They will be meeting with Cap Region about new/different ways to keep more phosphorous out of local waterways.

- **Midtown Greenway** - Mike I

Update will be ready in a couple of weeks.

- **Master composter/recycling program** - Teri report to be released June 6

All 25 of the Eureka compost bins were sold. We may put all or some of the proceeds toward adding plants to the area near the Wynne school site, to recreate the buffer lost to the school expansion.

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

Bird survey continues. 80 species identified so far.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- June 1                      Como Lake Cleanup
- June 8                      Citywide Drop-off
- June 13                     Schiffman fountain rededication at 3 pm

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- **Next Meeting:** June 26 at 7 pm at the streetcar station

## Land Use Committee - District 10 Como Community Council – 6/5/2019 - Agenda

### 1. Call to order

7:02pm Present: Maggie, Cody, Annie, Rebecca, one neighbor

### 2. Amend/Adopt Agenda

*Moved 5.5 to the top of the list to accompany neighbor present.*

### 3. Land Use Voting Procedures Reminders

### 4. Ongoing Business

#### 1. **Como Senior High Athletic Field Pilot**

- ◆ School has received a bid for sound engineering; they will be a pilot project with the city for the days of sound variance from previous LU meetings (Soccer and football games only this year)
- ◆ DSI is paying for the sound study.

#### 2. **Essence Event Center – Bandana Square**

- ◆ New owner opening it up as an event center; no anticipated need for zoning variances. Mostly catering and business events.

#### 3. **977 Front Ave**

- ◆ Auto repair shop under new owners; doing work without a license. DSI is paying attention to it. License is on hold because DSI misclassified it as D6 instead of D10.

#### 4. **Wynne Ave/HCPA**

- ◆ Michael recommended environment committee use the revenue from the compost barrel sales to get foliage in the area where it's missing. Potential for the school to match the compost barrel sales.

#### 5. **Como by the Lake Parking, Signage, Crosswalk**

- ◆ Therese was here to talk about the city's recommendation not being adequate for Como by the Lake (& others') needs to require 20 peds/day
- ◆ St. Paul passed the pedestrian plan recently that recognizes that 20/peds day requirement is arduous because that area is so dangerous
- ◆ We are all in agreement that parking should be removed on both the west and east side.
- ◆ Requesting Michael to put together a map for Therese to circulate around other residents to recommend where the crosswalk would be and where parking should be allowed/removed on the street nearby.
- ◆ Potential for one on-street handicap parking spot.
- ◆ Recommending to email and call Elizabeth Stiffler to attempt to get to

the priority list.

**6. Como/Front/Dale**

- ◆ No update

**7. TCGIS/SHSA**

- ◆ No historic designation; voted down by city council. Site plan currently up for discussion as of this writing.

**8. Lexington Crossing construction**

- ◆ No timetable for the crossing.

**5. New Business**

**1. 962 Como Ave: ADU variance request**

- ◆ *Motion: The District 10 Como Community Council supports Heather & Mary Doran's lot size variance request to build an ADU on the second floor of their garage. (Passed unanimously)*

**2. Gabe's by the Park Mini Mingle sound variance**

- ◆ *Motion: The District 10 Como Community Council supports a sound variance and extension of service variance on its liquor license for Gabe's by the Park during its Mini Mingle event in July 2019. (Passed unanimously)*

**3. Hmong Freedom Festival sound variance**

- ◆ *The District 10 Como Community Council supports the sound variance for the 2019 Hmong Freedom Festival at McMurray Field on July 6-7, 2019, under the conditions set forth by the Department of Safety and Inspections. (Passed unanimously)*

**6. Staff Report**

- Buddhist Temple's renovation of the Galls building does not need a site plan. They have begun construction.
- Shalom Home is currently in foreclosure. Looking for additional buyers.

**7. Coming events**

1. Next Board Meeting – June 18th @ 7pm – Streetcar Station
2. Next Land Use Meeting – tentatively June 25th @ 7pm – Streetcar Station

**8. Adjourn 8:19pm**

Neighborhood Relations Committee, Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Start at 7:02

Opening

C. Talked keystone, largest food shelf closing, and other updates with the food bank, Darcy rivers, "they are looking for a place that combines St. Paul and Rosville,

D. No additions

F. approved Gabe's, community concern about rent and possible rent control, and rental rights, Community member was invited to the meeting to flesh out concern but there has been no other communication, Mitra will be presenting in July

1. First Como clean up went well, Pollinator garden tour, July 13<sup>th</sup>, is on track, Adopt a drain program is going great (we are winning) Future meetings will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> wed. of the month
2. Land use, large agenda, Hmong festival sound variance, Gabe's needs a sound variance, working on getting money towards greening at the Hmong academy, 962 Como wants to build first accessory building

New Business

A. Ice cream social July 12, 530-800

Infrastructure – Things that need to be done, waiting for confirmation about bike racks, d10 has 2 jugs, we will need someone to keep an eye on the water jugs during the event, Olivia is working on getting ice from Gabe's. - Put out a call for lawn games, call out to the board and committees, people bring their own games and are responsible for them- Signs will be printed once all donors are known – Donation Jar- Mike will reach out to get the jar – Sarah will get some cheese puff jars

Ice Cream- Jill will pick up the ice cream at Nelson- last year we got 20 gallons of ice cream, we should shoot for 25-30 tubs, Have on cooler dedicated to ice, a fishing cooler will hold 3 and a picnic cooler will hold 2 tubs of ice cream, a gallon of all the alternative dairy ice creams, no popsicles so people do not stand out, compostable utensils and plats, Mike will get,- We have 3 compost bins, Alexis will take the compost at the end of the night- Program called action teams can get us 250 dollars, all ice cream through Thrivent

Como connect

Things to have at the d10 table-What is coming up, the welcome packet, purple table cloth, dates when board meetings and committees meet, list of all the committees, business cards, When the street car is open, Facebook group, Do a flyer similar to the drop off event, have it just focus on d10, We should have two people at the table, have the d10 and environmental- Invite the elected officials, and incumbent and anyone who is running for city council,

b. Schiffman sculpture event- d10 has an open invite to be present, ask the officers to decide if d10 will say anything and bring anything.

c. Northdale Summerfest- festival, should d10 table?, outdoors, at Arlington and Dale, July 25<sup>th</sup> ask the board if anyone is available

#### Old Business

- a. Keystone- normalize food banks by having it on the website, let keystone figure out their transition- talk to other food banks and see how we can support them, Have a summit with food banks and have us flesh out what we want. What is the goal of the committee to help connect with food banks with the community, have a tab on the website, how far do we extend the conversation, do we focus on the smaller local food banks or do we also include the larger orgs that do not have a large presence, we can also look at any gaps in service, Reach out to city of reconciliation, restoration chapel, Masjid at-Taqwa and bethel luthern- do they need more resources, what can we do to help
- b. welcome kit, revised history to include native American history
- c. Update on the crosswalk?
- d. Emily- cookies and conversation at Hamlin point apt. this Saturday, She has been reaching out to apt. and has reached out to the high schools,
- e. Community concerns

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