

Minutes

D10 Como Community Council Board Annual Meeting 2022

04.19.2022

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

Jill Henrickson called Meeting to Order at 7:03 PM

Attending:

Board Members

Jill Henricksen, Jenne Nelson, Maggie Zimmerman, Ben Kowalsky-Grahek, Matt Keliher, Kevin Commerford, Chad Smith, Mike Ireland, Jennifer Victor-Larsen, Alex Zikmund, Sarah Reuter, Rachel Bowers, Morgan Weinert, Dan Edgerton

Community Members:

Lizzy Cantley, Michael Machacek,

Annual Report - Given by members of District 10

Members of the District 10 Board made a presentation of the work the Board has done in the 2021

2022 Election Results

Sub-District 1: Alex McLane

Sub-District 3: Lizzy Cantley

Sub-District 4: Benjamin Kowalsky-Grahek

At-Large (Renter): Jeremy Rappaport

At-Large: Abby Gold

At-Large: Matt Machacek

Board Business

Consent Agenda

Items listed under the Consent Agenda are enacted by one motion, items can be removed for individual discussion and vote by request

- Agenda
- March 2022 Financials (Discussions Quarterly)
- March Board and Committee Minutes
(Non-Financial Action Items):
- Letter of Support - Chelsea Heights Ped. Improvement Proposal - Land Use
- Como Park Steward Donation Solicitation - Environment
- Support of the Eco Fair, August 13th, 2022 - Environment
- Como Garage Sale - May 12-15 - Neighborhood Relations

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda by Jill Henrickson

Seconded by Maggie Zimmerman

Approved unanimously

Officer Elections

D10 Bylaws Article IV Section 2a: At the April Board Meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Members, the first order of business for the Board shall be to appoint and confirm, by majority vote, eligible Directors or Directors-elect to the offices of Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Board who shall serve for the following year. Only Directors who have been elected to their seats may stand for appointment as an Officer. No Director or Director-elect seeking election to one of these offices may preside over the debate or vote for such office. The election to these offices becomes effective seven calendar days after the April Board Meeting.

Nomination and Confirmation proceeded as follows:

■ Chair: Jenne Nelson
Nominated by Dan Edgerton
No discussion or debate
Confirmed Unanimously

■ Vice Chair: Dan Edgerton
Nominated by Maggie Zimmerman
No discussion or debate
Confirmed Unanimously

■ Secretary: Chad Smith (interim)
Nominated by Sarah Reuter
No discussion or debate

Confirmed Unanimously

- Treasurer: Matt Keliher
Nominated by Benjamin Kowalsky-Grahek
No discussion or debate

Confirmed Unanimously

C. Action Items

Neighborhood Relations - Como Neighborhood Historical Project

Fieldwork Partnership with St. Kates

“Moved: The D10 Board of Directors supports the Como Neighborhood Historical Project and approves signing the partnership agreement with St. Kates. This agreement allows St. Kates to use student researchers for the project. D10 will have community engagement for the project at some of our planned 2022 events. There is not a monetary commitment for D10 at this time.”

Introduced by Sarah Reuter, Neighborhood Relations Chair

No 2nd Required

No discussion or debate

Motion Passed with unanimous consent.

Neighborhood Relations - SD4 Orchard Rec Event - June 4, 2pm

“Moved, the Como Community Council will support and endorse an event at Orchard Rec Center on Saturday, June 4 in partnership with Blackhawk Soccer Club.”

Introduced by Sarah Reuter, Neighborhood Relations Chair

No 2nd Required

No discussion or debate

Motion Passed with unanimous consent

Information

Staff Report (Shevek McKee, Executive Director)

- a) Lawns to Legumes Grant
- b) Board Orientation
- c) Website: Improved Events Page:

<https://district10comopark.org/events/>

d) State Fair Police Chief Ron Knafla is planning to be at the May 3 Neighborhood Relations Committee meeting

Upcoming Dates/Volunteer Opportunities:

a) April 23, 9am - Co-hosting Regional Parks Clean-Up Day - Como

b) April 30, 10:30am - Sd3 (North Dale Rec)

c) May 12-15: Como Community Garage Sale

d) May 21, 9am - Como Lake Cleanup

The Board then went into Closed Session for the discussion of employee matters.

Committees

Officer Meeting 05/22

11 May 2022 / 7:00 PM / Zoom

Attendance:

Dan Edgerton, Matt Keliher, Jenne Nelson, Chad Smith, Shevek McKee

NEW BUSINESS

• New Officer Discussion/Orientation

- D10 Meeting Assessment
 - Hybrid Meeting Decision
 - Dan is interested in moving forward with hybrid meetings. Ground rules, sensitive to being inclusive of those joining in different ways.
 - Jenne has experienced audio issues in hybrid meetings.
 - Assign a person from the board to monitor the chat/zoom
 - Hybrid has proven to be more accessible.
 - Need a handful of board members to be familiar w/ the tech for hybrid
 - Suggestion to “trickle” in hybrid, instead of flipping switch for everything in June.
 - Discussion section in next week’s meeting. Board meeting hybrid, committees can opt in for hybrid, members can get trained in.
 - Hybrid tech on the Job Board
 - Still need to test in the larger room
 - How do we determine the mask requirements?
 - Board Administration
 - D10 Job Board has initiative and event leadership options as well as opportunities to shadow staff on many of the administrative duties for the organization. Important to spread institutional knowledge.
 - Google Drive Overview
 - Appointing a new board member (Matt Brown leaving)
 - Matt (SD3) has stepped down from the board. His work schedule hasn’t allowed
 - Shevek will reach out to the person from SD3 that has applied (after the election), will post opening in the newsletter, direct people to the application.

• Board Orientation/Social

- What’s important?
 - Food and drink?
 - Getting to know each other as much as orienting new members on things.
- Board Buddies
 - Working on formalizing this, not ready yet.

• Board Meeting (May 17)

- Quarterly Treasurer Report
- Action Items
 - [Committee Assignments](#) (Officers)
 - Pull it out of the consent agenda
 - [Event: Ice Cream Social](#) (NRC via Morgan W)
 - [Event: Como Homo Hangout](#) (NRC via Morgan W)
 - [Abogados Cafe STAR Grant Support Letter](#) (LU)
 - Como Lake B&B STAR Grant Letter
- Discussion Topic - Hybrid Meetings

• Ads in Newsletter?

- Matt’s experience: Wouldn’t do less than \$50, (\$50-150 range)

- Don't want to create barrier for supporting small businesses
- Good idea to diversify funding sources
- **Lake Clean-Up Office Access**
 - Was agreed to allow the Lake Clean-up leadership volunteers access to the office to get supplies.

UPDATES

Meeting was ended due to severe weather and sirens, updates below were on agenda but did not get discussed

- **Website/Email issues last week of April**
- **New Committee Agendas**
- **Capital Improvement Budget**
 - District Council Scores due June 3
- **Financials**

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Neighborhood Relations Committee 05/22

03 May 2022 / 7:00 PM / Zoom - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/93258084399>

Attendance:

Lizzy Cantley, Darcy Rivers, Morgan Weinert, Jessica Willman, Shevek McKee

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Welcome And Introductions
- Adopt The Agenda (No Quorum)

COMMUNITY SECTION

Community participants can bring topics & concerns

OLD BUSINESS

- **Celebrate Spring!** Feedback/Debrief
 - North Dale staff thought it went really well, offered their thanks
 - Maybe have a 2 hour event next year? In May?
 - Emphasize the clothing drive more
 - Remind vendors and staff not to use parking lot
 - Additional tabling vendor options
 - Rec center has some additional kids games/etc we could use
 - Rec staff estimated about 60 people. Variety of ages, families
 - Clothing Drive wasn't clear in the promotion
 - Include Rain or Shine on the flyer
 - Flyering was a success
 - Como Park JROTC were great
 - Might have had more volunteers than we had positions
- **Orchard Rec Event - June 4** - finalize details
 - Volunteer assignments/tasks
 - Jessica will email out tasks for committee members to volunteer to do.
 - Supplies
 - Still working on some sort of kids craft
 - Little naturalist might be coming
 - Event
 - Clean-up from 2-3, then party at the rec center from 3-5
 - Blackhawk still hasn't 100% committed, which is stressful
 - Sarah coordinating a band
 - Yard games again
 - Looked at movie in the park but it doesn't seem like it's going to come together
 - Do we want to offer full tabling, or just a couple tables?
 - It's good having a D10 table to represent that it's our event and lets us share who we are
 - We we want to have a topic/theme for this?
 - Community resources (BNP, etc)
 - Small businesses (D10 service businesses and home businesses)
 - Still include service/org tables to reduce the "sales pitch" aspect
 - Food
 - Jessica connecting with food trucks
 - Do we want to do an additional snack/treat?

- Kemps is in the industrial area of SD4
 - Should do something pre-packaged or fruit
 - Bicycle ice cream vendor?
 - Ice cream truck at Chelsea heights last summer
 - Brightside Produce?
 - Farmers Market people? Honey Guy? (maybe a harvest fest idea)
- **Como Community Garage Sale - May 12-15**
 - 28 sales signed up so far (deadline is Friday) (10 SD1, 9 SD2, 7 SD3, 2 SD4)
 - 8 people signed up for the newsletter and/or committee communication

NEW BUSINESS

- **Table at Como Lake Clean Up (May 21st)?**
 - Beyond our capacity at this time
 - Lawns to Legumes folks may be interested in tabling, could have our D10 info there as well.
- **Como Homo - Would be June 25**
 - Last year Morgan just showed up w/ tabling stuff and promoted it lightly on facebook, 60 people showed up.
 - Last year the plan was do on lakeside area of pavilion, moved to inside the dock and paddle area.
 - Live music?
 - Neighborhood Drag competition?
 - Flyering?
 - Needs an Action item, will work on one before May board meeting
 - Shevek will share contact info for dock and paddle
 - Dock and Paddle booked for the 25, possibility for Pride Sunday on the 26th?
 - Will discuss more at June NRC meeting
- **Ice Cream Social (July 8th) - [ACTION ITEM](#)**
 - Assess resources
 - Gather Ideas
 - Assign tasks
 - More targeted flyering, limited to zero cost
 - Raptor center not doing shows right now

UPDATES

- **Neighborhoods Now Training and Next Steps**
 - Jessica just did the weeklong CURA training about community organizing
 - The lifecycle of a community organizing campaign
 - How can we better use our events for base building and increasing our capacity?
- **Flyering Update**
 - Thanks to everyone who helped flyer!

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QUORUM: This is a term that refers to meeting attendance and whether a meeting is considered "official". [D10 bylaws](#) define quorum for committee meetings as "a majority of the D10 Board members" assigned to the committee. In practice, this becomes a mostly semantic matter, as we still hold a meeting even if quorum is not met, notes are still taken and submitted to the board. Motions and votes cannot be made, but Action Items could be submitted to the full board individually by any board members present.

MISC. GLOSSARY: D10 meetings often use acronyms or reference partner organizations and City departments, as well as ongoing projects that new attendees might not be familiar with. Below are links for common references, if there's anything you think should be added, please ask or email info@district10comopark.org.

- [D10 Sub-Districts](#)
- [St. Paul Parks & Recreation](#)
- [DSI - St. Paul Department of Safety & Inspections](#)
- [St. Paul Public Works Department](#)
- [PED - St. Paul Planning & Economic Development Department](#)

Land Use Committee 05/2022

04 May 2022 / 7:00 PM / Zoom - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82153770695>

Attendance:

Maggie Zimmerman, Chad Smith, Shevek McKee, Jennifer Victor-Larsen, Jenne Nelson, Cindy Mitsch, Ron Knafla, Joshua Lego, Brooke Blakey, Sarah Reuter, Rich Fundakowski, Inti Martinez-Aleman, Ofelia Ponce, Laura Oyen, Barb

AGENDA

- Called to order at 7:05pm
- Welcome and Introductions
- Adopt the Agenda

NEW BUSINESS

- Abogados Cafe STAR Grant Application
 - Letter of support request
 - Discussion: The operators have zoning squared away. Phase 1 will be a coffee shop and small market. Phase 2 will add seating. Phase 3 will involve sandwiches and other food. Owners are applying for a STAR grant to get patio seating code compliant and get up and running.
 - Maggie moves that we support the STAR grant application. Chad seconds. Motion passes.

State Fair Community Safety Conversation

- Expected Guests:
 - Jennifer Victor-Larsen & Cindy Mitsch, Neighborhood Organizers
 - Chief Ron Knafla from the State Fairgrounds PD
 - Western District Commander Joshua Lego
 - Office of Neighborhood Safety Director Brooke Blakey
- Discussion:
- Jennifer Victor-Larsen, Cindy Mitsch, and other neighbors did significant legwork to identify neighborhood concerns during the state fair. Survey indicates an increase in public safety concerns in recent years (see link below). It's been important to put faces to names and build connections between neighbors and city/public safety officials responsible during the fair.
- Ron Knafla talked about safety at the fair. Metal detectors, State Patrol gate assistance, and Sheriff's Office community ambassadors will again be present on the fairgrounds. There is streamlined radio communication between the varying agencies and officers.
- Joshua Lego outlined his goals. Staffing issues make it a challenge. Bike details will likely be present but will require OT approval. Lego wants additional Office of Neighborhood Safety community ambassadors working outside the fairgrounds in the evenings.
- Comments and concerns were raised about pushing problems out of the fair into the surrounding neighborhood. Having block leaders or designated points of contact between the "eyes in the neighborhood" and public safety officials will help streamline communication during the fair. Concerns were also raised about the risk over-policing or making assumptions about fairgoers. The next goal is to take the work the community organizers have done and lift it into action.

- [COMO PARK STATE FAIR SAFETY SURVEY 2021 - SUMMARY.docx - Google Docs](#) – Survey results/data about safety concerns
- [Minnesota State Fairgrounds \(district10comopark.org\)](#) – Guide for state fair period regulations, including parking overlays

OLD BUSINESS

- None

UPDATES

- **Como Parking Lot Timeline** (weather dependent)
 - South Pavilion Lot April 18-Memorial Day Weekend (opening)
 - North Pavilion Lot After South Lot through Early July
 - Golf Course Lot September 6 (just after Labor Day) to be completed before EOY
- **1508 Como Ave Remove/Repair**
 - **Public Hearing on Tue, May 10, 9am**
 - Hearing officer will make a recommendation to City Council Wed, June 8, 3:30pm
 - Discussion: House now has a new roof, but still has notices on the front door and progress seems stagnant. Shevek will investigate how it got to this point, and report back with updates.
- **Licenses & Variances**
 - **Gabes by The Park** (991 Lexington Pkwy): Liquor, Entertainment, and Gambling licenses are up for renewal May 5. (Ward 4)
 - **The Essence Event Center** (1217 Bandana Blvd): Liquor and Entertainment licenses are up for renewal May 6. (Ward 4)
 - **Como Lakeside Pavilion** (1360 Lexington Pkwy): Liquor and Entertainment licenses are up for renewal June 4. (Ward 5)
 - An application for a sound level variance has been received by the City for the **40th Hmong International Freedom Festival** aka Hmong J4th Soccer Tournament, to be held Saturday, July 2nd and Sunday, July 3rd from 8 am- 8 pm with a soundcheck on Friday, July 1 from 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm. The event will be located at 1155 Jessamine Ave W (McMurray Field).

Adjourn

- **Adjourned at 8:52pm**

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- June 1, 7pm Land Use Committee

- June 7, 7pm Neighborhood Relations Committee

D10 Como Community Council - MINUTES

NO QUORUM - NO ACTION ITEMS MOVED OR OFFICIAL BUSINESS DECIDED

Environment Committee 05/22

10 May 2022 / 7:00 PM / Zoom (Link Below)

Attendance:

Benjamin Kowalsky-Grahek

Jennifer Victor-Larsen

Rachel Bowers

Rep. Athena Hollins

Mike Schneider

Dawn Lamm

(Shevek McKee)

- AGENDA

- Land Acknowledgement

"We are standing on the ancestral lands of the Dakota People. We want to acknowledge the Ojibwe, the Ho Chunk, and the other nations of people who also called this place home. We pay respects to their elders past and present. Please take a moment to consider the treaties made by the tribal nations that entitle non-Native people to live and work on traditional Native lands. Consider the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring us together here today. And please join us in uncovering such truths at any and all public events."

- Welcome and Introductions ([Digital Sign-In Sheet](#))
- Adopt the Agenda

Quorum not reached. Agenda not formally adopted and meeting not officially gavelled in. No official business of the Environment Committee was discussed nor were any motions made or adopted. Minutes are strictly for informational purposes.

COMMUNITY SECTION

Community participants can bring topics & concerns

- **Guest: State Representative Athena Hollins**
 - Environmental Natural Resources Trust Fund

Bill would put the matter to the voters. Minimum of 40% originally increased to 50% to fund the ENTFF to provide long term stable funding sources. To protect and preserve natural resources. Invasive Species. Restoration of lakes and rivers. Agriculture and Forestry,

Small changes to the bill. Included language to address Climate Change. Felt it was important to address climate change. Senate version fine with 50% to ENTFF other 50% devoted to water treatment. Could theoretically be broad but typically is wastewater treatment. Reluctant to adopt the language. Directing the money to wastewater treatment. Believes it gives polluters a pass to pollute as long as MN cleans it up. Goes to out-state MN. Special Housing fund on the State House side. Minnesota Housing fund. Improve housing availability. Target deeply affordable housing. Provide housing to households at or below 30%.

Dawn: how can these funds be re-authorized? Different source of funding supports legacy and the arts.

Rachel Bowers: How often does this go to voters? Needs to be reauthorized by voters. Would have gone to voters once already. Now coming back around again. Ends in 2024.

Rachel Bowers: Why doesn't it all go to natural resources? Only 40% goes to natural resources?: Natural Resource Trust Fund is part of the proceeds from the lottery. This is about allocating proceeds from the Lottery in total.

Suzanne Rhees: I appreciate you carrying this bill. LCCMR. What are the prospects for the negotiations with the Senate Bill in the conference committee?

LCCMR is the coalition that decides how the trust fund gets distributed. We want to change the constitution of that bill. Goal is to get it to the conference committee. Tight schedule. Needs to go to the Environment Committee. Then Ways and Means. Then the Conference Committee. The Senate version has one more committee stop. Do not want to adopt the Senate version of the language. Prospects are very tricky. MNGOP is convinced they will be in control of the house and senate. They have no reason to accept compromises this session.

Rachel Bowers: How do you anticipate the climate change language is going to change the nature of the projects that are funded?:

Not entirely sure. Hopefully opens up avenues for new groups that have not gotten funding or really tried to get funding. There are groups that fall into these categories that are not environment, more like conservation groups with hunters and fishing. Wants to include climate justice to address equity issues. Hopefully people who are doing climate justice can use the language to get funding. Lots of groups are doing a lot of work, but they don't have a development person for grants. How do we get those organizations to grow?

Ben KG: In the Senate version of the bill, is the wastewater treatment for emergencies or for routine maintenance and what is the alternative?:

The alternative is municipalities put in a bonding request. This is not for emergencies. The Senate has been reluctant to fund the bonding requests. With the bill as it stands in the Senate, GOP members would not have to go through bonding and would then not have to vote on a bonding bill. If they can get wastewater treatment out of the bonding process, then they won't have to negotiate on bonding which would also include funding for urban municipalities. Rural municipalities need wastewater treatment due to poor practices in agriculture and poor municipal infrastructure. Smaller municipalities are reluctant to share wastewater treatment resources with other small municipalities. Having clean water is important. Is there a more reasonable way to go? Between 60 and 90 million per year. In Legislature terms it's not a huge amount of money.

OLD BUSINESS

● Apr. 23 Citywide Clean-up Hosting Feedback/Debrief

Susan Rhees: Went pretty well given the weather. Just picked a little patch of the uphill side of Lexington.

Shevek: 150 people were there. Very good for a rainy start to the day.

- **Apr. 30 Celebrate Spring Tabling** Feedback/Debrief

Rachel: Another rainy cold Saturday. Surprised at how many people came out. Lots of kids. Go through our pamphlet collection and see what is still relevant and what could be updated. Get a better handle on what the table is supposed to look like. It is a sea of pamphlets. Need to look a little less didactic and a little more fun. Have some signage that talks about what D10 is so we do not have to explain it to everyone.

Dawn: everyone was super engaged with the different activities offered by the tables. Seed Planting. Como Woodland. All well received. Went off pretty well.

Susan Rhees: seconds the d10 sign

Jessica/Dawn: respect to Jessica for her organization

- **Como Lake Clean-Ups**

- May 21 - Saturday 9-12
- June 28 6pm – need volunteer organizer
- July 26 6pm
- October (TBD) – need volunteer organizer

Gordy is the organizer for May 21st. He and Mike Ireland have been meeting in preparation for it.

NEW BUSINESS

- **HF 4969 Endorsement Action Item** (Ben KG)

No quorum. No vote.

- **June 4th Pick Up and Party Request** (Ben KG)

Not an action item. Just informed of Jessica's request to use EC cleanup supplies for the event.

UPDATES

- **Ramsey County discontinuing food scraps kits** (Shevek)

They are sunsetting the current kits. We have 20 left and when they are gone they are gone.

- **Como Stewards** (Jennifer VL)

New people have registered as Como park stewards. We have been able to find stewards. There still are needs so we need to keep this in the newsletter. What is the capacity? Does anyone have connections or contacts at local businesses for sponsorship to get basic tshirts to identify Stewards as Stewards.

Request for a subcommittee? Looking at dates to do a gathering in person. Trying to coordinate with a clean up. Would like to table along with lake cleanup.

New interest and continual growth

Susan Rhees: Might be nice to team up with Como Woodland Outdoor Classroom Stewards. Would be nice to get both groups together. JVL will follow up with Trisha from Parks.

Dawn Lamm: Also endorsed the idea

Shevek: have you discussed with Trisha for whether there are city funds for gatherings: I did and they do not.

Ben: Do we have a subcommittee for Como Park Stewards?

- **Eco Fair (Aug 13)** (Jennifer VL)

District 12 has reached out to their contacts. Nonprofits are coming to collect donations. A whole variety of organizations will be there. Express Bike. Tool Library. All kinds of information and activities. Have space for many more. If people have ideas for any nonprofit that fits. Focused on stuff and sustainability around stuff. Green Energy. Repair. Minnesota 350. The more we have the richer the experience. Music/Entertainment? Environmentally focused entertainment? Zero Waste event. Limit or eliminate handouts and do more activities. Seed Library will be there. Need a volunteer to staff the booth for the Eco Fair.

Rachel Bowers: Suggested the Master Recycler Program. Suggested "garbage sculptures" to repurpose items

Dawn Lamm: Suggested Tool Library or Art project. Public art St Paul?: forward contacts from Public Art St Paul

Suzanne Rhees: Endorsed Scavenger hunts. Asked if event would be at streetcar station?: No, will be at picnic pavilion.

- **Lawns to Legumes** (Susan Rhees)

Choose Installer for the Grant?

St Paulinators of South Como StPSC

First meeting is coming up on Thursday. Register at the District 10 website. Dawn and Suzanne are in a group to select an installer. Request to get someone to help select an installer from Subdistrict 4 on the Environment. Working on the application process for creating boulevard garden. Jameson and Front is a potential site for development. This is crunch time for sites to be prepared and planted.

Shevek: May 12th 12 pm via Zoon Topic Planting for Pollinators

Dawn: meeting for the 14th and the 19th are being confirmed for venue and programming. Equity is a major focus for the application process.

Ben: Clarification on EC selection process. Pollinators want a rep from sub 4 to help select an installer. Need to find one or two more bids.

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QUORUM: This is a term that refers to meeting attendance and whether a meeting is considered “official”. [D10 bylaws](#) define quorum for committee meetings as “a majority of the D10 Board members” assigned to the committee. In practice, this becomes a mostly semantic matter, as we still hold a meeting even if quorum is not met, notes are still taken and submitted to the board. Motions and votes cannot be made, but Action Items could be submitted to the full board individually by any board members present.

MISC. GLOSSARY: D10 meetings often use acronyms or reference partner organizations and City departments, as well as ongoing projects that new attendees might not be familiar with. Below are links for common references, if there’s anything you think should be added, please ask or email info@district10comopark.org.

- **CRWD** - [Capitol Region Watershed District](#)
- **CWOC** - [Como Woodland Outdoor Classroom](#)
- **Como Seed Library**
- **D10 Sub-Districts**
- **St. Paul Parks & Recreation**
- **DSI - St. Paul Department of Safety & Inspections** ●
St. Paul Public Works Department
- **PED - St. Paul Planning & Economic Development Department**

Action Item

DATE: 05/10/2022

FROM: Benjamin Kowalsky-Grahek (Env Committee Chair)

ITEM: Endorsement of the Environmental Natural Resources Trust Fund HF 4969

ACTION REQUESTED:

Moved, the Como Community Council District 10 Environment Committee supports Representative Athena Hollins' (66B) endorsement of the Environmental Natural Resources Trust Fund (HF 4969). Further, we move that a letter be signed by the Como Community District 10 Council to Representative Hollins' office declaring that support.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The Lawns to Legumes group (The Saint Paullinators of Como) wants to sign a joint letter to Representative Hollins encouraging her endorsement of the Environmental Natural Resources Trust Fund HF 4969 which funds the Lawns to Legume program.

IMPLEMENTATION:

The Action Item will be presented to the District 10 Como Community Council and upon approval, the letter will be signed by the Council.

ISSUES UNRESOLVED OR YET TO BE DETERMINED:

The language of the letter is as follows:

Dear Representative Hollins:

I am writing to you on behalf of a group that includes many of your constituents in South Como, as well as residents of nearby neighborhoods. We want to thank you!

As you may know, resident volunteers in South Como who call themselves the "Saint Paullinators" have been awarded a grant from the Lawns to Legumes program to develop a number of pollinator gardens in the Front Street area. Similarly, volunteers with Frogtown Green and with the Hamline Midway Environment Committee received funding from the Lawns to Legumes program to increase plantings and habitat for pollinating insects and birds along Pierce Butler Route.

We were already intending to contact you to let you know about these complementary initiatives, but the news that you are sponsoring a bill in the House to renew funding for the Environmental Natural

Resources Trust Fund HF 4969 added urgency to our intentions. As you surely know, Lawns to Legumes is one of the most popular programs funded by the ENRTF.

In short, we want to thank you for your attention to the ENRTF renewal and to let you know about our Lawns to Legumes plans. If there is any way we can support your efforts on the former (perhaps by letting fellow legislators know about the latter?) we would be happy to do so. We know you are busy, but if you have time for an in-person or zoom meeting to explore these ideas, we are available!

Cheers,
Patricia Ohmans on behalf of the members of the
South Saint Paullinators
Hamline Midway Environmental Committee
Frogtown Green

Co-Signed by the District 10 Como Community Council

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I write on behalf of the Como Community Council's Land Use Committee to express our enthusiastic support for the STAR Grant application from Abogados Café to support continued improvements to 1053 Dale St. N.

On May 4, 2022, the District 10 Land Use Committee passed the following

Moved that the Como Community Council supports that STAR grant application for the Abogados Café on Dale St.

Inti Martinez-Aleman and Ofelia Ponce have and are proactively pursuing improvements for our community and have invested both their time and money into realizing those improvements. The addition and expansion of a minority and community-owned coffee shop to our neighborhood is not only welcome, but responds to a frequently expressed desire in our community conversations. Their request exceeds the core goals of the STAR program: to strengthen neighborhoods, address needs and opportunities, and promote economic development. The project would be a worthwhile investment by the city.

Shevek McKee
Executive Director
District 10 Como Community Council
1224 Lexington Pkwy. N.
St. Paul, MN, 55103

Action Item

DATE:

May 11, 2022

FROM:

Officers

ITEM:

Committee Assignments

ACTION REQUESTED:

In accordance with the Bylaws (Article V Section 2e and Article IX Section 7), the Board ratifies the following committee assignments:

- **Environment: Chair:** Benjamin Kowalsky-Grahek. **Members:** Jennifer Victor-Larsen, Alex McLane, Jeremy C. Rappaport
- **Land Use: Chair:** Maggie Zimmerman. **Members:** Chad Smith, Jill Henricksen, Mark Machacek
- **Neighborhood Relations: Chair:** Sarah Reuter. **Members:** Morgan Weinert, Lizzy Cantley, Abby L. Gold

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

Under the terms of the Bylaws, all Board members who are not officers must participate in one of the district council's standing committees. It is attendance by these Board members that determines whether or not a committee meeting achieves quorum. The chair appoints committee members with "the advice and consent of the Board."

IMPLEMENTATION:

In accordance with the Bylaws (Article IX Section 6), committee assignments take effect immediately and remain in effect until seven days after the 2023 annual meeting.

ISSUES UNRESOLVED OR YET TO BE DETERMINED:

Action Item

DATE:

May 6, 2022

FROM:

Morgan Weinert

ITEM:

Event - Como Homo Hangout, June 25 or 26 @ Como Pavilion

ACTION REQUESTED:

Moved, the Como Community Council will support and endorse an event, Como Homo Hangout, at the Como Pavilion during Pride weekend (June 25-26).

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

D10 strives to connect with more community members who have been historically under-represented in community engagement work, including the LGBTQ community. This event was previously held in 2021, and drew 60 attendees.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Staff and board members will plan and promote the event in D10 communications channels. We will connect with Dock & Paddle management to discuss some level of collaboration.

No financial needs are anticipated beyond minimal administrative time and use of the office printer.

ISSUES UNRESOLVED OR YET TO BE DETERMINED:

- Volunteer needs: Nothing major expected, but opportunities will be communicated as they come up.

Action Item

DATE:

May 3, 2022

FROM:

Morgan Weinert

ITEM:

Subdistrict 2 Event - Ice Cream Social - July 8, 5:30-8pm @ Streetcar Station

ACTION REQUESTED:

Moved, the Como Community Council will support and endorse an event at the Como Streetcar Station on Friday, July 8.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The Neighborhood Relations Committee has been developing a plan to hold a community event in each sub-district of the neighborhood in 2022. The first event was April 30 at North Dale Rec (SD3), the second will be at Orchard Rec (SD4) on June 4, this will be the third (SD2). Historically, the Ice Cream Social has been the main annual community event for D10.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Staff and board members will work with partner organizations, including ice cream from the North Suburban Kiwanis, to plan and promote the event. The event will include live music, tabling, family activities, ice cream, and an opportunity to connect with community members, promote D10 and engage in conversations.

We will continue to solidify partnership details. District 10 will use the budget set aside for this to provide family activities, food, administrative time, design flyers, and contact vendors.

Board members are encouraged to participate in planning and volunteering at these events. Committees are encouraged to bring their work into the planning process, have a representative at the D10 table, and provide information about their committee and plans for interested community members.

This event was included in the approved 2022 budget for the following

- Ice Cream \$1,000 (donations if possible)
- Como Connect \$20
- Raptor Center \$200 (donations if possible)
- Bands \$400

ISSUES UNRESOLVED OR YET TO BE DETERMINED:

- Volunteer needs: we will likely need at least 10 volunteers from District 10 including those who are at the D10 table.

Additional Information

Candidate	Paper	Online (Board)	Online (sd1)	Online (sd2)	Online (sd3)	Online (sd4)	Total
At-Large Renter							
Jeremy C Rappaport	8	11	13	11	15	4	62
At-Large Youth							
At-Large							
Abby L Gold	6	11	13	13	13	4	60
Mark Machacek	5	11	8	8	11	3	46
Ralph Williamson	1	2	3	5	3		14
other				1 [1]			1
Sub-district 1							
Alex McLane	3	12	10				25
other			5 [2]				5
Sub-district 2							
Dan Edgerton	3	12		13			28
other	1 [3]			3 [4]			4
Sub-district 3							
Lizzy Cantley	1	12			14		27
other					4 [5]		4
Sub-district 4							
Benjamin J. Kowalsky-Grahek		12				4	16
Total Ballots Requested	13	17	22	19	25	11	107
Total Ballots Returned	8	12	15	16	18	4	73
	61.5%	70.6%	68.2%	84.2%	72.0%	36.4%	68.2%
Total Votes Cast	28	83	52	54	60	15	292
link to last year							

[1] 1 Elizabeth Cantley (not eligible for SD2)

[2] 4 None of the Above

1 Elizabeth Beckman

[3] 1 write-in: Mark Machacek

[4] 2 None of the Above

1 SD1 resident who requested wrong ballot

[5] 2 None of the Above

1 Mickey Mouse (not eligible)

1 Melissa Brannon