

# Minutes

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

# D10 Como Community Council Board Meeting



This meeting will take place hybrid at the Como Streetcar Station (1224 Lexington Pkwy) and also via video conferencing and telephone access, access details below.

**I. Call to Order - 7:15 (Board Chair, Jenne Nelson)**

**II. Land Acknowledgement**

**A.** “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.” - *Excerpt from the acknowledgement given in the [USDAC Honor Native Land Guide](#) - edited to reflect MN tribes.*

**III. Introductions (name and neighborhood) ([Digital Sign-In Sheet](#) - [Sub-district Map](#)) - 7:15-7:20**

**Board Members Present:** In Person: Jenne Nelson, Jonathan Herum; Via Zoom: Maggie Zimmerman, Matt Keliher, Morgan Weinert, Jill Henricksen, Jeremy Rappaport, Jennifer Victor-Larsen, Sarah Reuter, Dan Edgerton, Abby Gold, Chad Smith

**Community Members Present:** Via Zoom: Laura Oyen

**Staff Members Present:** In Person: Shevek McKee

## IV. Community

**A. Community Input (open floor) - 7:20-7:30**

*Community participants welcome to bring topics to discuss*

## V. Board Business - 7:50-8:30

**A. 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
- August/September Board and Committee Minutes
- (Non-Financial Action Items from Committees):
  - [2022 Halloween Decoration](#) (Neighborhood Relations Committee)
  - [Blood Drives](#) (Neighborhood Relations Committee)
  - History Project Update ([Recording](#))
  - Lawns to Legumes Update ([Recording](#))

**Motion to approve** the Consent Agenda by Jenne Nelson. **Seconded** by Dan Edgerton. **Motion passes.**

**B. Senior Seat Board Vacancy**

- Applicant: [Jonathan Herum](#)

Discussion: Jonathan introduced himself to the board. He’s a longtime Como resident with a background in the construction industry building homes of all different price points. He’s looking forward to getting started. Dan noted the

benefit of having someone with housing industry experience when trying to grapple with housing challenges.

**Motion to confirm** the appointment of Jonathan Herum to the District 10 Como Community Council by Jenne Nelson. **Seconded** by Maggie Zimmerman. **Motion passes.**

#### C. Action Items

■ [CRWD Native Landscape Grant](#) (*Environment Committee*)

The Environment Committee brings this action item to the board. **Moved** that the Community Como Council authorizes staff, on behalf of the Como Community Council, to submit an application to the Capitol Regional Watershed District for a Native Landscape Grant. **Motion passes.**

■ [MNHS Legacy Grant](#) (*Sarah Reuter*)

Discussion: Laura Oyen explained what they are looking to do. There are many pieces involving transcription and clerical things with their projects, including the Mapping Prejudice project, that need to be done, which this grant would help accomplish.

**Moved** that the Community Como Council authorizes staff, on behalf of the Como Community Council, to submit an application for a Minnesota Historical Society Legacy Grant to support the Como Neighborhood History Project by Sarah Reuter. **Seconded** by Matt Keliher. **Motion passes.**

■ Vistabule Business License Support (*Land Use Committee*)

Discussion: This item just came out of Land Use immediately prior to this board meeting. Bert and Lily Taylor appeared at the Land Use meeting to talk about their business and gained the Land Use committee's support.

The Land Use Committee brings this item to the board. **Moved** that the Community Como Council supports the Class N Business License application for a Motor Vehicle Dealer – New Vehicle made by Vistabule Teardrop Trailers at 1455 Energy Park Drive. **Motion passes.**

#### D. Information

■ **Quarterly Financial Report** (*Matt Keliher, Treasurer*)

- Matt went through the report line by line with expenses and revenue. We are at about \$5.5K surplus this quarter.

■ **New Board Vacancy: Subdistrict 1 Seat**

- Discussion: The Subdistrict 1 seat recently vacated is now being promoted. Recruit neighbors!

■ **D6 NENO MaryDale Festival** this weekend

- Discussion: While just outside our boundaries, in the spirit of collaboration with other district councils, we help promote their events and vice versa.

#### E. Discussion

Attendees separated into breakout groups to discuss fundraising goals, abilities, and willingness to help.

Noted goals include: paying staff more to encourage staff retention and maintaining institutional knowledge; do more large get-together events; find ways to connect disadvantaged youth to the park/nature (example, kayaking the lake).

There are opportunities for everyone to get involved even with no prior fundraising experience, particularly with research and event staffing. There are also opportunities to learn more about fundraising to benefit the board.

It was also noted that having a clear purpose and making it clear what donated money would do is important, especially having a mission statement and vision with “teeth”. Businesses,

particularly those on Energy Park Drive, may be in a better spot to give larger amounts or offer sponsorships of certain events. Opening doors with local businesses will be key going forward.

**F. Closing**

## **VI. Adjourn - 8:30**

### **JOIN MEETING INFO**

**Zoom Meeting Link:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81656456655?pwd=NERqazk0dUsxbndRNm9INHVS0HIBQT09>

**Meeting ID:** 816 5645 6655 **Passcode:** 1234567

**One tap mobile:** +13017158592,,81656456655#,,,,\*1234567#

**Call in to meeting:** +1 312 626 6799

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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- Oct. 5, 6pm - Environment Committee
- Oct. 5, 7:15pm - Neighborhood Relations Committee
- Oct. 18, 6pm - Land Use Committee
- Oct. 18, 7:15pm - D10 Board Meeting

# D10 Como Community Council - AGENDA

## Officer Meeting 10/'22

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Oct. 12, 2022 / 7:00 PM / Streetcar Station

### Attendance:

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

### NEW BUSINESS

- **Board Meeting (October 18 - [Draft Agenda](#))**
  - Action Items
    - [Committee Appointments](#) (Officers - *Consent Agenda*)
      - Mark M to Env, Jonathan H to Land Use
      - Motion carries
    - [North Dale Booster Club Toys for Tots Fiscal Agency](#) (NRC - *Consent Agenda*)
      - Darcy Rivers, program director for North Dale, Northwest Como, and Langford Park Rec centers is retiring Oct. 31.
    - [2023 CRWD Cleanup Grant](#) (Ben)
    - [Thanksgiving Drive](#) (NRC)
    - [Jaycee Grant for community events](#) (NRC)
  - Discussion Topic - Discussion Topics and Speakers
    - Larger groups or more time in the recapping small group discussion
    - Guest idea: Bob Spaulding, St. Paul PED, historical neighborhood demographics
    - Discussion topic idea: Youth and Renter Recruiting
    - Jenne received a handful of submissions to her discussion topic form, not all of them were clear.
- **2023 Budgeting**
  - Committee Budgets due in November
    - Have had this on each committee agenda in October as a reminder.
    - Jessica has already shared a first draft of NRC budget, will refine for discussion before next meeting.
    - Shevek working on Env. committee budget, will connect with Ben and committee members.
  - Board budget due for board approval in Dec.
    - Shevek starting to take a look at changes from 2022, will collaborate with Matt and other board members as end of year approaches.
- **At-Large Board Opening**
  - Jill Henriksen resigned, scheduling conflict with a new youth leadership opportunity.
  - At-Large seat slated to become AL Renter or Youth in April, what do we want to do now?
    - Relationship cultivation for the specific seats is needed, it might make more sense to fill at-large as we continue to find the right fit for the Youth seat.
    - We have two applications already that would qualify for At-Large
    - Jenne will reach out to como park JROTC. We will discuss recruiting strategies at November board meeting.
- **Streetcar Station Access**
  - Prolific volunteer Laura Oyen
    - Laura has been using the office for history project research, meetings, and oral history recordings. Having access would make this easier. There is precedent with other community volunteer leaders having access. Shevek will give Laura an office access orientation.

### OL' BUSINESS

- **Fundraising**
  - Meeting on the 25th

- Will focus on capacity building and refining our fundraising messaging. New community member, Lauren, is enthusiastic about working with us and comes with a non-profit fundraising background.
- **2023 Board Scheduling**
  - Add Hybrid meeting facilitation to the list of scheduled assignments

## UPDATES

- **Financials**
  - Received July/August City Reimbursement (\$10,045.27)
  - 2022 Financial Forecasting
    - DEI Line has \$55 out of \$1000 spent for the year
    - Training/Professional services has 0 out of \$1000
    - Shevek and Jenne are meeting with Lissa Jones-Lofgren, a DEI culture coach with an extensive background working at and with St. Paul district councils.
  - CRWD Partner Grant Application Due Oct. 31
    - Shevek working with Mike Ireland on application, delayed by COVID illness.
  - Community Organizer Credit Card?
    - Shevek and Jessica regularly have to coordinate purchasing or reimbursing for supplies. D12 has already issued her a card for their accounts for the same reasons. Matt will look into the card application process at Sunrise.
- **Renter Resources**
  - [D2 Greater East Side Renter Page](#)
    - [Resources now on D10 Renters page](#)
    - Additional Resource potential
      - Senior Resources
      - Food Resources
      - Mortgage Resources
      - All of these are in progress as a back burner project
- **Inquiries**
  - Como High Bussing
- Great River Intern, Isaac, is back

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct & Nov [Como Curb Cleanup](#)
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- Nov. 9, 7pm - Officer Meeting

# **Committees**

# Land Use Committee 09/'22

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September 20, 2022 – 6:00 PM

Como Streetcar Station and [Zoom\(Link\)](#) – (Call-in info below)

## Attendance:

In Person: Shevek McKee, Jenne Nelson, Chad Hermes; Via Zoom: Maggie Zimmerman, Chad Smith, Bert and Lily Taylor, Mark Machacek, Rich Fundakowski, Matt Keliher

## AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Welcome and Introductions ([Digital Sign-In Sheet](#) - [Sub-district Map](#))
- Adopt The Agenda  
No objections to approving the agenda. **Agenda is approved.**

## COMMUNITY SECTION

*Community participants can bring topics & concerns*

Discussion: Chad Hermes asked if the committee could put together a resolution to send to the city asking if ordinances could be changed for committees like ours to approve and enact traffic calming measures and the like – or at least make it easier for organizations like ours to make our opinion known and get the ball rolling on physical changes.

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Vistabule Class N License Application ([PDF](#))**
  - *Guests: Bert and Lily Taylor from [Vistabule](#)*
  - Motor Vehicle Dealer - New Vehicle - 1455 Energy Park Dr. (Ward 4)  
Discussion: Bert and his daughter Lily provided feedback on the licensing process and background of their business. Vistabule makes teardrop camper trailers one at a time, per order, and specifically mentioned that this won't be anything like a big sales lot. They have focused on measured growth and are excited to be part of the community. Bert and Lily offered neighbors to check out their website or drop by to take a tour.
    - **Moved** that District 10 Como Community Council supports the Class N Business License application for a Motor Vehicle Dealer – New Vehicle made by Vistabule Teardrop Trailers at 1455 Energy Park Drive by Maggie Zimmerman. **Seconded** by Chad Smith. **Motion passes.**

## OLD BUSINESS

- **State Fair Feedback**
  - Summary from Sept. 10 Tilden Event  
Discussion: Land Use collected feedback at the recent Tilden Park event on the state fair's impact on the neighborhood. Lots of positive feedback was received about neighborhood ambassadors and communication-related things. The earlier closing time was also well received. A sense that more trash cans outside the fair grounds are needed was noted. However, ongoing concerns continue to be problematic parking and dangerous driving behavior.



On the traffic issue, Maggie agreed with Chad Hermes that we should focus energy on finding ways to enact change ourselves. Jenne Nelson wondered if there is someone at the city that can advise the fastest route to make changes.

There will be an upcoming Land Use meeting with staff from Falcon Heights and St. Paul to talk about the process so we can figure out how to be effective and translate concerns into concrete actions. Ideally, anything we learn from this could be used in the future, and we as a community organization can bend the ear of relevant officials as to why our collective voice should carry weight when making recommendations, and how community councils like ours could perhaps be given more latitude to take actions themselves.

[Traffic Calming and Safety | Saint Paul Minnesota \(stpaul.gov\)](https://www.stpaul.gov/traffic-calming-and-safety)

- **Drop off Event Report**

Discussion: Maggie provided a wrap-up of this year's drop off event that took place last week. The approximate attendance was slightly higher than last year. The bike station was a popular draw, and attitudes of attendees were positive. We had excellent volunteers. We did learn that the city will be taking electronics for free soon, which leaves our electronics recycling up in the air for future events.

## UPDATES

- **Speedway** (950 Lexington): **Gas Station and Malt Off-Sale Licenses** are up for renewal Dec. 1. (Ward 5)
- **Duke's Car & Towing** (977 Front): **Auto Repair Garage License** is up for renewal Oct. 19. (Ward 5)  
**Discussion:** Shevek provided background on Duke's. They have had three recent penalties and getting another could potentially have licensure consequences.
- **Ted's Recreation** (1084 Larpenteur): **Liquor License** is up for renewal Sept. 25. (Ward 5)

\*While license renewal dates serve as community reminders, feedback on a business license can be submitted at any time.

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# Environment Committee 10/'22

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October 5, 2022 - 6:00 PM

Como Streetcar Station and [Zoom\(Link\)](#) - (Call-in info below)

## Attendance:

Zoom: Mike Ireland, Jenne Nelson, Luke Sandstrom, Gordy Wrobel, Lizzy Cantley, Sue VonBank, Suzanne Rhees, Julie Rasmussen, Jessica Willman, Laura Oyen

In-person: Ben Kowalsky Grahek, Shevek McKee, Lee Ann Labore

## AGENDA

- Call to Order
- [Land Acknowledgement](#)
- Welcome and Introductions ([Digital Sign-In Sheet](#) - [Sub-district Map](#))
- Adopt the Agenda

## COMMUNITY SECTION

Community participants can bring topics & concerns

## OLD BUSINESS

- [Lake Como Cleanup](#) - Oct.8, 9 am
  - Mike Ireland and Ben KG to lead
- **Fall Tree Trek** - Oct 1 Debrief/Feedback

## NEW BUSINESS

- [Curb Cleanup](#) - Oct-Nov
  - Curb cleanup to coordinate with Adopt a Drain?
    - We do not partner, maybe will look at it next year to avoid reporting inconsistencies.
- **2023 CRWD Partnership Grant** ([Action Item](#))
  - This is our annual funding for the Lake Cleanup and Curb Cleaning
  - Meeting next week to finish the grant Next Tuesday 10AM
- **2023 Events and Budget** ([Calendar for discussion](#))
  - Committee Budget Request due in November

## UPDATES

- **Lawns to Legumes** (*Jessica W*)
  - 24 Gardens online now
    - New Installations possible @Orchard Rec and @Como High Rise
    - Pocket Prairies. - Luke has already reached out to Ramsey County about Jameson site: potential Toxic Waste 5-6 feet below the surface.
  - November Pollintors
- **St. Paul Parks Conservancy Check-In** (*Lee Ann LaBore*)
  - *Mission to have green space for all*
    - *Looking at: Circle Garden at Tilden and Dockside Garden*
    - *Sets up signs for parks - Wayfinding Sign*
      - *Two Parks in Como need wayfinding signs. Tilden Park and Stinson Park.*
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- **Community Garden** Season Ending
  - Workgroup meeting scheduled for Oct. 18, 4:30pm

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- Oct. 5, 7:15pm - Neighborhood Relations Committee
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- Nov. 2, 6pm - Environment Committee
- Nov. 2, 7:15pm - Neighborhood Relations Committee

# Neighborhood Relations Committee

October 5th, 2022 – 7:15 PM

## AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Welcome and Introductions:
- Attendance (Zoom) Jessica W, Sarah R, Laura O, Lizzy C, (in person) Shevek
- Community Members: (zoom) Linda (in person) Darcy Rivers (Parks and Rec), Lauren McCabe, Matthew Kleist

COMMUNITY SECTION nothing at this time

## OLD BUSINESS

- [Harvest Festival](#) – Feedback/debrief
- About 150 in attendance, great turnout
  - Pie Contest Notes - Went really well. Great enthusiasm. Need more tables next year (likely 5). Stronger push for a savory. Give examples of what a savory pie is when putting out the announcement. If there are enough pies, there could be a set up of two pie stations next year. Continue using the cups we have in storage but need to do better covering them (maybe buy lids or use sheets of saran wrap). Provide more utensils for dishing out and have the proportions smaller
  - Demonstrations - This went really well, didn't seem too distracting to have everything happening at once. Some demonstrators backs might have been turned to the event but this was done specifically to allow more accessibility to everyone via sidewalk
  - Games - volunteer James took over leading this and he was awesome. So much participation. It was liked so much we are thinking of including more games like this at the Orchard rec event.
  - Crafts - always nice to have
  - Bookmobile - SPPL was pleasantly surprised with the turnout and said it was worth their time participating. She even stayed a little over the time she had promised us. Lizzy will reach out again to keep this partnership going and make sure they are interested in continuing with this even again or other events. Now knowing the turnout they might be willing to have another staff member there to lead storytime or another activity
  - Storytime - volunteer fell through but Sarah's neighbor and their daughter took over and it was well attended. Often had more people at the storytime than at the crafts.
  - Bus to Lyngblomsten - Shevek drove and said it was worth it and that we should continue providing this service. Might need to push/encourage Lyngblomsten

more on their end to let residents know that the bus is available. Some showed up walking, not knowing they could take a bus.

- [Halloween Decoration Contest](#) (Sign up by Oct. 17, Vote Oct. 21-Nov. 1)
  - Prizes - we have leftover Gabe's gift cards, Sarah excited to make statue/trophy, and Jessica is looking into creating a winner yard sign with the D10 logo. One that can be reused from year to year.
  - Door Hangers (already printed, take them!) - the idea is to put these hangers on neighbors' doors that are already starting to decorate so that they are "nominated" into the contest, then they know they can register their decorations with D10.
  - We could also put nomination info on our Como Council website for neighbors/community members to print out to pass out to neighbors so they wouldn't need to physically come to the Streetcar Station and grab door hangers.
  - Shevek is working on the 2022 map
  - Future idea if this continues to grow - different categories for voting (spookiest, funniest, kid-friendly etc)
  - Future idea: neighborhood bike tour of decorated homes.
- 2023 Events and Budget ([Calendar for discussion](#))
  - Date changed for North Dale event to Feb. 3 after getting feedback from parks & rec (Planning meeting Oct. 13 at North Dale, all are welcome)
- Committee Budget Request due in November - there's overall pretty good info on what NRC budget needs are based on events we did this past year. Shevek reminds everyone how much it helps to have advanced notice of budget planning to the board. Last minute things come up but these are much harder to get approved/passed if they are not included in the Committee Budget Request that is due in Nov. So if there are new ideas that someone wants to include they should reach out to Shevek in the next couple weeks.
- General discussion about our connection past and future with Booth Brown House. Booth Brown house, there used to be a pancake breakfast. The Community raised enough money to fund their meal and now without covid maybe the relationship can grow again.
- Booth Brown house is really close to the Tilden event. Maybe connect with them about how this event might be a partnership with them too.
- Darcy brings up the link to a bus that brings "[mobile youth outreach center](#)" - would they also come to Ramsey County. Could this be incorporated into our events?

## NEW BUSINESS

- Thanksgiving Drive ([Action Item](#))
  - Scale - seems best to partner with the community by building connections and asking them what their needs are. Do they have any upcoming plans that they need help raising funding for. (In past, if we come to them with ideas it usually doesn't fit their needs)

- Reach out to local organizations: Jessica has reached out to Como by the Lake, Block nurse program, Front highrise, Lyngblomsten. So far the block nurse program is looking to raise about \$1000 for and Lynblomsten is looking to do a thanksgiving activity with their residents and they didn't have an exact number but likely less than \$500.
- In the past we have raised a little over \$2000
- Sarah agrees with saying yes to the Block Nurse Program so we can continue this partnership and they do a great job of organizing their own volunteers.
- There is a consensus that we should reach out to Front High Rise again, or give them more time to respond since their association meeting is later this month. Depending on their needs they could be the second donation or we could split \$1000 between Lyngblomsten and Front High Rise. Lauren will walk to Front High Rise to make a face to face connection and then connect with Jessica. Jessica is also planning to attend their association meeting to continue building connections.
- Shevek brings up that we should be a liaison for volunteer organizing but not doing it all ourselves. He'll need to know what direction to point people in if they reach out wanting to participate in any volunteering opportunities.
- Turkeys again? (not doing Turkeys, Kiwanis is also not doing turkey's helps make the decision easier)
- Jaycees Grant Opportunity ([Action Item](#))
  - For 2023 Subdistrict Events - This was found by Jessica and links well with what we are already doing at the 4 subdistrict events.
- North Dale Booster Club – Toys For Tots Fiscal Agency ([Action Item](#)) – Darcy Rivers
- Motion by Sarah to lump all 3 action items together for a vote. 2nd by lizzy. Everyone approves.
- [Popcorn Thursdays](#) @ Lyngblomsten
  - 1-3:30pm once a month with Jessica?
  - Shevek brings up that a background check might be needed before showing up to volunteer. Jessica is going to double check this with Lyngblomsten before showing up.

Meeting went slightly over and we ended before being able to go over updates/upcoming events - Listed below.

## UPDATES

- Blood Drive – Tues, Oct 18 – Still need [1 Volunteer for Noon-3pm shift](#)

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# Action Items



## Action Item

**DATE:**

October 12, 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, Jeremy C. Rappaport, Mark Machacek
- **Land Use: Chair:** Maggie Zimmerman. **Members:** Chad Smith, KC Ahlberg, Jonathan Herum
- **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:**

October 5, 2022

**FROM:**

Neighborhood Relations Committee

**ITEM:**

North Dale Booster Club Fiscal Agency

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Moved: Como Community Council will act as the fiscal agent of record for the North Dale Booster Club, solely for the Club's participation in the 2022 Toys for Tots campaign. Because no fund-raising or exchange of money is involved, the Council waives administrative fees required under Section 4 of the Fiscal Agency Policy.

**BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

North Dale Booster Club intends to request donations of toys and other items from the state Toys for Tots organization and distribute these donated items to community children. Toys for Tots requires that recipient organizations hold 501.c.3 status. North Dale Booster Club does not hold that status.

If the community council acts as the booster club's fiscal agent, the club can participate in the toy distribution. North Dale Booster Club meets the definition of a "community member" under Section 2.01 of the [Fiscal Agency Policy](#). This project meets the definition of under Section 2.05 as a project "benefiting the residents of the district that serves a charitable or educational purpose and which is not designed to provide the community member with a net profit."

District 10 has served as North Dale Booster Club's fiscal agent for similar purposes since 2018.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

The executive director of the Como Community Council and representatives from North Dale Booster Club will execute a fiscal agency agreement.

**ISSUES UNRESOLVED OR YET TO BE DETERMINED:**

## **Action Item**

**DATE:** October 5, 2022

**FROM:** D10 Environment committee

**ITEM:** CRWD 2023 Lake/Curb Cleanup Grant

**ACTION REQUESTED:** District 10 Como Community Council authorizes staff to submit a 2023 Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) Partner Grant application on behalf of the District 10 Como Community Council.

**BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

The CRWD is accepting applications for grant proposals for projects that protect, manage or improve water resources. These grants range from \$1,000 to \$20,000 with priority given to applicants who propose ways to measure program impacts to residents such as; actions taken, knowledge increase or changes in water quality protection behavior. Final applications are due on October 31.

This has become an annual grant, since 2019, for D10 and funds resources including food, supplies, and coordinator hours for our Lake Como Cleanup events. It has also included funds for coordination of the Como Curb Cleanup since 2021.

District 10 would be the grant requestor. This grant is a reimbursement program where District 10 would pay for the expenses upfront and then request reimbursement from the CRWD.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

Staff will work with longtime coordinator Mike Ireland to finalize the grant application, with help from interested committee members, and submit it to the CRWD before the deadline.

**ISSUES UNRESOLVED OR YET TO BE DETERMINED:**

The estimated total request is unknown at this time. Totals from 2022 and goals for 2023 will be used to determine scope and funding amounts.

## **Action Item**

**DATE:**

October 5, 2022

**FROM:**

Neighborhood Relations Committee

**ITEM:**

2022 Thanksgiving Drive

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Moved, the Como Community Council will coordinate a Thanksgiving donation drive to support Thanksgiving meals for community members in need.

**BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

This initiative began in 2020 when both the North End South Como Block Nurse Program (BNP) and North Suburban Kiwanis Club reached out to us for partnership. Enough money was raised to meet the BNP need that extra money was donated to the Booth Brown House's Thanksgiving as well. These efforts were continued in 2021, with additional funds purchasing Cub Foods gift cards that were distributed to families in need identified by area high schools.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

D10 Staff and Neighborhood Relations members reached out to partners (BNP, Lyngblomsten, Front High Rise, Kiwanis) to identify specific plans, needs, and volunteer opportunities. So far we've identified a \$1000 need from BNP. If we don't hear back from additional local partners, additional funds received will go to a local food shelf.

A fundraising campaign will be created using D10's GiveMN page and promoted through our communications channels. Volunteers will be directed to appropriate partner organizations.

**ISSUES UNRESOLVED OR YET TO BE DETERMINED:**

Additional specific fundraising and volunteer needs.

## **Action Item**

**DATE:**

October 5, 2022

**FROM:**

Como Community Council's Neighborhood Relations Committee

**ITEM:**

Jaycee Grant to Fund SubDistrict Events

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Community Como Council authorizes staff, on behalf of the Como Community Council, to submit a Jaycee Grant application.

**BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

In September 2022, Laura Oyen forwarded the Jaycee Grant for consideration. Jessica Willman expressed that this grant may be able to provide additional funding for our four sub-district events and wrote a [Jaycee Grant Draft](#).

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

If accepted, the grant would provide up to \$2,500 for the four sub-district events currently planned: Winter Event with Parks and Recreation (formerly Celebrate Spring), Pick Up and Party, the Ice Cream Social, and the Harvest Festival. This grant would be applied to expand the scope of the events entertainment/activities as well as provide food for the events (through community meals, grill outs, or discounted/free food or dessert trucks). It would also allow us to compensate local artists, musicians, and small businesses that participate in our events.

As written, the grant would not add any additional events.

**ISSUES UNRESOLVED OR YET TO BE DETERMINED:**

We will need to expand our connections with local artists, musicians, and organizations that could be compensated for their work at our events.

# **Additional Information**



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Re:

**License Number:** 20220001290

**Application for:** Motor Vehicle Dealer - New Vehicles

**License at:** 1455 Energy Park Drive

**Licensee:** Minnesota Teardrop Trailer LLC, doing business as Vistabule Teardrop Gregory Taylor, owner,  
612-808-5974

The Como Community Council Board voted unanimously September 20 to approve the following motion:

*District 10 Como Community Council supports the Class N Business License application for a Motor Vehicle Dealer – New Vehicle made by Vistabule Teardrop Trailers at 1455 Energy Park Drive.*

Bert and Lily Taylor of Vistabule proactively reached out to us regarding their planned move and license application prior to the city's notification. We shared the application notice in our weekly newsletters and the opportunity for community members to attend our September 20 Land Use committee meeting for Bert and Lily to introduce their company and answer any questions people may have.

We appreciate the opportunity to enthusiastically support this new-to-Como business in their license application and are excited to welcome them to the Energy Park corridor. In the September 20 discussion, community members expressed support for the application, that it would be a positive addition to our neighborhood, and at least one or two had a strong desire to get their hands on one of those trailers.

Sincerely,

Shevek McKee  
Executive Director  
District 10 Como Community Council