

# Minutes

Tuesday, December 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.

**Call to Order - 7:15** (Board Vice Chair Dan Edgerton)

## Land Acknowledgement Abby Gold

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

**Attending:** Zoom: Lauren McCabe, Chad Smith, Mark Mahacek, Abby Gold, Lizzie Cantley, Laura Oyen, Benjamin Kowalsky-Grahek, Daniel Grundtner, Morgan Weinert, Chad Hermes, Jenne Nelson  
In-Person: Mike Ireland, Matt Keliher, Dan Edgerton, Jonathan Harum, Shevek McKee (ED)

## Community

- **Community Input** (open floor) - **7:20-7:30**  
*Community participants welcome to bring topics to discuss*

## Board Business - 7:30-8:30

- **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
  - October/November board and committee minutes
  - (Non-Financial Action Items from committees):
    - **Committee Assignments** (Officers)  
MOVED: Morgan Weinert  
SECOND: Mark Mahacek  
Unanimous Passage
- **Board Secretary Election**  
**Ben Kowalsky-Grahek**  
**NOMINATION BY: Matt Keliher**  
**SECOND: Chad Hermes**  
**Unanimous Passage**
- **Action Items**
  - **Closing the D10 Office 12/26-12/30** (Officers)  
MOVED: Matt Keliher  
SECOND: Jonathan Harem

Matt Keliher: we felt that since the holiday falls on a weekend it will be better to close the office and pay out those two days as paid Holidays.

Dan Edgerton: want to give staff time off for the year

Abby: is this in perpetuity?

Keliher: no, but we will re-examinethis

Abby: move to change an error on the motion from stating this would be in “2023” to being in “2022”

Laura: What about January 2nd?

Dan: this would be in addition to the agreed upon holidays.  
Laura: should there be notifications that the office will be closed?  
Abby: No need since it is a holiday  
Keliher: offices will reopen January third  
Daniel: who is taking notes?  
Ben: I am  
Shevek: I had asked Ben beforehand.  
Dan: This is why we encourage staff to take time off. Calls for vote  
Motion Carries

- o [2023 Board Scheduling \(Officers\)](#)

MOVED: Matt Keliher  
SECOND: Abby Gold

DISCUSSION

Dan: This is a great start though a work in progress.  
Shevek: This isn't comprehensive, and we need more volunteers. Specifically doesn't include Fairgrounds and Lake Cleanup Events. This is trying to balance the workload across the board.  
Keliher: This gives us some direction and purpose as board members where we will be giving our time to the board. Think it's nice to have someone to be there to help Shevek run these meetings as a Streetcar Host. Helps us visualize where we will be throughout the year.  
Lizzie: What does streetcar host entail? If you see you are on the calendar for a date you can't do, what is the process for switching?  
Shevek: There is some flexibility for everything. Shevek comes in and puts signs out, Shevek has been doing a "one minute pitch" before he starts the meeting. Needs someone who can actually be out there to greet people and give them some kind of introduction to what we do and how we do it. Or you could help Shevek with set-up while he does the greeting. Shift trading will be handled between board members unless Shevek needs to get involved.  
Keliher: nothing set in stone. We made it this way so that people who are in the various subdistricts can take part in events in their subdistricts  
Shevek: please do let me know if you do trade shifts so  
Lauren: are all these opportunities listed on the job board?  
Shevek: all events are on the job board, but Streetcar Host is not? Neighborhood Relations used to have to shoulder the whole burden of volunteering. Now it's more spread around. You may be double-booked right now but Jessica Williams will coordinate with you to find what you need to be doing at any event.  
Laura: if you need to change with someone do we just send Shevek an email?  
Shevek: Yes. Send me an email letting me know the swap was done.  
Dan: Calls for a Vote  
Passes unanimously

- o [D10 Budget \(Officers/Treasurer\)](#)

MOVED: Matt Keliher  
SECOND: Morgan Weinert

DISCUSSION:

Chad: Do we have knowledge of where the other districts are at with regards to paying their staff?  
Keliher: we don't know exactly how much they are offering for Executive Director, but we have seen job postings and this falls within that range (between \$50K-\$60K).  
Dan: this was meant to bring us in line with other district councils  
Keliher: the effectiveness of our staff in creating new programming and we want to prevent turnover  
John: we need to look at higher coverage (health insurance stipend) for the staff.  
Keliher: insurance stipend is a half-measure. Lets us off the hook for creating a benefits package, but doesn't require us to create a benefit structure. We want to have this in 2023 for the 2024 budget, but this at least points us in the right direction.  
Daniel: Training and Professional Services, is that for the staff or for the board? What was the idea of that line item?  
Shevek: that has been on the budget since I started. It is supposed to be for either staff or board members. It has historically not been spent, that is why it was reduced. We also had added in training for DEI related training (Diversity Equity Inclusivity).  
Abby: Is there a conference you (Shevek) you are interested in attending?  
Shevek: If the board wants to send me on one, I will go there. I did do Neighborhoods Now but that was free.  
Daniel: are there get-togethers at no charge where you get together with other ED's?  
Shevek: I have been going to two meetings per month of that group, but it is not the most effective group. We are working on ways to revamp it so that District Councils work together more effectively. Currently costs nothing.  
Daniel: Fundraising? That is a very ambitious goal.  
Keliher: it has been discussed. A small group of us are working specifically on fundraising. Leadership has pushed us in this particular direction and that has resulted in higher than usual fundraising. It involves all of us being engaged in fundraising. One of the reasons our wages are so low is because we cannot pay for staff with the money that we have.  
Edgerton: we put it at that number because we are confident we can reach it. Maybe we should put it on our board agenda.  
Jenne: Daniel, our board has never engaged in fundraising activities before this year. We've relied almost entirely on a grant from the City.

We decided to change that this year. We convened a fundraising group this fall to set a goal and make some concrete plans for 2023. We're seeking new grants (one of which we've already gotten!), leading an individual donor campaign this spring, and reaching out to businesses for sponsorships/partnerships.

Mark: Jon and I have been reaching out to the businesses in the neighborhoods and trying to get things like sponsorships, one idea that we had was to reach out to start working with them for continued donations to the D10 Organization. We are developing a letter to send out for year end giving. We have a directory of potential businesses. We want to reach out to them to find out how they can play a role in our District and how we can support them back. How can we all be part of the community in better ways? We have to begin reaching out to community members and individuals for donations as well. There is a lot of potential here that we can tap into.

Dan: suggests some time in January where we can talk about our fundraising

Jenne: Next fundraising meeting is January 10th. All are invited.

Keliher: even our beginning efforts are showing promise. Fundraising group has targeted grants in 2023.

Edgerton: we have pulled out \$6000 for reserves, can you explain that?

Keliher: to pay for Healthcare Stipend for this year. We are still well within budget for our 3 months reserve (we are more like 9 or 10 month reserve). This is a good way to use that Reserve so that we can retain our staff.

Laura: Confirming that the Community engagement grant is the same this year as last year?

Shevek: that budget has finalized and it has not changed.

Laura: does it typically change?

Shevek: been stagnant for awhile. Used to be \$6000 less, which was made up for in a City Engagement Grant. They then got rid of the city engagement grant and added \$6000 to the main budget. Our city has not substantially gone up.

Laura: has not gone up with inflation?

Edgerton: correct.

Ireland: you are trying to build in the insurance stipend for 2023 and 2024?

Keliher: Unless we can find a more competitive benefits package, yes. We would need to talk to employee benefits consultants.

Ireland: is there some movement from the city on developing a benefits package?

Keliher: Not that we know of.

Ireland: is this incrementally increasing from 2023 to 2024? If this becomes permanent that should be a separate line item.

Shevek: all the "use it or lose it" money we will use by the end of the year. Fundraising money we will not lose.

Edgerton calls for a vote

Motion Carried unanimously

- Anything from Land Use meeting

No items from land use

- **Information**

- Fundraising Group Update
- [D10 Schedule/Hybrid Meeting Feedback](#)

We will continue to collect feedback. Will need to collect more.

Next month we will have data on attendance.

Matt Keliher will really fill out the form this time.

### **Closing**

**Jenne: I feel so proud of us- and I hope you all do too!- for passing this new budget that reflects our values and continues to guide our work together in a new direction. It's super exciting!**

**Jenne also will visit Lauren's new kitten when the opportunity arises.**

- New Business

Neighborhood Honor Roll Nominations are out there. Please get your nominations in there by January 13th. We congratulate Mike Ireland in advance for winning this award.

Edgerton: please nominate a house to be put on our neighborhood holiday decoration tour.

Edgerton: any feedback from new members?

**Adjourn - 8:24**

# D10 Como Community Council - Notes

## Officer Meeting 01/'23

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January 11, 2023 / 7:00 PM / Zoom and Como Streetcar Station

### Attendance:

In-Person: Jenne Nelson, Dan Edgerton, Matt Keliher, Shevek McKee

Zoom: Ben Kowalsky-Grahek

### NEW BUSINESS

- **Board Meeting (January 17 - [Draft Agenda](#))**
  - Action Items
    - [Letter of Support for CRWD Grant](#) (Env)
      - We approved applying for this ourselves back in Oct, we may be following through with that original plan because it's on city land.
    - [Regional Parks Cleanup - Como - Apr. 22](#) (Env)
    - [North Dale Feb. 4 Event](#) (NRC)
  - Discussion Topic - Recruiting?
  - February: ? ([Idea Doc](#))
    - Fundraising campaign 1: individual donors
- **2023 Election - April 18**
  - Determine who's planning on another term/departing
    - Most board members have responded. Current expected *vacancies*: At Large Renter, At Large Youth, Sub-District 1
  - Solicit applications/Implement Recruiting Strategies
    - Posting in bugle/monitor, newsletter
    - Want to frame recruitment towards joining our committees and work so people can have a broader experience than a passive participation in an election, especially with relatively few empty seats.
  - District-wide mailer in early March? (*ED baby time*)
    - Is the mailer worth the money? We're not looking at a large amount of openings and a full neighborhood mailer budget might be better used for an alternative purpose this year: fundraising, volunteerism, community event calendar, etc.
  - Ballot registration begins early March, cut-off deadline for mail-in ballots has been early April (around time of application deadline).
- **[D10 Volunteer Schedule](#)**
  - Officers assigned to table Ice Cream Social July 7
    - This reminder is included in all the meetings this month to encourage buy-in on new schedule and giving thought to what kind of engagement committee might offer while tabling.
- New Board Secretary
  - Ben will take minutes at future officer meetings
  - We also have some old financial documents that qualify for shredding based on our record retention policy when Ben has time to come in to review

### OL' BUSINESS

- **Decision Time: Hybrid/Meeting Schedule "Trial" Period**
  - [D10 Schedule/Hybrid Feedback Responses](#)
    - 10 Responses to feedback form, pretty much unanimous to continue with Hybrid. A handful of nice comments about schedule change and no mentions of returning to previous schedule.
  - Hybrid Meeting Attendance Numbers Aug-Dec
    - |         | IP | Zoom |
|---------|----|------|
| ■ total | 73 | 181  |

- **29%**    **71%**
    - **minus 53**    **181**
    - **ED 23%**    **77%**
  - What, if any, changes do we want to make?
    - Discussion on short turnover between meetings, mostly occurring between Environment and NRC meetings. Both committees will have new leadership soon so we can monitor and potentially swap those two meetings if it continues.
    - Discussion about overlap between D10 meetings and the second SPPD community meeting. New Western District commander
  - [Board Volunteer Schedule](#) provides needed support
  - Extra consideration for March meeting hosting (and April?, and May?, June...July)
    - ED baby time aka Paternity Leave
- **2022 [Honor Roll](#)**
  - [Nominations doc](#)
    - Four nominations so far, board selects three.
  - Last year board members voted at/around January meeting, honorees invited to February meeting.
  - Shevek will prep an online vote for the board meeting
- **2023 D10 Audit**
  - [Link to 2021 Action Item](#)
  - [Instructions sent out for 2021 Audit](#)
  - Should recruit a team soon
  - We'll announce at next week's meeting and have an action item ready for next week
  - Shevek has additional documents from the last audit people could take a look at.

## UPDATES

- **Financials**
  - Due for a Treasurer update
    - Shevek will prep some end of year financial context and still expected revenues
  - Grant Updates
    - Great news! Will share at the board meeting.
- **[2023 Work Plan for City](#)**
  - Also finalizing 2022 outcomes in the link above.
  - Shevek planning to submit our 2023 paperwork by the end of next week, hoping to have approval before baby comes.
- **[Our Fair Carousel](#) Board Appointment**
  - Mayor's office reached out because the Carousel board includes some Mayoral appointments.
  - Pros to connecting with Carousel: Increases our relationship with the Como Zoo/Conservatory and understanding of partnership opportunities and volunteer needs.
  - Carousel board meetings twice a year, with minor additional participation in committee work.
  - [Link to Carousel Board Site](#)
  - Ben is possibly interested.
- **Baby Rhoda Due March 2**
  - Shevek thinks he's going to get work done in March and April, keeps getting laughed at.
  - Shevek is planning to Take June and at least part of July off. (Ashley is taking March, April, and May off)
  - [Working doc of baby-time responsibilities](#)
    - In-Progress list of tasks/events from Mid-February through August.
    - Shevek should be at least somewhat available throughout to answer questions
    - Shevek and Jessica will spend some time in the next couple weeks getting her acquainted with the more critical processes.
    - Jenne can help with email triage
    - Ben can help with newsletter and Know Your Como
    - Matt can help with financial processes

- Dan will help fill the gaps
- Shevek hopes to identify the gaps sooner than later.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 4, 10am-Noon - [D10 Blizzard Breakfast @ North Dale Rec](#)
- Mar. 8, 9am-3pm - [Como Zoo Blood Drive](#)
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- Jan. 17, 7:15pm - D10 Board Meeting
- Feb. 1, 6pm - Environment Committee
- Feb. 1, 7:15pm - Neighborhood Relations Committee
- Feb. 15, 7pm - Officer Meeting

# **Committees**

# Land Use Committee 12/'22

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December 20, 2022 - 6:00 PM

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

## Attendance:

-In person: Shevek McKee, Jonathan Herum

-Via Zoom: Chad Smith, Chad Hermes, Jon Kamrath, Aaron Dysart, Rich Fundakowski, Ted Benson, Laura Oyen

## AGENDA

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

## COMMUNITY SECTION

*Community participants can bring topics & concerns*

None

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Public Art on Wheelock East of Lake Como**
  - **Guests:**
    - Aaron Dysart, St. Paul City Artist in Residence
    - Jon Kamrath, Project Artist
      - Several art pieces are being installed on Wheelock as part of the Grand Round project. One in D10 is going to be installed at the Wheelock/Maryland intersection, directly across the street from the lake. Artist Jon Kamrath presented a scale model of his roughly 10.5-foot-tall sculpture and explained the thinking behind it. It is still a work in progress with decisions to be made on materials and color scheme. City Artist in Residence Aaron Dysart explained the general theme connecting the art pieces of birds and migration. Aaron said the city requires a lifespan of 15 years or greater and public works would be responsible for maintenance, but both Aaron and Jon think maintenance will be minimal and will exceed the minimum required lifespan. The timeline is still squishy, but the aim is to have it installed this summer. There will likely be signage with the sculpture.
      - Jon invited anyone interested to check out his Instagram as it progresses later this year: <https://www.instagram.com/kamrathsculpture/?hl=en>
      - Background on the Wheelock/Grand Round art project: <https://publicartstpaul.org/public-art-is-on-its-way-to-wheelock-parkway/>

## UPDATES

- **Como Park Trail Master Plan Engagement**
  - Design Advisory Committee Applications open thru January 18
  - [Link to City Project Website and Application](#)
  - [Link to Engage St. Paul Project Website](#)

- **[Dale Street Road Diet](#)**
  - Ramsey County Engagement Event scheduled 4-6pm January 10 at Como High Library.
  - [Project Application for Federal Funding \(PDF\)](#)
  - Project area is from Como to HWY36 but excludes Como/Front intersection.
  - Luis Flores, Ramsey County Project Manager, scheduled to present at the February D10 Land Use meeting.
  - Join the community Dale Street Coalition email list: contact Steve Tuckner - [stevetuckner@gmail.com](mailto:stevetuckner@gmail.com)
- **[D10 Schedule/Hybrid Meeting Feedback](#)**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Now - [Como Holiday Decoration Showcase](#)
- Feb. 4 - [D10 North Dale Rec Event](#) (Save the date!)
- More upcoming events at [district10comopark.org/Events](http://district10comopark.org/Events)

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Dec. 20, 7:15pm - D10 Board Meeting
- Jan. 4, 6pm - Environment Committee
- Jan. 4, 7:15pm - Neighborhood Relations Committee
- Jan. 17, 6pm - Land Use Committee
- Jan. 17, 7:15pm - D10 Board Meeting

## D10 Como Community Council - MINUTES

# Environment Committee 01/'23

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January 4, 2023 - 6:00-7:15 PM

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

### Attendance:

Zoom: Benjamin Kowalsky Grahek  
Chad Hermes  
Jeremy Rappaport  
Michael Ireland  
Jacob Ristow  
Claire Klein  
In-Person: Mark Machacek  
Shevek McKee

## AGENDA

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

## COMMUNITY SECTION

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## NEW BUSINESS

- **Committee Leadership Change**
- **Letter of Support - [CRWD Native Landscape Grant Application](#)**

Moved: BJK

Second: Mike Ireland

'Mike Ireland wondered whether or not the property in question falls within the CRWD area of focus.

Seems to be just outside the focus area. It's just outside the area so perhaps a variance can be sought.

- **Regional Parks Cleanup - Como co-hosting** - Apr. 22, 9-11:30am ([Action Item](#))
  - 3-4 Volunteers needed

Moved: BJK

Second Mike Ireland

Mike Ireland notes that volunteers need to be 30 minute early to help set up

Good to have other groups table at events (neighborhood relations, etc)

Passes

- **MnSEED Seed Swap - Jan. 28 1-4pm - Anderson Center at Hamline University**
  - Does D10 want to be listed as co-host? ([press release info](#))

Dawn Lamb says all this entails is giving our name and logo and promotion in the email.

- **D10 Volunteer Schedule**

- Env. Committee assigned to table at May 13 Orchard Rec Event

Promote the Environment Committee.

Devote some time in the Agenda in April for the May 13th event.

Jeremy put an aquarium with trash in it

Mark: event is from 2pm - 5 pm

- **2023 CRWD Cleanup Grant Approval**

- Capitol Region Watershed District's Board of Managers approved fully funding our proposal in the amount of \$8,360

Mike Ireland reports we have successfully gotten the funding we requested. Shevek and Mike are looking for ideas for expanding the program.

## OLD BUSINESS

- <https://district10comopark.org/cleanup/> - Results/Debrief

7.8 lbs of phosphorus prevented from entering the lake

## UPDATES

- **Lawns to Legumes**

**St Pollinators Group working to figure out what to do with additional funding.**

**Mike Ireland: is there anyone from St Pollinators who should come to Env Committee Meeting besides Jessica Williams?**

**Shevek: anyone from their membership can come.**

- **Benches and tables** thrown into the lake

City is looking to do more work on the layout of the pavilion and a better sound system as well.

St Paul has a goal of painting all benches in 2023

St Paul Parks Conservancy or grassroots groups might be able to help

- **Garbage bins** around the lake

Plowing issue with parks and rec.

There are protest doggie bags out.

Too few trash bins in the wintertime. Need to figure out another solution

Shevek has a meeting with the Ward 5 office.

- **Beulah Compost Site**

- Plow bill and volunteer update
- November Plow Bill was \$300.
- Budgeted amount totals for the year was \$600
- Need to think about shopping out different amounts or initiating volunteer shoveling. Plowing doesn't appear to be a cost effective contract. Maybe we can collaborate with other districts for a better deal. New volunteers will be putting compost bags.

- [2022 Honor Roll](#)

- Shevek looking for nominations for the neighborhood honor roll.

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ADJOURNED 6:58 PM

# Neighborhood Relations Committee 01/'23

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January 4, 2023 - 7:15-8:30 PM

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

## Attendance:

Zoom: Sarah Reuter, Lauren McCabe, Trace, Amy Cooper, Mike Ireland, Lizzy Cantley, Jessica Willman  
In-Person: Shevek McKee

## AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Welcome and Introductions ([Digital Sign-In Sheet](#) - [Sub-district Map](#))
  - D10: Sarah Reuter, Jessica Willman, Lauren McCabe, Shevek
  - Community: Amy Cooper, Trace, Mike Ireland
- Adopt The Agenda

## COMMUNITY SECTION

*Community participants can bring topics & concerns*

## OLD BUSINESS

- [Holiday Decoration Showcase](#) - Recap/Debrief
  - Holiday Decoration only had 5 people this year... likely that we will be not focusing on this next year
  - Como Ornament Hunt on Facebook group: This turned out to be a fun community event that he promoted via the Como FB page. Shevek reached out to him to see if there might be a way to partner with him in the future.
- [Blizzard Breakfast @ North Dale Planning](#) - Feb. 4, 10am-Noon
- [Action Item](#) Motion Moved by Sarah/Seconded by Lauren/voted unanimously
  - Food:Planning with Amy Cooper from Bethel Lutheran:
    - Bethel is planning to provide food for about 100 people
    - Clarified location of the food service in half of the large gym
    - Amy will connect with Dala in person
      - Clarification needed about sinks
      - Need for skillets, what does North Dale already have
      - Menu: pancakes, sausage, fruit, syrup, butter, juice
        - Possibly gluten free pastries (1 box)
      - Servicing dishes and serving utensils
    - D10 will provide:
      - Coffee cart/hot chocolate: Jessica checked with Abagados and they can do it, but they are pricer.
        - If needed we could maybe buy beans from Abagados and then make it ourselves?
        - Two carts for the coffee: one inside and one outside
      - Plates, cups, utensils
      - Sarah will check at Costco/Cub and take pictures of gluten free options
    - Jessica will check in with Dala about how many people attended their spaghetti dinner
  - Volunteer assignments/tasks
    - Jessica will connect with D10 members that are assigned to the event and then also send out a general email to D10 for volunteer availability



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# Action Items

## Action Item

**DATE:**

January 4, 2023

**FROM:**

Environment Committee

**ITEM:**

Endorse and Co-Host the April 22, 2023 Regional Parks Cleanup

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Como Community Council provides their non-financial endorsement of the annual City-led Regional Parks Cleanup on April 22, 2023, from 9-11:30am and, in conjunction with the St. Paul Parks and Rec. department, will co-host the event held at Como Regional Park

**BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

The Como Community Council and the Environment committee members have a history of volunteering, tabling, co-hosting and providing other various types of support for the annual City-led Regional Parks Cleanup (formally known as the Citywide Spring Cleanup; [stpaul.gov/citywidecleanup](http://stpaul.gov/citywidecleanup)). This year, the event will be held on April 22 from 9-11:30am at various regional parks within St. Paul. It provides an opportunity for individuals and groups of all ages to come together to pick up litter.

The Parks and Rec. department will oversee the Como Regional Park location headquartered at the pavilion. As co-host, the Environment committee will have 3 to 4 members greet event participants, help them register, distribute supplies, answer questions and provide other needed assistance. The Parks and Rec department will carry the liability, and participants will sign standard City liability waivers.

In its endorsement, the Como Community Council will not provide any financial assistance or other non-financial materials (i.e., supplies). The council agrees to permit the Parks and Rec. department to use its name and logo in its marketing materials, including on its website, where a link will take site visitors to the Como Community Council website.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

Notify the Parks and Rec. department of this action item and work with this department as their event plan develops, obtain commitments from three to four committee members to help the day of the event, then show up at 8:30am at the pavilion on April 22 and have some fun.

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

None.

## Action Item

**DATE:**

January 4, 2023

**FROM:**

Neighborhood Relations Committee

**ITEM:**

Subdistrict 3 Event - Blizzard Breakfast - February 4 @ North Dale Rec Center

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Moved, the Como Community Council will support and endorse an event at North Dale Rec Center on Saturday, February 4.

**BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

The Neighborhood Relations Committee developed a plan to hold a community event in each sub-district of the neighborhood in 2022. In 2023 we plan to fine tune what we learned last year and create an institutionalized D10 community calendar for board members, community, and D10 partners to become familiar with as annual Como traditions.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

Staff and board members will work with partner organizations to plan and promote the event. The event will include live music, tabling, family activities, 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 from sub-district 3 and Neighborhood Relations committee have been assigned to help with the event in the [2023 Board Volunteer Schedule](#), but all board members who can are encouraged to participate in planning and volunteering at these events.

This event was included in the approved 2023 budget for \$425 based on estimates for:

- Building Rental: \$100
- Flyers: \$75
- Food: \$100
- Entertainment: \$150

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# **Additional Information**



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Capitol Region Watershed District

**Re: Jacob Ristow CRWD Native Landscape Grant Application**

The Como Community Council Environment committee voted January 4 to support the application of Jacob Ristow for a CRWD Native Landscape Grant.

Over the past year Jacob and his wife Claire have been attending and connecting with the initiatives of our Environment committee. This project is located frustratingly close but outside the Focus Area of our South Como Lawns to Legumes work over the last year, and we're so glad that they're pursuing this alternative funding source. The Environment committee and the Saint Paullinators volunteers from the Lawns to Legumes project both hope to offer continuing support to help see this project through.

We appreciate the opportunity to support this effort.

Sincerely,

Shevek McKee

Executive Director

District 10 Como Community Council

Timestamp	Did you attend a D10 committee or board meeting in 2022?	Do you have any thoughts on the meeting(s) length, time, or day of the week?	How did you attend the meeting(s)?	Do you have any thoughts about what worked well with the hybrid meeting experience?	Do you have any thoughts about what didn't work well with the hybrid meeting experience?	If you didn't attend a meeting this year, can you share anything we could do to help you be able to attend future meetings?	Do you think D10 should continue to offer hybrid meetings?	Comments	
12/7/2022 5:45:47	Environment committee meeting (1st Wednesdays - 6-7:15pm), Neighborhood Relations committee meeting (1st Wednesdays - 7:15-8:30pm), Board meeting (3rd Tuesdays - 7:15-8:30pm)		Both	There was an excellent respectful sensitivity with those in person at the Streetcar station toward those people joining by zoom. Shevek managed these hybrid meetings very well with your key to its inclusive success.	It's a known technical limitation that the Owl audio quality can be difficult for those joining remotely. I'm not aware of any internal hardware or software solution - it's a vendor issue.		Yes	Seasonal inclement weather, and community member time and location challenges make hybrid meetings essential to wider inclusivity and active participation. Having the Environment and Neighborhood Relations committee meetings as well as the Land Use committee and board meetings back-to-back kept these meetings focused and more efficient. And it was easier for me to give up one evening for two meetings than the alternative two nights.	
12/7/2022 20:30:43	Neighborhood Relations committee meeting (1st Wednesdays - 7:15-8:30pm), Board meeting (3rd Tuesdays - 7:15-8:30pm)		Both	Flexibility	The overlap, maybe five minutes between.		Yes		
12/7/2022 20:41:37	Environment committee meeting (1st Wednesdays - 6-7:15pm), Neighborhood Relations committee meeting (1st Wednesdays - 7:15-8:30pm), Board meeting (3rd Tuesdays - 7:15-8:30pm)		Both		I previously submitted feedback, both what worked well and what didn't. I have one item to add in this area: participating in remote meetings (both 100% remote or hybrid) can often be convenient and efficient; maybe too convenient and too efficient. While I have not significantly experienced this with D10 hybrid or 100% remote meetings, relationship-building and creative problem solving can suffer. Those who are remote and not comfortable jumping into conversations can be overlooked and their input or insight lost.		I already submitted my vote.		
12/7/2022 20:42:55	Neighborhood Relations committee meeting (1st Wednesdays - 7:15-8:30pm), Land Use committee meeting (3rd Tuesdays - 6-7:15pm), Board meeting (3rd Tuesdays - 7:15-8:30pm)	They seem to be a good length of time for one meeting, sometimes if you do back to back meeting might be a bit long.	Online via Zoom	On line you know who is speaking because of the name on the Zoom. Not always sure who is speaking at the office. Easy for visitors to join meetings and present information example traffic calming. Allows for recording of meetings for view by the community at a later time.	The comments that are in the chat aren't necessary saved if you want to see them later. More people might go to the office during the "summer" lighter months. When it gets dark maybe not so much. Maybe limited to tech folks.	If someone didn't attend a meeting would they still fill out this form?		I most likely will not come in for a meeting in the building when it is so easy to stay at home and connect. It is more an issue of D10 staff having to be in the office or not. Maybe 1-2 meetings in person only	Thanks for all the work to give options to the community.
12/9/2022 8:18:13	Neighborhood Relations committee meeting (1st Wednesdays - 7:15-8:30pm), Land Use committee meeting (3rd Tuesdays - 6-7:15pm), Board meeting (3rd Tuesdays - 7:15-8:30pm)	I would prefer the Community Council meeting would NOT be on Tuesdays as has always been the meeting day because that is the same day the SPPD has their community meeting. It is important that board members and residents have an opportunity to attend the SPPD to share any problems they have experienced or are worried about in reference to crime in our community.	Online via Zoom	I like the option to be able to attend this meeting via zoom as well as in person.	I liked it.	Always have the option to attend all the D-10 meetings as well as all other meeting via in person or zoom. You will have better informed community and more in attendance.	Yes	I prefer attending the meeting with zoom versus in person because I have developed a physical disability that makes it impossible to attend in person at least for now. During Covid- Being able to have meetings have via zoom. If people have this option I think you may have higher attendance.	
12/16/2022 6:56:18	Environment committee meeting (1st Wednesdays - 6-7:15pm), Neighborhood Relations committee meeting (1st Wednesdays - 7:15-8:30pm), Land Use committee meeting (3rd Tuesdays - 6-7:15pm), Board meeting (3rd Tuesdays - 7:15-8:30pm)	Having the back to back meetings definitely allowed me to attend more meetings.	Both	On the one or two occasions I have attended in person it was really nice to be able to chat with other community members when the meeting ended and ask them what brought them to the meeting that day. I've attended more meetings on zoom however, because I just can't let go of that conscience of being available for my family obligations.	When I was in person I felt less likely to talk and there were a couple times someone online didn't even know I was at the meeting. When I'm on zoom I don't feel like I get the authentic chance to check in with community members that come and get to know them or thank them for coming.		Yes		
12/20/2022 18:43:17	Land Use committee meeting (3rd Tuesdays - 6-7:15pm), Board meeting (3rd Tuesdays - 7:15-8:30pm)	No issues from me, I think the timing makes sense.	Both	The Owl device is really cool, it's the best way I've seen to do a hybrid setup.	I'd like more people to be in-person.		Yes		
12/20/2022 20:15:35	Neighborhood Relations committee meeting (1st Wednesdays - 7:15-8:30pm), Land Use committee meeting (3rd Tuesdays - 6-7:15pm), Board meeting (3rd Tuesdays - 7:15-8:30pm)	Lengths are great. Really love the new format with the double ups and less meeting nights.	Both	The owl machine or whatever you call it works really well! Very effective.			Yes		
12/22/2022 11:41:03	Neighborhood Relations committee meeting (1st Wednesdays - 7:15-8:30pm)	I like the time and day of the week!	Both	I love the option to attend via zoom on days I cannot make it to the station, or am worried about illness exposure.			Yes		
12/27/2022 19:30:07	Board meeting (3rd Tuesdays - 7:15-8:30pm)	Seemed to fit my schedule that once and I enjoyed it. Tuesdays are usually good for me.	Online via Zoom	Everyone was included. No bias that I could tell.	I did not find anything amiss.	N/A	Yes	Seems to be a good idea to schedule committees the same night as the Board meeting. I like it.	
1/6/2023 10:15:49	I haven't attended a meeting in 2022	With an online option now, I could either attend occasional meetings online or be able to watch D10 Council meetings through an archived library of meetings.	I haven't attended a meeting in 2022.	N/A	N/A	The newsletter is well done & could include links to pertinent D10 Council meeting votes & discussion notes.	Yes	Send auto-reminder 5 days in advance for D10 meetings. That would increase attendance and hopefully, participation. BTW, I served on the D10 Council years ago and I congratulate both the board and staff on your commitment to progress, along with good governance!	