

# Minutes

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

## 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 Chair, Jenne Nelson)
- **Introductions** (name and neighborhood) ([Digital Sign-In Sheet](#) - [Sub-district Map](#)) - **7:15-7:20**
  - In-Person: Jenne Nelson
  - Dan Edgerton
  - Chad Hermes
  - Chad Smith
  - Matt Keliher
  - Jonathan Herum
  - Mike Ireland
  - Shevek McKee
  - Zoom: Benjamin Kowalsky-Grahek
  - Maggie Zimmerman
  - Abby Gold
  - Lauren McCabe
  - Laura Oyen
  - Morgan Weinert
  - Lizzy Cantley
  - Mark Mahacek
  - Sarah Reuter
  - Jeremy Rappaport

### Community

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

None.

### 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
  - December/January board and committee minutes
  - Nov/Dec 2022 Financials (Discussions Quarterly)
  - (Non-Financial Action Items from committees):
    - [Letter of Support for CRWD Grant](#) (Environment committee)
    - [Regional Parks Cleanup - Como - Apr. 22](#) (Environment committee)
    - [North Dale Feb. 4 Event](#) (Neighborhood Relations)

Passed Unanimously with no Objections

- **Action Items**

- *Anything from Land Use meeting*

*No new business from Land Use*

- **Information**

- Fundraising Group Update

In December we passed a new budget with higher staff salaries and a \$20,000 goal for fundraising in 2023. On January 6th we have already met the fundraising goal.

In the fall we submitted a grant proposal to Ramsey County for the Trusted Cultural Messenger Grant to help our work and we received it.

Grant is for \$37,000.

It's an 18 Month Reimbursal Grant.

We can start thinking about our bigger ambitions!

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

Matt went through the financial reports available in the board packet.

2022 end rev \$92,212.75 exp \$84K. Unspent grant money will go into District 10 cash reserve.

Craig: What do we have in cash reserve

Matt: \$60K

### 2022 Honor Roll

Shevek McKee encourages all board members to vote.

- D10 2023 Audit Workgroup

Board is required to do an audit this year. Looking for volunteers. Need 3 board members who cannot be Treasurer or Board Chair.

### Volunteers:

Laura Oyen

Jeremy Rappaport

Unknown Hero who has yet to be announced

- D10 2023 Elections in April

We will have 4 open seats for the election thus far.

Jeremy suggests printing flyers and distributing flyers for the youth seat/senior seat.

- D10 Schedule/Hybrid Meeting Feedback Responses

The only committee that ran over was the Environment Committee which was entirely Ben's fault.

Ben replied that he's sorry he loves free speech.

Streetcar host position is going to really help people get acclimated to the hybrid environment.

Maggie Zimmerman: the hybrid setting has really improved engagement, those who show up are more likely to participate. People feel more free to participate.

Laura Oyen: nice to have people from different organizations come in. Good to have them be able to pop in and out and make small comments. Wonder if people don't come to board meeting because they might think it's just for the board.

Maggie Zimmerman: we can explore other spaces for our meetings as well. Pavilion has space available for meet and greets.

Dan Edgerton: Do people feel like they can't speak up? Or do we feel like we can't jump in?  
Lauren McCabe: D10 gives plenty of time and space for people to speak.

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- **Discussion**

*Breakout rooms, then report back to the full group.*

- o D10 Recruiting

Morgan: Do we know if there is some kind of Community Service requirement?

Maggie: Honor Societies? Youth Sports teams?

Dan: Don't know if it's required but it does look good on college applications.

Matt Keliher: Concern for two year term for High School student

Matt Mahacek: Interests wax and wane pretty quickly

Shevek: Job Corps is also an option. Recruitment could take place there. Could encourage people to join with their friend?

Laura Oyen: talked to people in history project about District 10, there are people who have lived here 30 plus years who didn't know. Need targeted mailings for recruitment. Need to write articles, pictures in hyper-local news like the Bugle. Mailers might be money well spent to get a variety of people in.

Chad: How many mailable addresses are there in this district.

Mike Ireland: could be around 6K

Craig: Could be doable.

Sarah: need more follow up with people who come to our events and express interest in our work.

Jenne: Do we have contacts with churches?

Sarah: What if a Church is exclusionary?

Laura: Would just be sending a mailer. Could follow up with individual churches.

- **Closing**

**This conversation is happening in the runup to our election, but this should be a continual effort. If we have 20 applicants and only 4 seats, people might just be disappointed and they don't win. Need to have more for people to come here for.**

**Jenne: meet with people on a personal level if they are curious about serving.**

**Lauren: I can make t-shirts!**

- o New Business

- [Our Fair Carousel](#) Board Appointment

Mayor's office has reached out to us to appoint someone to be appointed by the mayor. Carousel board meets three times a year.

**Adjourn - 8:39 P**

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# D10 Como Community Council - MINUTES

## Officer Meeting 02/'23

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### Attendance:

Jenne Nelson (Chair)  
Benjamin Kowalsky-Grahek (Secretary)  
Matt Keliher (Treasurer)  
Dan Edgerton (Vice Chair)

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### NEW BUSINESS

- **Board Meeting (February 21 - [Draft Agenda](#))**
  - 2022 Honor Roll [Results](#)
    - Have invited honorees and nominators
      - Nelsen: Which of the honorees are attending?
      - ED: All are attending the next meeting.
      - ED: Honor roll used to be citywide, but in 2019 the program stopped.
  - Action Items
    - [2023 D10 Audit](#) (Officers)
      - [Instructions for 2023 Audit](#)
      - Laura Oyen, Jeremy Rappaport, and Chad Hermes interested
      - The Audit special committee may have performed the audit by the next meeting.
      - \$100 approved for food budget for the Audit Committee.
    - [Front/Jameson CRWD Grant](#) (Env)
      - We are planning towards the end of the life cycle of the existing grant. That funding will cover phase one of the planting. Additional funding will cover a second phase. Landscape architects have found scalable solutions. CRWD may not be enough funding, but it will help.
      - County has approved the site (2021)
      - U of M scientists interested in studying the site.
    - [Tree Trek Event + Grant](#) (Env)
      - Keliher: What is the Tree Trek Grant Program?
      - ED: Supporting application for tree trek event. Audubon Society potential grant. Environment Committee.
    - [MNHS Legacy Grant](#) (NRC)
      - Third attempt to get the grant. Laura Oyen leading the effort.
  - Discussion Topic - Individual Donor Campaign
    - Commitment to come up with calendar sketch and roles for people to fill, should be around 15-20 minutes discussion.
  - March: ? ([Idea Doc](#))
    - Urban Foraging with Jeremy Rappaport
    - Or Elizabeth Karls
    - Or Amanda Sames

### OLD BUSINESS

- **2023 Election - April 18 - [Draft Election Guide](#)**
  - Who's planning on another term/departing
  - Recruiting Strategies
  - District-wide mailer in early March vs. targeted approach

- Ballot registration begins early March, cut-off deadline for mail-in ballots has been early April (around the time of application deadline).
- Ben KG to write a paragraph about the election guide
- All candidates we have heard from are on the ballot
- Mailer adding to recruiting strategy?
  - The direct mailer is a good tool to get people aware.
  - Jessica is working on an updated design that includes non election related stuff.
- New water hookups but only covers new homeowners.
  - Welcome packets given to renters by managers.
- **Staff Stipends/Pay**
  - Need a letter from chair re: Healthcare Stipends for city reimbursements (and D10 posterity)
  - Pay rate changes were technically approved with the 2023 budget, but it would be good to have a more specific write up of them as well.

## UPDATES

- **Financials**
  - Budget Update?
  - Fundraising/Capacity Goals?
    - Expanding Staff Capacities
    - Expanding Programming Capacities
    - Bethel Church has reached out and is looking for more ways to plug in to the local community. We have come up with a one-pager of our capacities and gaps as an organization and they will come together and decide how much they'd like to donate.
      - Will have a board process to accept any such gift
      - Will decide before April
- **D10 Email Issues**
  - **We have resolved the issue with our tech services.**
- **Baby Rhoda Due March 2**
  - Shevek is planning to take a week-ish right away, all of June and probably part of July off. (Ashley is taking March, April, and May off)
  - [Working doc of baby-time responsibilities](#)
    - **NEW** [Hybrid Meeting Tech Tutorial](#)

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- May 13 - [Pick Up & Party @ Orchard Rec](#)
- May 18-21 - [Como Garage Sale Weekend](#)
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# **Committees**



# Land Use Committee 01/'23

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January 17, 2023 – 6:00–7:15 PM

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

## Attendance:

-In Person: Chad Smith, Jonathan Herum, Chad Hermes, Shevek McKee

-Via Zoom: Maggie Zimmerman, Dave Ronzani, Suzanne Thees, Anne Thom, 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*

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Como Park Trail Master Plan Engagement** - *Guest: David Ronzani - Parks and Rec*
  - Design Advisory Committee Applications open thru January 18
  - [Link to City Project Website and Application](#)
  - [Link to Engage St. Paul Project Website](#)
    - Discussion: City Landscape Architect David Ronzani appeared to discuss efforts to put together a design advisory committee for the Como Regional Park Master Plan. The deadline is January 18 but may be extended to fill all open seats. Maggie suggested consulting the list of participants of the Pathways work group for interest in being on the committee. The information compiled by the Pathways group is also worth being considered toward the Master Plan.
- **Dale Street Road Diet**
  - Jan 10 Engagement Event Recap
  - [Project Application for Federal Funding \(PDF\)](#)
  - Project area is from Como to HWY36 but excludes Como/Front intersection.
  - Dale Street Coalition email list: contact Steve Tuckner - [stevetuckner@gmail.com](mailto:stevetuckner@gmail.com)
  - Idea for Como/North End Joint Land Use Subcommittee
    - Discussion: Chad Hermes talked about recent open house and county engagement events regarding the upcoming Dale St. Road Diet. A four-to-three lane conversion seems likely. Benefits and concerns were discussed. The opposition of a local business to losing Dale on-street parking was noted. Concerns about limited feedback opportunities were noted. Federal funding constraints were discussed, including a certain amount dedicated to crosswalks. Frustration that the Como/Front/Dale intersection will not be addressed was noted. Anne Thom suggested involving Como Park Senior High School students. Shevek may reach out to Como teacher Eric Erickson about this idea.

## OLD BUSINESS

- **Pedestrian Improvements Near Chelsea Heights Elementary**
  - City awarded Federal Funding for improvements (\$1M Federal, ~\$440k from City for design)
  - Construction in 2026 because of funding cycle process
  - [Link to Federal Award Info \(By Category\)](#)
  - [Link to City's Application](#)
  - [Recording from April 2022 D10 Land Use presentation](#)
    - Discussion: This includes sidewalk improvements down to Midway Parkway. Laura proposes we use this as an opportunity to push signage, like "Welcome to Como"-type signs.

## UPDATES

- **[D10 Volunteer Schedule](#)**
  - Land Use assigned to table Tilden Harvest Festival October 7
  - Everyone welcome/encouraged to also volunteer at any event they're able  
[Volunteer Sign-Up link for Feb 4 event](#)
    - Discussion: Folks are encouraged to propose uses for the Como table at the Tilden October 7 event. Laura suggested a photography display contrasting streets/yards with cars vs. no cars, or before-during-after shots of state fair yard parking.
- **Business Licencing Renewals**

*New K & L Sales (1523 Como): **Second Hand Dealer - Motor Vehicle License** is up for renewal Mar. 29. (Ward 4)*

*\*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 02/'23

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February 1, 2023 - 6:00-7:15 PM

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

## Attendance:

-In-Person: Abby Gold, Mike Ireland, Shevek McKee, Sarah Reuter

Zoom: Susan Jane Cheney, Gordon Wrobel, Mike MacDonald, Jeremy Rappaport, Jacob Ristow, Claire Klein, Karen Van Schyndel, and Jessica Willman

## AGENDA

- Call to Order at 6 pm
- [Land Acknowledgement](#)
- Explanation of co-chairs
  - Abby Gold and Mike Ireland will serve as co-chairs for the Environment committee.
- Welcome and Introductions ([Digital Sign-In Sheet](#) - [Sub-district Map](#))
- Declared a Quorum and Adopted the Agenda

## COMMUNITY SECTION

*Community participants can bring topics & concerns*

Mike Ireland received the Watershed Citizen Award from the Capitol Region Watershed District - Congratulations!

Claire is leading a birding retreat the first week of May in Northern WI, registration link:

<https://ucci.org/events-2023/>

Jacob submitted an application for a native planting project to CRWD in a vacant lot owned by the City, he needs to first get approval from the City to use the vacant lot. Needs to have a five year maintenance plan as a part of the proposal. Jacob will contact Jessica Willman

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Distribution of the Minutes Goal** (*Mike Ireland*)
  - Minutes will be distributed to committee members after the meeting for review. Committee Members should let chairs know if there are any corrections.
- **CRWD Grant for Front/Jameson Site** ([Action Item](#)) - (*Jessica Willman*)
  - Extension of Lawns to Legumes Project pocket prairie Jameson project, because the space is an expanded space, we are eligible to apply for \$3000 from CRWD, due by March 1. Working with the UMN Urban Pollutants research team to understand how native plantings help remediate the soil.
  - Metro Blooms [Site Plan Preview](#) Phase 1 of the site plan is able to be completed with current funding. Phase 2 requires more funding.
  - Motion made to approve action item by Mike Ireland, Jacob seconded, motion passed
- **Tree Trek** ([Action Item](#)) - (*Shevek McKee*)
  - Date Confirmed - Saturday, June 24, 10am-Noon
  - Proposal to expand the self-guided content on the website
    - Potential funding available from [St. Paul Audubon Society](#).
    - Include care instructions about the trees and info about what is good to plant in yards
    - Include info about invasive species

- Mike Ireland made the motion to approve, Jeremy seconded, motion passed

## OLD BUSINESS

- **Pavilion Benches and tables**
  - [Count of Tables and Benches](#)

| 1/12/2023 Count     | Benches | Tables |
|---------------------|---------|--------|
| Lakeside Patio      | 10      | 4      |
| Pavilion/Stage Area | 166     | 48     |
| Waterfall Patio     | 32      | 8      |

Shevek reached out to Park and Rec to figure out who is responsible for the tables and benches. Turns out the Park and Rec are responsible. Shevek reached out to the Parks Conservancy, they are enthusiastic about a possible grant to get new pavilion tables and a stage curtain. Thank you Gordy for counting the tables and benches.

- **Garbage bins** around the lake
  - Added three more bins around the lake.

## UPDATES

- **Como Woodlands Outdoor Classroom** (*Susan Jane Cheney*)
  - [CWOC Winter Tour](#) Feb. 25, 1-2:30pm
    - Meet up at Big Fireplace for Feb 25 tour. The tour will focus on woodlands animals and plants during the cold months
  - Tours: Tuesday May 23 spring ephemerals native woodland plants that are short lived and birds, Late July insects tour and will take place in the late morning because that is when insects are most active,
  - New signage donated by two members of the advisory committee (main entrance to Woodland classroom)
  - Always looking for new Como Woodland Advisory Committee members, Zoom meetings 3 p.m. on third Friday of the month
  - Committee is revisiting Woodland mission after passing away of long time chair Teri Heyer
- **Community Gardens** (*Abby Gold*)
  - Garden meeting will take place on Feb 25
  - Three new rules will be proposed
  - Six plots are currently available and 8 people are on the waiting list
  - Current plot fee of \$25 is meeting the incurred expenses (this year garden will need a new hose)
- **Churchill Gardens** (*Shevek McKee*)
  - Ten year maintenance contract with City thru 2027
  - Sandy Peterson, the garden volunteer, moved out of the neighborhood. New leaders have stepped up. Maintenance grant from CAP Region of \$2000, last year only \$400 was spent. We should find a way to expend the full grant amount. Volunteer hours are tracked as a match for the grant, for example, the German Immersion Girl Scout troop volunteers to help maintain the garden and this provides a lot of hours for the grant match.

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# Neighborhood Relations Committee 02/'23

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## AGENDA

- Attendance: D10: Zoom: Jessica Willman, Lizzy Cantley, Lauren McCabe, Laura Oyen, Morgan Weinert, In-Person: Sarah Reuter, Shevek McKee
  - Community: Zoom: Marcia Anderson, In-Person: Mike Ireland
- Welcome and Introductions ([Digital Sign-In Sheet](#) - [Sub-district Map](#))
- Adopt The Agenda

## COMMUNITY SECTION

None

## OLD BUSINESS

- **Blizzard Breakfast @ North Dale Planning** - Feb. 4, 10am-Noon
  - The Update on What's going:
    - Volunteer assignments are out
    - Flyering Thursday at 9am
    - Thanks to those shopping leading up to the event.
    - Actual Event
      - Indoor:
        - Bethel Lutheran is hosting the pancake breakfast
          - We are using compostable everything except plates (didn't need to buy)
        - Coffee station from Abogados
        - Craft: knitting, cross stitching, crocheting, visible mending (Morgan, Lauren, and community volunteers)
        - Parks and Rec setting up board games
        - Outdoors:
          - Bonfires, Smores, Snow Shows, Ice Skates
      - Still need... what we don't have
        - Marshmallow Sticks: Emailing Dala, Jessica has a few, Sarah has 2
        - Electric Kettle, Morgan will bring 1 (probably only need one)
        - D10 Table: Neighborhood relations to host it.
          - Question for responding to: (Large paper for interactive writing)
            - What could we add to these events to better serve the community?
            - How can we get more people to attend events?
            - How would you like to be involved in your community?
            - **What does community mean to you?**
      - Other thoughts, questions, comments...
        - Are there others tabling? Yes. This year we have 6 tables and D10.
  - **2023 Fundraising**
    - Interested in having a fundraiser
      - Local coffee roaster business, maybe more local businesses would be interested in the table and participate in some fundraiser

- (Laura) creating a campaign board that shows money raised and how much farther to reaching a goal
- Sharing information about where the money goes to, educating the community on what D10 does
- April might be when the individual donor campaign happens, the event might be a time to share results of that.

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Lyngblomsten Shuttle Loop for Events**
  - Possible to use this shuttle for other events
  - Shevek is the only person authorized to drive and we would quickly run into problems with this.
    - D10 Board member Jeremy has started the process.
    - Is anyone else willing? How much interest do we have for making use of this offer?
    - Sarah is interested and thinks it's a great opportunity to get people to events.
    - (Laura) would we be able to reach out to people Lyngblomsten already has on their list of drivers to make connections?
      - This bus might be new to them, and Shevek has the impression that they might only have 1 or 2 staff people that are trained for the bus driver
    - (Laura) is there a way to connect with point people at different locations that the bus would stop at (route) that could build connections to look for volunteer drivers
      - Ex. Churches might have their own shuttle service that have congregation members already trained/licensed for large vehicle driving.
- **Know Your Como 2023**
  - Group of people that got together and started interviewing people
  - There are some guidelines
  - Write ups, pictures... could be other things as well!
  - Sarah will no longer be on the board, but would like to stay involved to help develop Know Your Como more.
  - Laura - Could this be a link to a como high school journalism class?
  - Sonje writes 90% of them currently, interested in growing the pool of writers
- **Connecting with Schools, Rental Communities, Volunteer Opportunities**
  - Shevek has been making some connections with local schools (Como highschool and Como planetarium)
  - JROTC, national honor society, cub scout & girl scout volunteers
  - Lizzy will send flier to Como Elm to possibly include on their Family FB page
- **Event Resources Build Out for May Event (food trucks, bookmobile, birdhouses, entertainment)**
  - Jessica asking for ideas/contacts to be sent to her or for us to reach out to people and include Jessica in the conversation.
  - Sweet Fruci ice cream food truck
  - Women's Drum Circle (advertised in bugle and/or monitor)

## UPDATES

- **History Project Update** (Laura Oyen)
- *At Blizzard Breakfast:*
  - Community members are bringing a scanner to Como History Harvest event.
  - Marcia, Jean, Leah and her dad helping at the table
  - Someone will be taking pictures of the event
  - Laura has her husband to count people that attend
  - No one with maps this time
- **Project Follow up:**
  - Connecting with St. Kate's again for more interviews
  - Email from Holy Child Group interested in being interviewed
  - Email to Jerry Hammer for looking into State Fair Archives

- Kristin Anderson History Prof from Augsburg - she's interested in doing some presentations for the Como History Project maybe once a month in the fall.
  - \$200/presentation (St. Anthony Park church). We might need to use grant money to pay for the research and presentation
  - We would like to record and might need to work through some copyright issues to do so.
  - Her current presentations have been attended by 50-100 people in person and online.
  - Jessica is meeting with St. Anthony church (maybe 23rd) and Jessica could ask questions about how they organized, set it up, advertise
  - Could we include a suggested donation (possible difficulty due to doing it as both in person and zoom)
  - Time Frame: nothing would start until Fall. Laura would be meeting with her in a month and April 15th grant application
- [MNHS Grant Action Item](#)
  - Passed with adding the amount we would be applying for (\$5000) and that it is a reimbursement grant

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# Action Items

## **Action Item**

**DATE:** February 1, 2023

**FROM:** D10 Environment Committee

**ITEM:** CRWD Grant for Jameson/Front Installation

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

**BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

After a meeting with the Saint Pollinators (who are overseeing the Como Lawns to Legumes Demonstration Neighborhood Grant), the CRWD approved a special submission for a \$3,000 native landscape grant to expand the Jameson/Front pocket prairie installation. Though their typical native plant grant maximum is \$1,000, since the Jameson/Front lot is a larger space, they were willing to increase their grant maximum. This funding will be added to the \$5,000 granted by the Lawns to Legume programming to expand the square footage of the prairie.

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 the Saint Pollinators to finalize and submit the grant application by March 1, 2023.

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

## Action Item

**DATE:**

February 1, 2023

**FROM:**

Environment Committee

**ITEM:**

Trusted Cultural Community Messenger Funding

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Moved: Como Community Council will support and endorse Como Park Tree Treks on June 24 and at a date TBD in the Fall, 10am-Noon. led by Stephanie Mirocha.

The Como Community Council also authorizes staff to submit an application to Saint Paul Audubon Society for a grant to compensate Stephanie's plan to expand the self-guided Tree Trek content.

**BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

The D10 Environment committee has supported the Como Tree Trek for over a decade, first under the leadership of Chet Mirocha, and now his daughter Minnesota Master Naturalist Stephanie Mirocha. Last year, small QR code stickers were added to all 42 tree tags. The QR codes direct people to the Tree Trek page of our website, where people can find a map of all the tags.

Starting in 2022, the D10 budget includes money for a stipend for Stephanie (\$300 in 2023).

Stephanie has also made an offer to begin to generate expanded content about each tree species for the Self-Guided content on the website. D10 staff has identified a potential funding source to compensate Stephanie for this work, and is seeking approval of applying for \$2000. (Deadline February 15)

The Saint Paul Audubon Society grant information can be found here:

<https://www.saintpaulaudubon.org/grants/>

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

Staff and committee members will work with Stephanie to develop and promote this year's trek events, update the self-guided web content as it's created, and facilitate the budgeted stipend.

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

If awarded, how the grant money is handled (e.g., if this is a reimbursement grant or if money is disbursed upfront)

## Action Item

**DATE:**

February 1, 2023

**From:**

Neighborhood Relations committee

**ITEM:**

MNHS Legacy Grant for Como Neighborhood History Project

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Moved: The Como Community Council authorizes staff to submit an application for a Minnesota Historical Society Legacy Grant to support the Como Neighborhood History Project for a reimbursement grant of up to \$5,000.

**BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

The Como Neighborhood History Project, an initiative of the Neighborhood Relations committee led by community members Laura Oyen and Marcia Anderson. They've gathered community resources, participated in engagement at D10 events, and recorded oral histories.

The work is ongoing and would benefit greatly from funding that would support a local history series presented by Dr. Kristin Anderson, professor at Augsburg University. Our intent is to have Dr. Anderson give approximately 6-8 illustrated presentations covering a variety of topics related to the Como Neighborhood using historic and contemporary images as well as maps and aerial photographs. The program would tentatively begin Fall 2023, with an hourly presentation per month. Presentations would be recorded and preserved on the D10 website subject to appropriate copyright protections.

Dr. Anderson is currently presenting a Saint Anthony Park local history series sponsored by SAP Lutheran Church. The program has been well received with typical attendance of 80-100 people in person and 50+ people on-line.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

D10 Staff will work with Laura and Marcia to submit grant applications by April 15, 2023 (with the possibility of additional requests to MNHS on a quarterly basis.) Laura and Marcia will continue to lead the implementation of the grant funds and work with D10 Staff on tracking and reporting needs.

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

Copyright protections, issues with recording and hosting on website. Need to review with MNHS and Dr. Anderson.

We would appreciate committee members attend or view online the Tuesday Feb 14 7:00 PM presentation and provide the History team their thoughts of the benefit to the D10 community.

[SAP History Series \(saplc.org\)](http://saplc.org)

