# Minutes

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 - 7:15pm

# 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** (*Board Chair, Jenne Nelson*) 19:33
- **Land Acknowledgement**
  "We are standing on the ancestral lands of the Dakota People. We want to acknowledge the Ojibwe, the Ho Chunk, and the other nations of people who also called this place home. We pay respects to their elders past and present. Please take a moment to consider the treaties made by the tribal nations that entitle non-Native people to live and work on traditional Native lands. Consider the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring us together here today. And please join us in uncovering such truths at any and all public events." - *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*)
  - **Jay Hill**
  - **Laura Oyen**
  - **Maggie Zimmerman**
  - **Mike Ireland**
  - **Dan Edgerton**
  - **Jonathan Harem**
  - **Jenne Nelson**
  - **Benjamin Kowalsky-Grahek**
  - **Lauren McCabe**
  - **Alex McLane**
  - **Delores Rufenacht**

## Community

- **Community Input (open floor)**
  **No community input. Laura Oyen indicates that she will speak during the**

## Board Business

- **Consent Agenda**
  *Items listed under the Consent Agenda are enacted by one motion, items can be removed for individual discussion and vote by request*
  - Meeting Agenda
  - May/June board and committee minutes
  - May 2023 Financials (Discussions Quarterly)
  - (Non-Financial Action Items from committees):
    - St. Kate's Summer Scholars (*Neighborhood Relations Committee*)
    - St. Kate's Partnership for Interviews Action Item
    - Aug 2 Presentation Action Item

**JENNE NELSON moves to approve**

**JONATHAN HAREM seconds**

**APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

- **Action Items**
  - Transcription Services Action Item
    - *LAUREN: Why isnt the un*
    - *MAGGIE: Even if the university history department isn't funding it, the accessibility piece could apply to transcription standards. Having transcription could help with ADA Compliance*
    - *LAURA: The example they used was when someone was speaking and it was transcribing it online.*
    - *POST IT: assuming we go forward, do they have a nonprofit rate?*
    - *LAURA: we are thinking of all that stuff too. Some community members mentioned that participants wanted District 10 to put some skin in the game.*
    - *DAN: Do we have the budget for this?*
    - *JENNE: It is a small budget expense, so yes.*
    - *JAY: is thiis a basic level or a business level*
    - *LAURA: We cap the money and then figure out the implementation as to whether or not we want to go forward with either a four month package or a year long package. We get 120 minutes per month with the basic. But you get more time with the business option. We have 12 interviews completed and we want to do 6 more. So that's 18. Each is 2 hours. 240 hours. Several months under the basic option. The interviews are ongoing. We just haven't figured out which is the best option.*
    - *JAY: Is there a particular timeline when we are supposed to get the thing done by.*
    - *LAURA: The project is ongoing. The last discussion I had with St Kate's Scholars was that we still had Subdistrict 2 or 3. So this might be 2 or 3 years more. WE want to get this first batch done. Then we will re evaluate if there is a better option a year from now.*
    - *JAY: why not an option for a year subscription. The other option is limited by 3 or 4 month which we would potentially overrun and re-authorize more money. We should be clear as to where we have to go.*
    - *LAURA: we would time it out so that we would not run out for a year from now. We are working with volunteer time for a year from now.*
  - *MOTION FROM COMMITTEE*
    - *AYE: Nelson, Zimmerman, Kowalsky-Grahek, Edgerton, Harem, McCabe*
    - *NAY: McClane*
    - *ABSTAIN: Oyen*
  - *SIDEBAR: Should District 10 purchase ad space in the Monitor to promote features like Know Your Como?*
    - *OYEN: Should this go to Neighborhood Relations?*
    - *NELSEN: Maybe for research purposes*

  - Action Item 2023.06 Ice Cream Social Budget
    - Bethel Church Volunteers may come help serve. We do have $1200 in total cost donated by local businesses. There is no issue with our budget, but we need to bring this through the committee
    - JENNE NELSON moves
    - LAURA OYEN seconds

        - ZIMMERMAN:
        - AYE Nelson, Zimmerman, Edgerton, Oyen, McCabe, Harem, McClane.
        - OPPOSE: Hill
- **Information**
- **Discussion**
    - Water Quality *(Dan Edgerton)*
        - *MOSQUITO CONTROL: Water control puts in hormones to prevent mosquitoes from reaching adulthood so they can't reproduce.*
        - *Mosquitoes need stagnant pools of water which are nutrient rich. Larvae need to cling to the surface which cling to the wind. EDGERTON predicts a low mosquito year due to dry conditions, though there was a wet spring.*
        - *OYEN: Is there a chart of COMO LAKE of how water quality has improved or declined?*
        - *EDGERTON: lake como is a shallow urban lake, almost an urban wetland. They tried dredging it, it's a perched lake. It's only 10 - 15 feet at its deepest. The quality is never going to be very good. You wouldn't expect it to be. The key nutrient is phosphorus, that adds food for the weeds. If you add nitrogen, the plants stay down. They added allum to the lake to seal the phosphorus in the sediment. Two years ago was the best water quality, but this year it has largely gone back.*
        - *JAY: Primary concern has been phosphorus control, now the focus is on chlorides, what is the up and coming focus for water quality.*
        - *EDGERTON: Chloride doesn't break down. We are getting higher salinity levels, it's causing a stratification, which causes release of phosphorus from the soil. Chloride is one of the big issues. Pharmaceuticals also are showing up in the water supply. Hot spots in rural areas are at truck stops. PFAS as well are becoming a concern but it's unclear what effect they're having. Lead is way down.*
- **Closing**

## Adjourn 20:27

D10 Como Community Council - MINUTES

# Officer Meeting 07/'23

**July 12, 2023 / 7:00 PM / Zoom https://us06web.zoom.us/j/98188636464**

**Attendance:** Ben Kowalsky-Grahek, Jenne Nelson, Dan Edgerton, Matt Keliher, Shevek McKee

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Board Meeting (July 18 - Draft Agenda)**
  - Action Items
    - Oct. 7 Harvest Festival (NRC)
    - Pedestrian Safety Assessment (Environment)
    - Quadratec Grant (Submitted Essay) - (Officers - Jenne)
    - Community Capacity Grants (Officers)
  - Discussion Topic - Land Acknowledgement
    - August: ?? (Idea Doc)

- **Anything to catch Shevek up on**
  - June Board Packet/Minutes approval?
  - Jenne will be gone for the August board meeting
  - Land Acknowledgment - Motion to formalize the Land Acknowledgement?
    - Matt: Discussion about using land acknowledgement in their meetings but not tying it to meaningful work or very closely to more recent acknowledgment of how neighborhoods have been exclusionary.
    - How do we tie our work around racial covenants and how do we bring that into the conversation?
    - Jenne: We are defined by where we are. Land acknowledgments can be very performative. We aren't contributing actively to any work that is
    - Matt: Want to tie it to work that broadens perspective.
    - Jenne: Thank you Jay for that perspective. Let's work with St Kates students to craft a new language that acknowledges the history of red lining?
    - Matt: yes, we should look to partner with other organizations.
    - Ben: This is how we operationalize our purpose as a board that we state in the land acknowledgement.
    - Matt: this is a more impactful way we can use this space.
    - JENNE NELSON: We should add to the agenda as discussion the land acknowledgment.
    - DAN EDGERTON: How this ties into our mission statement. Make this more action oriented. This is what we believe and this is what it means in terms of what we are doing. This is how history informs our work.
  - Jessica's hours - flexing up to 15 during Shevek's parental leave
    - Working to add in meaningful work for a Community Organizer to flex up to 20-30 hours per week.

## OL' BIDNESS

- **Officers responsible for D10 Tabling at Ice Cream Social (July 14, 5:30-8pm)**
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- **Organizer Position Hours**
- **Springsgiving thank-yous and signs**

## UPDATES

- **Financials**
- **Shevek ON Paternity - June**

- Shevek is off June 5-30, and will be only covering a handful of mid-year reporting things **through July 14**. Will be back to bidness after Ice Cream Social.
- Working doc of baby-time responsibilities

# Committees

D10 Como Community Council - Minutes

# Environment Committee 07/'23

**July 5, 2023 - 6:00-7:15 PM**

**Como Streetcar Station and Zoom(Link) - (Call-in info below)**

**Attendance:** Gordy Wrobel, Abby Gold, Dan Edgerton, Alexander McLane, Mike Ireland, Shevek McKee, Molly Burns-Hansen MoveMN (Guest)

## AGENDA

- Call to order
- Land Acknowledgement
- Welcome and introductions
    - Please sign in using our Digital Sign-In Sheet
    - To locate your sub-district: *Sub-district Map*
- Declare a quorum and adopt the agenda
- Request someone take the minutes

## COMMUNITY SECTION

*None.*

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Move Minnesota presentation** by Programs Coordinator Molly Burns-Hansen
  https://www.movemn.org

  The recorded presentation can be viewed at:
  https://district10comopark.org/recorded-presentation-move-minnesota-resources-7-5-23/

About: Advocacy and education for Transportation management (other than cars) for St. Paul
Molly is looking for good contacts (landlords, employers, advocates)
Help with Metro Transit Pass
Guaranteed ride home, emergency rideshare reimbursement - applicable if you don't use a car to get to work
Bike programs
Developers and Property Managers
    Consult with developers on official TDM plan reviews
Residential Transit Pass $14/month/unit
Where to put bike racks
Transit Assistance Program (reduced cost fare of $1)
Choose How You Move guides (neighborhood centric maps)
Our Car community car sharing plans
Partnering for events (D10?)
Question about bus stops and stations to help with extreme heat and cold - Molly said more work is coming to help
Discussion about mobility equity and mobility justice - owning a car before the pandemic cost $6900/year, now could be up to $10,000/year. When you use multimodal transportation you can save money e.g., bike to bus, put bike on bus.
Molly will get in touch with Jessica Willman about our events to see about a table and also will share specific info for newsletter
For events: movemn.org/events

mollybh@movemn.org 651-728-9325

- **Request to have an August Environment committee partially-combined meeting** with the Neighborhood Relations committee. Env. committee will add history presentation at 6:50 on the agenda.

- **CDC data on pedestrian deaths** on non-sidewalk streets, which is an issue specifically for the feeder streets to the park - over 8000 pedestrian deaths in the U.S. - majority happen in the street not the crosswalks. Gordy Wrobel made a motion to assess crosswalks and paths with no crosswalks near the cut outs.
    - **Passed Motion:** The Environment committee requests that District 10 Council assess the need for additional crosswalks, crosswalk lights, and sidewalk access in and around Como Park. Should safety issues be identified, the Environment committee requests that District 10 Council advocate for identified safety issues to be addressed by the appropriate agency.
        - Volunteer effort - spreadsheet - Land Use, Environment
    - See https://engagestpaul.org/como-trail-master-plan for Map Your Thoughts about Como Park

## OLD BUSINESS

- **Lawns to Legumes** No current updates

- **In-Person Backyard Composting Overview** in conjunction with the Curb Cleanup event. There was agreement to hold a presentation at the fall festival at Tilden Park on October 7. As Jacob hold not attend the committee meeting, Mike will contact him for consent and how to plan for it (Mike).

- **Lake Como Cleanup** June 17 cleanup recap and July 25 update (Mike Ireland)
    - Went well - 5 people registered, attendance was over 30
    - 11 people signed up for the newsletter
    - German Immersion school did not participant and will be off for the summer and will join us again in September

- **EcoFair** June 17 recap - we promoted their event but no one at our committee meeting attended the EcoFair to give an update.

- **Tabling ideas**
  "Kiddie Como Puddle Pool" will be used at our events where we table. Will try to implement it at our ice cream social.
  (Mike, Jessica and Lizzy Cantley)

## UPDATES

- **June board actions**
  No action was requested from our committee

## UPCOMING D10 EVENTS

- Fri, July 14, 5:30-8pm - Ice Cream Social @ Como Streetcar Station
- July 25, 5-8 pm - Lake Como Cleanup
- August 1, 9 am - 3 pm - Blood Drive
- More upcoming events at district10comopark.org/Events

## UPCOMING D10 MEETINGS

- July 5, 7:15pm - Neighborhood Relations Committee
- July 18, 6pm - Land Use Committee
- July 18, 7:15pm - D10 Board Meeting
- August 2, time is TBD - Environment Committee
- July 5, time is TBD - Neighborhood Relations Committee

## Zoom Meeting Link (Recurring)

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D10 Como Community Council - NOTES

# Neighborhood Relations Committee 07/'23

**July 5, 2023 - 7:15-8:30 PM**

**Como Streetcar Station and Zoom(Link) - (Call-in info below)**

**Attendance:** - Luaren McCabe, Jessica Willman, Lizzy Cantley, Shevek McKee, Mike Ireland, Ari (Parks and Rec)

## AGENDA

- Call to Order *(Lauren Erchul leading meeting)*
- Welcome and Introductions (Digital Sign-In Sheet - *Sub-district Map*)
- Adopt The Agenda

## COMMUNITY SECTION

Community participants can bring topics & concerns

Next Wed July 12
Community CookOut at Northwest Como
- Dunk tank
- Free Food
- Registration helpful, using rec website

North Dale Summer Splash
July 28th

Contact rec center if interested in volunteering. They don't generally look for volunteers for the events, more so coaching sports

Mike provided update on the kid friendly tabling activity that is being created that promotes the Como Lake Clean up. Jessica and Lizzy will be adding kid friendly trash

## OLD BUSINESS

- **Como Homo Hangout** | Sun, June 25, *Recap/Debrief*
    - *Not best weather*
    - *St. Tim's Church volunteered with kids craft items*
    - *Ran out of prizes*
    - *50 ish people*
    - *Feedback from Liesel (St. Tim's) - it felt a little long. Event probably started wrapping up by 3 rather than 4*
    - *Feedback from Morgan - More D10 volunteers in future*
    - *Hope for face paint next year*
    - *Neighborhood bingo was good and got people talking to each other*

- **Ice Cream Social** | Fri, July 14, 5:30-8pm, Streetcar Station
    - What do we need?
        - Volunteer - Sign Up
            - Only 6 people signed/responded up from the board

            - Bethel will be doing everything ice cream related (6 people)
            - Enough people with set up
            - Need people for the craft table
            - MC (might be jessica)
            - Neighborhood Bingo
            - Email will go out tomorrow (Thursday) for reminders to volunteers about what people have signed up for and what time they should arrive
        - Organizations
            - 24 signed up
            - Easy part they set up themselves
            - Angry Line Food Truck will be coming (Lauren arranged)
        - Bands -
            - two bands signed up
            - Each has a 45 minute set
            - $100 stipend for the bands
        - Ice Cream
            - Needed to expand the budget to get ice cream from Dars
        - Events (craft, lawn games, other?)
            - Raptor center had to cancel (they had the wrong date)
            - Fill the space with lawn games?
                - Need to post on buy nothing and put call out to board for donations of lawn games
        - History set up in street car station
            - TV on table with slideshow
    - Booth Brown House donations (Lauren)
        - Erin Foss, director of operations at bbh and a few case managers are handling the drive
        - Bring items to ice cream social, set up a donation at bbh, or money donation
        - Article wrote for know your como...
        - Donation/drive is on the back of the flier
        - Promoted in the newsletter this past week

- **August Meeting** - History presentation from St. Kate's students
    - Combine with Env. Committee?
        - Env committee is interested.
        - Env would end around 6:50 and the presentation would start at the end of the meeting. Extension of the meeting
        - Questions for Laura:
            - Are students
    - Schedule a zoom call prior to the event with Laura to discuss the flow of the meeting?

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Ideas of future meeting presentations?**
    - Reaching out to Jennifer V-L about their neighborhood/community State Fair Safety initiatives
    - Possible future presentations:
        - Booth Brown House?
        - Block Nurse Program?
        - Lyngblomsten
        - Organizations we partner with - small artist series??
        - SPPS, Library, Como Friends
        - Raptor Center
        - Produce delivery (St. Anthony Park), Right Side - Local produce organizations
        - Job Corps
        - Abogados? (businesses might be more land use topics)
- **Marydale Festival** - Sept 23rd

    - District 6
    - Shevek Volunteered last year
- Sept 9th - Mac Groveland has their big community event
- Harvest Festival - October 7th (Action Item)
    - Passes

## UPDATES

- Jessica's new work schedule
    - No longer at Saint Anthony Park
    - Summer:  Mornings M-Th 6-8/9am
    - Available for meetings at 12:30 & 3

## UPCOMING D10 EVENTS

- Fri, July 14, 5:30-8pm - Ice Cream Social @ Como Streetcar Station
- Tue July 25, 5-8pm - Lake Como Cleanup
- Tue, August 1, 9am-3pm - Como Blood Drive
- Sat. September 16, 8am-1pm - City Wide Drop Off @ State Fair Grounds
- More upcoming events at district10comopark.org/Events

## UPCOMING D10 MEETINGS

- July 18, 6pm - Land Use Committee
- July 18, 7:15pm - D10 Board Meeting
- Aug 2, 6pm - Environment Committee
- Aug 2, 7:15pm - Neighborhood Relations Committee

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# Action Items

# Action Item

**DATE:**
July 5, 2022

**FROM:**
Neighborhood Relations Committee

**ITEM:**
Subdistrict 1 Event - Harvest Festival - October 7th @ Tilden Park

**ACTION REQUESTED:**
Moved, the Como Community Council will support and endorse an event at Tilden Park on Saturday, October 7th.

**BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**
The Neighborhood Relations Committee developed a plan to hold a community event in each sub-district of the neighborhood in 2023. We've done events at North Dale Rec (SD3), Orchard Rec (SD4), and the Streetcar Station (SD2). This will be the final event in the engagement plan in Subdistrict 1.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**
Staff and board members will work with partner organizations to plan and promote the event. The event will include pie contest, 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 are encouraged to participate in planning and volunteering at these events. Committees are encouraged to bring their work into the planning process, have a representative at the D10 table, and provide information about their committee and plans for interested community members.

This event was included in the approved 2023 budget for the following

- Activities/Prizes: $300
- Porta Potty: $250
- Flyers: $75

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

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

# Action Item

**DATE:**
July 5, 2022

**FROM:**
Environment Committee

**ITEM:**
Como Pedestrian Safety Assessment

**ACTION REQUESTED:**
**Passed Motion:** The Environment committee requests that District 10 Council assess the need for additional crosswalks, crosswalk lights, and sidewalk access in and around Como Park. Should safety issues be identified, the Environment committee requests that District 10 Council advocate for identified safety issues to be addressed by the appropriate agency.

**BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**
Community member Gordy Wrobel brought this motion to the July Environment committee in response to new CDC data on pedestrian deaths on non-sidewalk streets, which is an issue specifically for the feeder streets to the park - over 8000 pedestrian deaths in the U.S. - majority happen in the street not the crosswalks. Gordy Wrobel made a motion to assess crosswalks and paths with no crosswalks near the cut outs. Abby Gold asked to amend the motion to include crosswalk lights like the one on Lexington by the golf course.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**
With approval from the board, this issue would be sent to a committee or working group to compile volunteer reported areas of concern and reach out to city staff to gauge if any data efforts are already being utilized and if/how D10 can advocate for specific improvements.

**ISSUES UNRESOLVED OR YET TO BE DETERMINED:**
Who will lead this initiative, what timeframes it will cover. Preferably it will conclude before winter when it becomes less safe to make the assessments and also when crosswalk markings and other factors are more difficult to see.

# Action Item

**DATE:** July 12, 2023

**FROM:** Officers

**ITEM:** Quadratic Cares Grant Application

**ACTION REQUESTED:** District 10 Como Community Council authorizes D10 staff to submit a Quadratic Cares Grant application on behalf of the District 10 Como Community Council.

**BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**
If accepted, the grant would provide up to $3,500 in unrestricted support of our Como Cleanup Initiatives.

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

**IMPLEMENTATION:**
An application essay was submitted on its deadline of June 30, 2023. This item is seeking approval of submission after the fact, which happens occasionally due to the nature of short turn-around on many funding opportunities, where acceptance of any awarded funds remains contingent upon board approval such as this.

**ISSUES UNRESOLVED OR YET TO BE DETERMINED:**
None.

**Como Park Community Council Application to Quadratec Cares**
**June 2023**

The Como Community Council is a neighborhood-based nonprofit located in the Como Park neighborhood of St. Paul. We are dedicated to creating a vibrant, safe, welcoming neighborhood for renters, homeowners, businesses and other organizations. Our board and committees- made up of community volunteers- work to advance resident-led projects and lead programs that improve the quality of life for those who live, work, and visit here. We hold four community engagement festivals each year, in addition to leading donation drives, blood drives, educational presentations, and more.

Of particular note is our environmental programming. The Como Park neighborhood is home to Lake Como, a beautiful and accessible public lake and park with walking and biking paths. It is a regional asset, and our neighbors are proud to welcome diverse communities from all over the city to visit. Thus, some of our most important work centers on community environmental education and park beautification. For example, every year we lead the Como Tree Trek, a twice-annual guided tour of 39 species of trees that live in our neighborhood. This free, educational event always “sells out” immediately and is among our most popular programs. Our autumn Curb Cleanup, created by a Como resident, leads neighbors to clean fall leaves from their curbs and street gutters. This prevents rainwater from leaching phosphorus and nitrogen from the leaf litter flowing into the storm drains, which otherwise would empty into Lake Como and the Mississippi River, resulting in harmful algae growth. Over the last seven years, more than 1,000 people have cleared 192,000 feet of leaves from residential streets. This community effort has prevented approximately 60 pounds of phosphorus from entering the watershed, which otherwise could have fueled 15 tons of weeds.

Another critical program we offer- and the subject of this application- is our Lake Clean-Up series. To ensure the health and vibrancy of the park, the Como Community Council volunteers take responsibility for cleaning up the lake and surrounding paths. Every year, we hold four Lake Clean-Ups that engage community members from all across the neighborhood, and the number of people is progressively increasing. Over

the last four years, 259 volunteers have pulled 1,206 pounds of trash from the lake. Last year alone, we engaged 112 volunteers from the community who pulled a total of 337 pounds of trash from the lake and surrounding paths. So far in 2023, we have already led our first Lake Clean-Up, powered by 47 volunteers who removed 50 pounds of trash. We have three more planned for the rest of the year.

We seek funding to sustain and grow our Como Lake Clean-Ups in 2024. While these events are powered by volunteers, each clean-up requires significant staff time to coordinate. We also provide clean-up tools- trash-grabbers, rakes, buckets, trash bags, and nitrile gloves- as well as snacks and refreshments to our volunteers. A grant from Quadratec would support the supplies and staff time to hold up to six Lake Clean-Ups in 2024. The impact of removing hundreds of pounds of trash from Como Park, an important public resource for recreation, improves the quality of life for everyone who lives and visits our neighborhood. It is a simple matter of scale that our combined efforts, with no exaggeration, reveal we absolutely can, and we most definitely do, make all the difference in the world for our interconnected local environment. By improving what is immediately before us, we can change the world. That's how consequential these cleanups are. It gives us an opportunity to change the world. Thank you for your consideration of our application!

# Action Item

**DATE:** July 12, 2023

**FROM:** Officers

**ITEM:** Community Capacity Grants

**ACTION REQUESTED:** District 10 Como Community Council authorizes D10 staff to submit applications for operational funding Building Community Capacity grants from the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation and F.R. Bigelow Foundation on behalf of the District 10 Como Community Council.

**BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**
The Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation and F.R. Bigelow Foundation are both offering very similar Building Community Capacity grants up to $30,000 for organizations in the east metro area.

After approving an ambitious funding goal in our 2023 budget, D10 has had some successes with grant applications and these would be great opportunities to continue building our capacity levels. Our Community Organizer staff position was previously a shared position with D12 but the two positions were recently separated and this funding could help support more hours for the position.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**
The application window is July 17 through August 9 at 3pm. Staff and interested board volunteers would collaborate to complete and submit the application before the deadline. The two foundation's criteria and application are very similar and most of the information can be copied from one to the other so we will get more value from our time spent on this. Applicants will hear back in October/November and funding would be awarded at the end of the year.

More information can be found here: https://www.spmcf.org/nonprofits/grant-resources.

**ISSUES UNRESOLVED OR YET TO BE DETERMINED:**
None.