

**St. Anthony Park Community Council
Board of Directors Meeting**

February 8, 2018

Dow Art Gallery, 2242 University Ave W, Saint Paul, MN 55114

Present: John Mark Lucas, Pat Thompson, Michael Russelle, Melissa Williams, Scott Simmons, Karen Nelson, Sherman Eagles, John Connell

Absent: Ray Bryan, Charles Christopherson

Staff: Kathryn Murray, Emma (intern from Macalester)

Chaired by Scott Simmons, minutes by Pat Thompson

- Agenda and minutes of January 11, Williams moved, Thompson seconded. Approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

- New committee members: Equity – Emma Connell; Transportation – Kim Frair and Liam Stewart
- Letter of general support for the proposed project at 2301 Wabash with the expectation of regular meetings of a task group of the Land Use Committee with the development group.
- Letter to library director Penkert and Council Member Stark to express our objection to the process and proposed resolution to the library boundary dispute. *(removed from consent agenda to committee reports, main agenda)*
- Letter to Joy of the People, copied to appropriate city staff, in support of stormwater infiltration per Site Plan and Field Detail from Landscape Architecture, Inc. dated 12/15/2017.
- Eagles moved items 1, 2, and 4. Seconded by Connell. Approved unanimously.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT AWARDEES

Certificates were presented to Melissa and Scott (Lydia Place). Mary's will be presented separately.

- Melissa Williams, for implementing ambitious new community outreach for SAPCC's planning process
- Lydia Place, for building new community partnerships and serving as the anchor for SAPCC's food equity program
- Mary Wiley, for building community at Seal Hi Rise and increasing access to food and transportation

COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. **Executive:** The Council is in good shape. Exec has been operating as a personnel committee generally. Kathryn Murray's hours were increased to full-time at \$18/hour until an executive director is hired. We will be posting for an open search in a few days (social media, Council of Nonprofits, do we advertise in the *Bugle?*). We hope to hire by mid-March, with the ED's focus on finance, fundraising, connecting SAPCC with stakeholders/city/funders. The operations staff person will act as the community face of the Council.

2. **Equity:** No resolutions to present. We met Gretchen, one of the CURA interns. They will be studying SSAP in transition, affordable housing, effect of soccer stadium and Green Line. Asset evaluation: what does the community want to retain? Neil Rasmussen, a new member, is a graphic designer and social media person – interested in helping out more. Next meeting: letter of support for \$15 minimum wage as approved by the board in January.

3. Land Use:

- Eagles nominated to be liaison to the CEZ board, Nelson to Public Realm Committee. Moved: Eagles. Seconded: Connell. Approved unanimously Will we have a CEZ liaison to the SAPCC board? Eagles would play that role.
- Letter to library director Penkert and council member Stark to express our objection to both the process and the proposed resolution to the library boundary dispute. SAPCC's letter of April 2016 – asking for compromise – was basically ignored. The March 7 City Council meeting will serve as the only public hearing on this.

The proposed resolution of this issue did not meet the request of our April 2016 letter, which said: “The two lot lines currently being considered represent the extremes of what we consider to be a continuum of potential solutions. Choosing either will leave one side perennial disgruntled; finding common ground on an intermediate location should be possible [and] should contribute to, rather than reduce our sense of community.” And: we “request that negotiations about a price for the land cease until such common ground is reached [and urge you to] consider input from other interested parties in this issue” to “facilitate a mutually acceptable resolution.”

At this point, there is still considerable community concern and discord: the proposed resolution of the boundary was not negotiated with enough of the interested parties. Though there has been a proposed outcome, the issue has not been resolved. Therefore, we urge the city to reexamine this issue with more input before making a final decision.

Moved: Connell. Seconded: Russelle. Referred for wordsmithing via email then back to the board for final approval. Include the original letter as an attachment. Approved with two abstentions: Lucas, Williams.

4. Transportation:

- Regular meeting was changed to the last Tuesday of the month, time changed to 7 p.m. (next: Feb. 27)
- Moving/removing bus stops in Como business district – possible future hearing
- Interns: please study SSAP unsafe intersections (6 blocks around 280, Territorial/Hampden). It was suggested this may be a good fit for Emma, our Macalester intern. Thompson will follow up with her.
- We want to do an event with the Equity Committee – let's coordinate!
- Bike parking: major effort will be needed by June to get this done.

5. Environment:

- Kasota Pond cleanup scheduled for April 7, but that may change.
- Thinking of a MWMO planning grant for the Weyerhaeuser park site. Will work with Land Use Committee.
- Alliance for Sustainability is organizing all metro cities to have stronger climate action plans. Eleven district councils, including SAP, have signed on to make sure the city's comp plan covers this (with equity). Maybe a June meeting with Bruce Corrie, Russ Stark, the mayor. Comp plan final in June.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Accounting: 2017 year-end, Feb. 8 P&L and balance sheet were distributed. \$18,000 is committed to fiscal agency accounts and/or Community Garden monies. 1099s went out; W2/W3 extension was filed, the bookkeeper is coming back to help get that done.
- Current status of the budget: It's ambitious on the grant front, given our current staffing, but we think it's doable. The Voices fellow will be doing voter organizing in under-represented parts of the community, so the expense there is nearly all in personnel (not under program).
- Resolution to authorize Murray to sign on behalf of the Council. Moved: Lucas. Seconded: Russelle. Approved unanimously.

- Election of treasurer: Thompson was nominated by Eagles, seconded by Williams. (This position does not have signing power.) Approved unanimously.
- Grant updates: we looked at a list of due dates for proposals and reporting. Can we have a boilerplate repository to use? Language on food, equity... stats and text we have used before. Yes, let's do that. On the grant-tracking document, can we add a column that says which goal it applies to. Yes.
- Birthday or other contributions via Facebook: We want to set this up so people can solicit their friends on their birthdays. Need to get it listed on the list of nonprofits on Facebook. Neil R. from Equity will meet with Kathryn to get it figured out. Moved: Williams. Seconded: Russelle. Approved.

STAFF REPORT

- District Council Innovation Grant: Murray has been active with this District Council coordinating group. All 17 DCs are dividing funds equally. This is a new moment for St. Paul in terms of equity.
- GIS specialist: Ana's hours will increase to work with the CURA interns.
- Macalester intern Emma is in two days a week, also does GIS.
- CURA students: Gretchen, Emily, and Michael have started attending meetings.
- Minnesota Voice Fellow: Murray has a phone meeting on this tomorrow. Nominations need to be gathered very soon. We have one name from Suyapa, one from Joe from the city.
- Jennings: Kathryn will be in touch with them next week once their parent conferences are over.

2018 GOALS FOR THE BOARD

- Manage transition to new staffing for the Council
- Complete 10-year plan
- Ensure sound financial status for the Council
- Be proactive in securing funding to fulfill the committee and Council goals, including 100% board participation in fundraising and giving
- Amend Policies and Procedures
- Continue to attract new board and committee members representative of diverse community

Goals were moved by Lucas, seconded by Williams. Approved unanimously.

10-YEAR PLAN

The revised plan will be available in about two weeks, we will distribute by email to the board before the March meeting. Need to reserve public meeting spaces in the week of March 10th-17th, St. Cecilia's on a Saturday and Luther Seminary on a week night. Will need reps from all committees to make presentations and accept feedback. Review the list of maps that Ana has heard we need and tell the steering committee which maps you need for your section! Also, we need photos of places in the neighborhood, people interacting. Things that will become historical record of what this place is like now, what its problems are now. Murray will put a call for photos in the newsletter.

Meeting adjourned, 9:17 p.m. Moved: Williams. Seconded: Nelson.