

Presiding: Suzanne Garfield. Present: Bruce Weber, Gregg Richardson, Lisa Nicholson, Tracy Warnberg-Lemm, Bruce Kimmel, Deb Kuehl, John Dodson, Brian Longley, Ray Bryan, Rick Macpherson, Ron Sundberg, Ferdinand Peters, and Ranae Hanson. Staff: Melissa Mathews and Nina Axelson. Guests: Joan Trulsen (Housing & Redevelopment Authority, City of St. Paul), Donna Drummond (Planning & Economic Development, City of St. Paul), Russ Stark (University United), Councilperson Jay Benanav

Resolutions:

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- 2) St. Anthony Park Community Council supports revising the zoning code to permit chronic inebriate and supportive housing located at least 1/4 mile apart with a limit of 60 beds for chronic inebriate housing and 60 beds for long-term homeless and be operated by a type of organization similar to Catholic Charities.
- 3) St. Anthony Park Community Council negotiate a "good neighbor agreement" with Catholic Charities concerning the proposed project at 2290 Capp Road and that it designate a subcommittee to negotiate that the agreement address these issues and concerns among others: closure of the Wycliff facility, lighting, sidewalks, green space, drinking rules, ratio of beds to staff and management, and communication with neighborhood and neighbors.
- 4) St. Anthony Park Community Council shall take all actions to ensure that the Wycliff property not be used for similar residential housing.
- 5) St. Anthony Park Community Council supports Midway Transportation Management Organization in their efforts to obtain Capital Improvement Budget funding from the City of Saint Paul to create a bike route connection at Capp Road and Robbins Street (Capp Road/Robbins Street Bicycle Connection Proposal).

Minutes:

Introductions

Board members made introductions

January Agenda

Approved with changes

Minutes

Approval of minutes was tabled to begin discussion of Catholic Charities Project.

2386 Capp Road – Proposed Catholic Charities Single-Occupancy Room Project

Macpherson recapped the Land Use Committee Meeting from January 6, 2005: Catholic Charities began the meeting by describing the project, the City of St. Paul representatives addressed zoning issues and the community was given an opportunity to ask questions and provide input on the proposed project. The major issues of concern were residents owning automobiles, on-site drinking, lack of sidewalks & lighting, and Walker Roofing concerns for a good neighbor relationship.

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Donna Drummond (Planning and Economic Development) discussed zoning facts. Drummond discussed the expansion of the distance requirement from $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, explaining that lengthening the distance would violate state statute.

Councilperson Jay Benanav informed the board that MTC was looking at a site on Capp Road for a new bus garage. MTC had selected approximately six sites, but has narrowed the search. The city would purchase the property and then swap properties to obtain a MTC property south of University. There are concerns that a bus garage in this location would limit potential redevelopment. Jay clarified that voting on the Catholic Charities Project would not impact the bus garage. The subject will go through public process and will allow for citizen review at a later date. Jay assured that he would be back early in the process.

The board began discussing appropriate wording for resolutions regarding the Catholic Charities Project. Clarifications made: Residents will only be single individuals, the purchase is pending a decision from SAPCC and the City Council, a new rooming house would have to go through an approval process, changes to zoning would be applied citywide, the U of M has an exemption to local zoning, and further efforts will be made to better sidewalks for pedestrians.

Minutes
Approved

Capp Road/Robbins Street Bicycle Connection – Russ Stark (University United)
Russ Stark represents the Midway Transportation Management Organization, which is a program of University UNITED. The TMO Bicycling Committees are looking for where there are gaps in the metro transit system. A three hundred yard gap was identified between a nearby bike lane and the Transitway. Stark came and presented this opportunity to the Environment Committee and then approached Public Works to estimate costs and planning for creating a connecting path. Capital Improvement Budget Funding would be used to create a path beneath the Raymond Avenue Bridge in order to help connect the two cities and make a safer commute for cyclists. A resolution is presented and passed to support funding for this eight-foot wide trail.

Executive Director Report – Melissa Mathews

Melissa presented the following accomplishments of our board over the last five years.

- 1) systematically analyzing all vendor contracts,
- 2) Fine-tuning our financial management
- 3) Bylaws update (1994 version updated in 2001)
- 4) Policies and Procedures (new)
- 5) Goals and Objectives (new)
- 6) Staff and Board involvement in fundraising events (new)
- 7) Board Manual (new)
- 8) Employee Handbook (1997 version updated in 2002)
- 9) Bookkeeping forms (new)
- 10) Board/Executive oversight of financial statements (new)
- 11) Creating 2 new staff positions effectively (originally 2 full-time positions, more duties; currently 3 positions less duties)
- 12) Securing long-term employees (better orientation, new positions, clearer rolls)
- 13) Employee benefits (health – offered for part-time positions as well)
- 14) Reinstating the Networker

Looking ahead for the year the following items were highlighted:

- 1) 2005 grants with the City and Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging.
- 2) Elections (asking those folks to serve on the committee) in April with board retreat in May
- 3) CIB committee (Community Facilities Task Force 4:30M; Streets and Utilities 4:30T; Residential and Economic Development 4:30Th)
- 4) March 2nd LRT open house 6-10 tentatively scheduled.

Community Organizer Report – Nina Axelson

- Axelson presented an early April Fools Networker, designed to show the board possibilities for future Networkers. There are possibilities to have the Networker included as a Bugle insert, and possibly shared or sponsored by the University of Minnesota. The project is in the exploratory phase and will be discussed further by staff and Executive Committee.
- Langford Park Community Forum will be on January 26th at Langford Recreation Center. This will be an opportunity for neighbors to view preliminary concepts for redesigning the play area and court surfaces.
- Coat Drive was very successful producing more than fifty coats for Hmong Refugees. We are happy to continue partnering with MN Council of Churches for this cause.
- City Honor Roll will be on January 21st at the College of St. Catherine. Our neighborhood honorees were Bob Straughn, Kathy Magnuson, and Sheila Richter. Board members are encouraged to join staff and awardees for the ceremony.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee:

Executive meeting rescheduled for January 18th; no report items.

Environment Committee:

Last meeting December 1st, January meeting rescheduled for January 19th.

Land Use:

Action items reported under 2386 Capp Road agenda item.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm

Minutes submitted by Nina Axelson

Catholic Charities Additional Information

Catholic Charities – St. Anthony Residence: Zoning Information Sheet

1/13/05

Catholic Charities currently operates a 58-bed facility for chronic inebriates at 2300 Wycliff St. Catholic Charities leases the current facility and would like to purchase and construct a new building approximately one block away with frontage on Hersey St. (the address of the property is 2290 Capp Rd.). This new facility would have 60 beds for chronic inebriates and 60 beds for long-term homeless individuals. All beds would be single-room occupancy (SRO) units, with shared baths. The chronic inebriates would have 3 meals per day provided in a cafeteria, and the residents in the other SRO units would have access to shared kitchen facilities.

· Zoning Facts

· Both sites are zoned I2 (General Industrial). The current facility use is defined as a "Community Residential Facility – Health Dept. Licensed" (see Section 65.155 of the Zoning Code, attached). This use is permitted in the I2 zone, although the number of beds exceeds what would be allowed for establishment of a new facility without a variance.

· The current facility also has a City license for a rooming and boarding house. Simple rooming and boarding houses that are not also defined as community residential facilities are currently not permitted in industrial districts.

· In order for Catholic Charities to site the proposed facility, the City would need to adopt several amendments to the Zoning Code. These include increasing the number of beds

a Community Residential Facility - Health Dept. Licensed facility could have in industrial districts and allowing rooming houses in industrial districts. Possible additional requirements that could be added include specifying that they be 1,320 ft. from any other type of community residential facility and are operated by an organization like Catholic Charities. Zoning Code amendments require public hearings before both the Planning Commission and City Council.

· Such changes would permit Catholic Charities to apply for a conditional use permit to site a new facility. This would require a public hearing before the Planning Commission. The Commission may attach additional conditions to the permit that are necessary to protect surrounding properties and the neighborhood from negative impacts.

· The site of the current facility (2300 Wycliff) would have legal non-conforming status as a 58-bed Community Residential Facility - Health Dept. Licensed facility. If the building is to be reused as a residential use, it could only be used as another facility of this type for a period of one year without going to the Planning Commission for approval. Funding for this kind of facility is limited and is administered through Ramsey County. It may be possible to get the County to agree not to provide funding for another facility at 2300 Wycliff.

· If the owner of 2300 Wycliff wished to use the building for another type of community residential facility, he would need to apply to the Planning Commission for a conditional use permit and get a variance to the 1,320 distance requirement. For the building to be used for another non-conforming residential use, such as a rooming house, the owner would need to apply to the Planning Commission within one year for a change in non-conforming use permit. If longer than one year, he would need to apply to the Planning Commission for a reestablishment of a legal non-conforming use permit, which is more difficult to obtain. Any kind of permit from the Planning Commission requires a public hearing. Any Planning Commission decision can be appealed to City Council.

· The City's Zoning Code uses 1,320 ft. as a standard distance requirement between community residential facilities. This distance requirement is specified in state law for facilities licensed by the Dept. of Human Services, and the City has chosen to apply the distance requirement to other types of community residential facilities as well. It may be legally questionable to impose a 2,640 ft. (½ mile) distance requirement for this type of facility, as recommended by the Land Use Committee.

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St. Anthony Park Community Council
Board of Directors
February 10, 2005
MINUTES (Date Approved: March 10, 2005)

Presiding: Deb Kuehl
Board Members and Alternates Present: Rick Macpherson, Ron Sundberg, Suzanne Garfield, John Dodson. Bruce Kimmel, Brian Longley, Rose Gregoire, Sherm Eagles, Tracy Warnberg-Lemm, Bruce Weber, Ray Bryan, Ranae Hanson
Staff: Melissa Mathews, Nina Axelson
Visitors: Greg Haley (District 12 Plan), Linda Youngwirth (Commissioner Rettman's Office)

Kuehl opened the meeting at 7:09 p.m. People present introduced themselves.

The Agenda was approved.

The January 13, 2005, minutes were approved as amended: other attendees to be added, resolutions to be moved to the places in the minutes were they were discuss and placed in bold lettering.

Task Force Proposals

Hanson presented a proposal from Executive Committee that we establish a task force to keep on top of the T.H. 280 issues and another related to the University Avenue corridor. The

task forces would each be composed of at least one member from Land Use, at least one from Environment, and other concerned people from the community. After discussion, including consideration of the possibility of forming a transportation subcommittee again, the Council voted to establish such a task force for the 280 issues, saying that the task force itself can set its primary focus, its timeline, and its proposed completion date. Members were asked to report back each month to the Land Us and Environment Committees.

A T.H. 280 task force will be formed made up of at least one member from Land Use and one member from Environment. (Hanson, proposed; Garfield, seconded.) Resolution passed. Information item related to the University Avenue corridor was presented. Commissioner Rettman has planned an Open House at the South St. Anthony Rec Center on March 2 to hear opinions, advice, and concerns from the public as well as to provide information about the plans, process, and concerns regarding light rail. Her office is sending cards to businesses and residences along the corridor. She has requested that the Council co-sponsor the event. The council decided to support Commissioner Rettman with addresses for the mailing list, to invite people ourselves, and to attend the event.

Eagles pointed out that the council might want to combine with University United on light rails issues. Gregoire offered to check on the time commitment such a cooperative effort would require. Council will return to this possibility next month. It was suggested that, should we set up our own task force, someone from CIB be asked to join.

The task force related to the University Avenue corridor will be tabled until Council gets information about a possible coordination with University United. (Gregoire, proposed; Bryan, seconded.) Resolution passed.

Information item. Council members need to fill out the Task Force Worksheets.

Sharing of Concerns about Neighborhood
Tabled because of time constraints.

2005 Committee Goals

Garfield presented the Executive Committee Mission and Goals (see attached). The mission statement will be revised and Goal #5 will be rephrased.

Garfield presented the Environment Committee Mission and Goals (see attached).

Weber presented the Land Use Committee Mission and Goals (see attached). The committee will establish an emergency planning meeting policy.

The Council accepted the Executive Committee, Environment Committee, and Land Use Committee Mission and Goals Statements. (Kimmel, proposed; Garfield, seconded.) Resolution passed.

Executive Director's Report

The third reading of the Historic District designation will be Feb. 16 at 5:30. Warnberg-Lemm will represent the council.

Steve Wellington of the U.S. Bank site will attend the March 10th Council meeting at 7 p.m. to present a mixed used model for development of that site.

Lucy Heley has invited the council to send one or two people to a focus group about housing development on the U.S. Bank site. The group will meet from 8 to 9:30 on February 17 at the Egg and I. People who would like to attend are asked to contact Mathews. Those who attend will represent themselves, not the council, as the council did not have time to discuss the issue fully enough to arrive at a position.

The council needs a representative for the SE Economic Development Committee. The meeting is next Wednesday at 5:30. Staff will attend if no council member volunteers.

Mathews is conducting an internal audit of Star Housing Grant and Loan Program as part of city contract requirements. Matthews and Kimmel will meet with city staff and park bank to ensure program compliance.

The Burlington Northern Committee and the University Community Relations Committee will be added to the committee lists although we have no member attending currently.

Mathews suggested that we review the committee lists at a council retreat and prioritize our representation.

Gregoire asked that the funding letter be sent to more people; Executive Committee will consider taking this action.

Mathews asked that members communicate with her prior to each meeting about individual

concerns about other issues.

Community Organizer Report

Axelson thanked people for nominating and voting for the Honor Roll designees.

The Bridal Veil Study will be officially reviewed in the next two weeks. Axelson highlighted that local history will be included in the project.

The Block Workers Program will be started again this week. People should recommend names of possible block workers to Axelson.

The Kasota Pond cleanup will occur in April.

Ideas for the Networker should be passed on to Axelson.

The Langford Park Community Meeting was well attended by people who live around the park and was successful.

Axelson brought a request for a variance for The Dubliner. A resolution was made that the Council approve the noise variance and liquor license extension if Scanlon make a good faith effort to address Bonnie's concerns and if Scanlon and Bonnie enter into mediation between now and August 1. (Gregoire proposed; Warnberg-Lemm seconded.) Resolution failed.

Resolution: The Council approves the noise variance and liquor license extension. (Weber proposed; Kimmel seconded.) Resolution passed.

District 12 Plan

Greg Haley presented the attached updated plan for work toward the District 12 Plan.

The Council accepts the schedule as presented with additional dates to be added as needed. (Hanson proposed, Weber seconded.) Resolution passed.

People can submit comments about the plan directly to the committee members or on the website. It will also be publicized through the Bugle and The Networker.

Gregoire will ask Jon Schumacher to set up a Social Connection Committee. Gregoire will be the liaison between the council and Schumacher.

Executive Committee Report

Longley reported that the Council will hold a barbeque for members on May 11th.

Environment Committee

Nothing to report.

Land Use Committee

Weber reported that the committee is working on a Good Neighbor Agreement with Catholic Charities. The sale did go through.

Council supports the rezoning to TN3 for Johnson Brothers' project. (Weber proposed; Eagles seconded.) Resolution passed.

Nominating Committee

Forms for nominations were passed out. The form will also be available on the website. Nominations will be accepted through March 14th by the Nominating Committee (Kimmel, Longley, Kuehl). We need two members and two alternate from North, three members and two alternates from South, and five members and two alternates from the business community.

Web Site Committee

Committee will meet next Monday.

Conditional Use Permit

Weber and Longley presented information on a Conditional Use Permit requested by Metro Lofts. They want to go from 51 units to 67, from 55' height to 66'.

Attempted Resolution: The Council denies the application because we were not given enough time to take it through Land Use Committee and because it was not presented when the Committee reviewed the project earlier. (Gregoire presented; Bryan seconded.) Motion failed.

St. Anthony Park Community Council approves the conditional use permit application to allow a sixty-six foot high building at 2650 University Ave. However, we are disappointed that we were not provided with this application information sooner than the City of St. Paul notification. (Weber proposed; Garfield seconded.) Resolution passed.

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes submitted by Ranae Hanson

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St. Anthony Park Community Council
Board of Directors
Thursday, March 10, 2005
South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center
890 Cromwell Avenue (Territorial and Cromwell)
MINUTES

Presiding: Deb Kuehl

Board Members and Alternates Present: Rick Macpherson, Ron Sundberg, Suzanne Garfield, John Dodson. Brian Longley, Rose Gregoire, Sherm Eagles, Tracy Warnberg-Lemm, Bruce Weber, Ray Bryan, Gregg Richardson, Lisa Nicholson, Ranae Hanson
Staff: Melissa Mathews, Nina Axelson
Visitors: Martha Russell, Kathleen Anglo (City of St. Paul Parks and Recreation).

Kuehl opened the meeting at 7:09 p.m. People present introduced themselves.

Langford Park Presentation

-Kathleen Anglo, City of Saint Paul Parks and Recreation, presented the Langford Park Recreation Area proposal. Construction is to begin in August, to be completed in the fall.

Resolution: SAPCC accepts the renovation plan for Langford Park recreation area.
(Richardson proposed from Environment Committee; Gregoire seconded.) Resolution carried.

Agenda and Minutes

The March agenda was accepted (Gregoire proposed, Weber accepted.) Resolution passed.
The February minutes were approved.

Committee Reports

- Executive – Gregg Richardson
- Gregg Richardson reported on an Executive Committee brainstorming session on ways to make meetings more effective and improve communication.
- Richardson also reported that EC has a draft proposal for setting up a method for an on-going process for communicating with and evaluating the Executive Director.
- MnDOT has lost the money for 280 work; the only thing that will be done is the demolition of the Good Will site. Environment Committee will proactively work with MnDOT on that site.
- A letter has been send to the City of St. Paul saying that the Executive Council of SAPCC opposes the development of a state-sponsored casino in the city. Previous to sending the letter, an e-mail notification was a sent out to the Community Council giving members a short time to respond. Nina will gather a bit more information on this issue.
- SAPCC discussed Executive Committees role in making decisions between meetings. The committee should make a decision about whether they really need to make so fast a decision; at times the EC should not submit to pressure to decide.
- Environment – Suzanne Garfield
- Nothing additional to report other than the minutes.
- Land Use – Bruce Weber
- Weber recapped the proposed amendments to the zoning code that the City of St. Paul is suggesting.
- Resolution Proposed–SAPCC opposes eliminating the 1% cap on certain types of community residential facilities. We support a conditional use permit for the Catholic Charities project it if is beyond the 1% cap. (Weber proposed; Macpherson seconded.) Eagles raised issues that Benanav has raised. Perhaps it is not wise to put people into industrial areas; in addition, housing may not be a wise use for industrial buildings. After discussion Weber agreed to delete the second sentence of the resolution. Revised resolution–SAPCC opposes

eliminating the 1% cap on certain types of community residential facilities. Motion carried.

- Resolution proposed—SAPCC supports retaining the existing standards and conditions for rooming houses of 16 or fewer residents in Industrial Districts. (Weber proposed, Richardson seconded.) Motion carried.

- Resolution proposed—SAPCC supports the zoning changes for the Community Residential Facilities and Rooming houses subject to the previous resolutions. (Weber proposed, Macpherson seconded.) Motion failed.

- Resolution proposed—SAPCC supports the Catholic Charities project but recognizes that the proposed zoning changes may result in unintended consequences; we believe the proposed changes need further discussion. (Eagles proposed, Richardson seconded.) Motion carried.

- Resolution proposed—SAPCC approves the major variance at 2125 Scudder Street, as described in the application for major variance file # 05-068754, due to the hardship created by the unusual lot configuration, subject to solicitation of neighbor comments and concerns. (Weber proposed, Eagles seconded.) Motion carried.

- Resolution proposed—SAPCC approves the business license for malt and wine on sale for Jay's Café as described in License Application # 20050000220. (Weber proposed, Gregoire seconded.) Motion carried.

- Council discussed the potential extension of East-West thoroughfare through South St. Anthony.

- Nominating – Brian Longley

- People are asked to submit their filing statements by Monday.

- Council had some discussion about how we solicit board members.

- Web Site Committee – Ray Bryan

- The committee has met, has begun work, and will continue.

Executive Director Report

Melissa Mathews reported that she's been working on securing additional funding for the District 12 plan update consultant since the plan update time period and scope of work has increased.

The capitol improvement budget proposals are ready; Mathews passed out the rating form and asked that we get them back to her by March 31st. Rose Gregoire and Ranae Hanson will prioritize these.

Kimmel and Mathews met with the city about our STAR Housing Grant and Loan Program and the city now understands their role. We are in compliance with our program requirements.

Board orientation is coming. People should e-mail ideas to Mathews who will collect these and bring to the executive committee and board for further discussion of board retreat ideas.

Board members who are retiring should attend next month's meeting.

Community Organizer Report

Nina Axelson reported on the LRT meeting. Eleven people in addition to Board members and staff people attended the meeting.

Axelson presented information on the adult entertainment zoning study. The zoning committee will have a public discussion on March 25th. Recommendations have been made expanding the definition and limiting the buffer zone. Axelson will check to see whether adult entertainment will be allowed in traditional zones.

We will be offering a contract to Kestrel Consulting on Kasota Ponds, including human history of the area. The Environment Committee will discuss the timeline and inclusion in District 12 Plan.

We need recruits for the Kasota Pond Clean-up on April 23rd. We can also learn about butterfly gardens on that day.

There has been a discussion about volunteering to work with the Saints and Best Buy on Tsunami Relief. People who might be interested should contact Nina. Axelson could go to the high school. Thunders may also be interested. Axelson will gather more information.

We agreed to put The Networker on the next agenda.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:20. (Weber proposed, Richardson seconded.) Motion passed.

Business for Future Meetings

Alley houses—what do we want

Retreat discussion—how we solicit board members.

Sending out more fund-raising letters

District 12 plan updates should be at each meeting; we can ask Dan Petrik to stay.

We will have guests go first before minutes and agenda.

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St. Anthony Park Community Council

Board of Directors

Thursday, April 14, 2005

South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center

890 Cromwell Avenue (Territorial and Cromwell)

Minutes Approved May 12, 2005

Presiding: Deb Kuehl

Board Members and Alternates Present: Rick Macpherson, Ron Sundberg, Suzanne Garfield, John Dodson, Brian Longley, Rose Gregoire, Sherm Eagles, Tracy Warnberg-Lemm, Bruce Weber, Ray Bryan, Gregg Richardson, Lisa Nicholson, Ranae Hanson

Visitors: Wayne Barstad, Neighborhood Energy Consortium

New Members: Arnold Bramler, Belinda Escolanda, Matt Carlson

Staff: Melissa Mathews, Nina Axelson

Kuehl opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. People present introduced themselves.

NEC update, District 12 Plan, and the Networker were added to the agenda. Resolution to approve made, seconded, and passed.

The March minutes were approved. (Macpherson proposed; Dodson seconded.) Resolution carried.

Neighborhood Energy Consortium

Wayne Barstad reported that NEC is going through changes now that will affect SAPCC. The current programs that broaden the scope beyond St. Paul are HOURCAR, the Classic Bicycle Tour, the Energy Efficiency Deferred Loans Project, and the Residential Energy Audits. The Board of Directors has decided to reorganize itself to better reflect the organization's mission and programs. There will be between 9 and 11 members on the board. The NEC hopes that SAPCC will remain involved. The current Board will seek nominations and elect the first new full Board; future board members will serve staggered terms. The name of the corporation will also probably be changed; operationally the "St. Paul" prefix to the name is no longer being used. The original purpose was to carry out the neighborhoods' energy programs. Those programs are still going strong.

Suzanne Garfield brought forth a resolution from the environment committee. Resolution: That SAPCC support the changes proposed by the NEC Board to the NEC Mission, board structure, and its bylaws. (Garfield proposed; Gregoire seconded.) Resolution carried.

The committee thanked Wayne for this report and for his work on our behalf on the NEC.

Committee Reports

· Greg Richardson reported from the Executive Committee. The primary discussion of the Executive Committee was in planning for the transition since Mathews is moving on to another position. Axelson's hours will be temporarily increased from 29 to 39 a week. Angie will be spending two additional hours during the transition. In addition, another person will probably be hired to coordinate special events, such as Board training and the Board retreat, in the interim. Suzanne Garfield and Deb Kuehl will be overseeing the interim transition, including the budget implications. Brian Longley and Tracy Warnberg-Lemm will be overseeing the hiring process. Greg Richardson and Bruce Weber will be overseeing the re-write of the job description, both of Board members and the Executive Director. Board members are asked to get their surveys about the job description back to Richardson ASAP. The interim team hopes to wrap up the search within two months.

· Brian Longley reported from the Nominating Committee. The results of the election are in. We have 99 voters on one side and 33 on the other. New and returning for South St. Anthony Gregg Richardson, Bruce Weber, and Ranae Hanson. Because Bruce Kimmel is stepping down. Mark Van Kuhlen and Arnold Rambler. From the North Side John Dodson and Greg Haley are delegates. Ron Sundberg and Matt are alternates. Business delegates are Belinda Escalante, Fird Peters, Ray Bryan, Deb Kuehl, Paul Keirkegaard, Grant Wilson, and Cedric , a young man from North St. Anthony, was a write-in candidate; we will invite him to serve on one of the standing committees.

· Suzanne Garfield reported for the Environment Committee. The NEC resolution has already been presented. The Good Will site is gone; plans are for a run-off pond. The pond will be raised above ground level with a berm around it. We are partnering with MnDOT to be sure they are planting native species on the berm. Mark Guess has been our liaison with MnDOT; we've requested that we stay involved in species selection to ensure that it will be a diverse mix. The committee is also working to assure that the sidewalk will allow people to walk along that area. The committee hopes that the sidewalk will be continued further than it is now. Resolution: SAPCC supports the environment committee's efforts to work with MnDot to select a good variety of native species to be planted along the berm and the dry pond of the retention pond that will be built at the former Good Will site and to work with SECIA and MnDOT to extend the sidewalk as far as possible. (Garfield proposed, Richardson seconded.) Resolution carried. The 280 Task Force has been working with this issue.

· Related to the Environment Committee, Axelson announced the "Bridging the Water Gap" conference. She also reminded us of the Annual Kasota Pond Cleanup on Saturday, April 23rd.

· Brian Longley reported for the Land Use Committee, which spent much time talking about the proposed bus barn and determined that it seems unlikely that it will happen. The committee proposed that we join with University United in a resolution they have made. Their resolution reads: SAPCC support the resolution Whereas plans are being discussed by the City and Met Council to relocate the bus maintenance facility from the corner of Snelling and I-94 to free up this valuable development site, and whereas the City is proposing to locate the new bus maintenance facility at Hampden and Charles Avenues, just behind the proposed Johnson Brothers housing project, And whereas these two issues are integrally linked, and whereas these two issues are integrally linked, and whereas there are other potential development issues and opportunities focused at Snelling and University, and in the area surrounding the Johnson Brothers development, and whereas these issues are of such significance that they transcend neighborhood or City Council Ward boundary lines, be it resolved that University United urges that Council members Montgomery and Benanav jointly establish an inclusive community process that can review and discuss these issues in a comprehensive way to achieve a more successful outcome. Proposal: That SAPCC support University United in this resolution. (Longley proposed; Gregoire seconded.) The topic was tabled.

· Brian Longley brought another resolution from Land Use. Resolution: Whereas SAPCC has been supportive of the Bioscience district, and whereas SAPCC is currently updating its district plan and is involved in studies and planning being done by University United, and whereas SAPCC has previously urged cooperative planning between St. Paul and Minneapolis for the area around Highway 280, and whereas SAPCC has a cooperative relationship with PPERRIA; therefore, be it resolved that SAPCC urges St. Paul PED and other city departments to promote cooperative planning with Minneapolis for the Bioscience corridor, and be it further resolved that SAPCC urges that SAPCC, PPERRIA, and SECIA be included in all meetings and

discussion about such planning activities. (Longley proposed; Macpherson seconded.) Motion carried. Action item: Axelson will send letters stating this to Benanav, PED, Minneapolis PED, Council Member Zerby.

· Resolution: John Dodson will follow up with Council Member Thune requesting local entry points for wi-fi coordination. (Gregoire proposed; Kuehl seconded.) Resolution carried.

Wellington Management Report

Tanya Bell and Jon Fenlan came to present on the long-term development and projects in St. Anthony Park by Wellington Management. Bell thanked us for supporting the zoning issues, noting that the process was not exactly what we wanted it to be. Bell then reported on the developments of the Metro and Emerald Gardens.

Bell then brought in plans for the U.S. Bank site. Plans now are that U.S. Bank will not be a partner. The existing building will come down. A new small bank will be put there. There will be an underground garage below the entire space. Additional parking space may be obtained behind the property. Above ground is commercial space; housing is a possible option. Above all (bank and commercial space) are four or five stories of housing. The intention is to include a green roof in the construction. There would also be a screened porch that would be used as a community space. Construction time, if it was done in one phase, would be approximately 15 months. The streets should be open during construction and traffic should not be disturbed. The unit will house approximately 70-80 units. Five focus groups were held and the units should appeal to a wide range of demographics. Wellington Mgmt. has had an ongoing dialogue, including discussion with the city, to ensure a range of housing prices and keep a good mix of affordability.

The next Wellington project will be at 2700 University. The former owner has filed Chapter 7 and the property will be auctioned off in May, with a closing date required within thirty days. The bottom level of the site will hold a 17000 square foot grocery. Parking will be provided separately for the grocery store and housing. This property will also have a green roof courtyard. The expectation is to have 100 units. The main challenge will be buying the site; CVS may also show at the auction. Wellington will be expanding their partnership with Mia and Roasting Stones to allow all of the upcoming housing projects to be sold out of the coffee space. This will include a transitional upgrade for the coffee shop. There is a definite opportunity to plan better option for this corridor, in particular aesthetics, transit, and pedestrian experience and safety.

Report from Ferdinand Peters on 2125 Scudder.

Community Organizer Report – Experts Forum

· ED Report – 60 day notice packets. Notice to councils by fax. Ellen Anderson would like us working with City Council and staff to lobby to keep 60 days. Lobbying for 90 days would bring everyone out of the woodwork in opposition.

· Finance Report – Finances are actually above where they should be at this time of year. March and April we start spending down our checking before we get our reimbursements in about a month. Time for new equipment!!! Hint Hint Nudge Nudge.

· Transition notes from Melissa. Great way for board members to learn the inside operational piece of the council. Looking at roles and board operations. Calendar to help in the transition and planning for the year. Goals and objectives are included to help with hiring, etc. SAPCC representatives committees and programs is listed to help everybody understand who is doing what.

· Final piece about Jan Morlock and the Stadium Advisory Group. We need to appeal to our new members to step up and take this role and look outside the board and into the community (possibly Jay Weiner).

Best Wishes to Melissa and we value her time and everything she has brought to us.

Adjourn

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St. Anthony Park Community Council
Board of Directors
Thursday, May 12, 2005
South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center
890 Cromwell Avenue (Territorial and Cromwell)
Minutes Approved June 9, 2005

Presiding: Suzanne Garfield

Board Members and Alternates Present: Brian Longley, Mathew Carlson, Bruce Weber, Ranae Hanson, Grant Wilson, Patrick Warren, Rick Macpherson, Ferd Peters, John Dodson, Tracy Warnberg-Lemm, Ray Bryan, Gregg Richardson, and Arnold Ramler.

Visitors: Gary Vogel, Brent Rogers, and Mark – from Dominion, Amy Houer, Greg Corradini, Ivan Swanson, and John Brachma; Linda

Staff: Nina Axelson, Arlene West

Garfield opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. People present introduced themselves.

The May Agenda was modified slightly and approved.

Garfield welcomed new members.

Dominium Development Presentation

Brent Rogers from Dominion and Gary Vogel from BKV, as consultants to Johnson Brothers, presented plans for the proposed development of the University and Carleton Redevelopment Area.

Motion: SAPCC supports Phase 1 of the site plan at Johnson Brothers on University with the condition that the second phase will have for-sale units, that the curb cuts be removed on University Avenue, that in the second phase Carleton Street will be phased into a pedestrian way, that any significant changes in the plan be brought back to the Council for consideration, and that in the first or second phase retail space be made available. (Longley moved; Wilson second; motion carried.)

Pearl Street Variance

Longley introduced Ivan Swenson and John Brachman who spoke about the 2367 Pearl Street variance. Longley spoke with six neighbors around the property. One neighbor, Amy Houser, who is opposed to the variance, was present at the meeting to speak of her objections.

Motion: Because SAPCC was given notice of this variance at a late date, the Council was able only to poll the neighbors, six of whom were in support or indifferent, one of whom was opposed, but the Council is unable to come to an opinion; yet the Council is asking the neighbors to continue to discuss the matter. (Warnberg-Lemm moved; Peters seconded) Motion to table. (Peters)

Motion: SAPCC opposes the variance request for the design presented to LIEP by John and Heather Brachman at 2367 Pearl Street. (Peters moved; Bryan seconded) Six in favor; four opposed; two abstentions.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved with grammatical and fact changes.

ED Search Committee Update

Warnberg-Lemm reported that the Executive Director search has been posted, with the close date being May 20th. Interviews are planned for May 31st and June 1st. We hope to have a new ED by July.

Board Transition and Survey

Arlene West presented up-dated pages for the Board Manuals. Each new member has received a manual and been paired with a mentor. West distributed the anonymous portions of the survey, which should be returned by May 17th, to continuing members of the Board. In addition, West reminded us of the BBQ on Saturday and asked people to indicate whether or not they would be coming.

Committee Reports

- Greg Richardson reported from the Executive Committee that our business has already been covered in this meeting.
 - Greg Richardson reported from Environment Committee that East River Road Neighborhood is concerned about potential traffic, circulation, and parking problems and is asking us and other neighborhoods to work together to look at our joint concerns. Richardson urged Council members to come to the Experts' Forum next Wednesday night.
 - Bruce Weber reported for Land Use Committee that the minutes cover the meeting well. He brought forth three resolutions from the committee:
 - o The SAPCC strongly opposes the proposed site of the Metro Transit bus facility at Hampden and territorial because of adjacent housing and the proposed new housing development. (Longley proposed; Bryan seconded) Motion carried.
 - o The SAPCC requests Council Members Montgomery and Benanav establish a process to review and discuss the bus garage issues. The process should include District 12 Council participation. (Longley proposed; Macpherson seconded) Motion carried.
 - o SAPCC approves the specifics, as presented by CSM, of the proposal for the development of the Midway Corporate Site on Energy Park at 280. (Longley proposed; Peters seconded) Motion carried.
- Peters reported that the City Council overturned the variance for the Scudder property.
- Bryan reported that the Web Site Committee did not meet in the last week.
 - Haley reported that several meeting have happened for the D12 Plan. We are keeping up with the published schedule.
 - Dodson reported on his investigation about wireless access for the community. There is a community needs assessment underway. Axelson will help Dodson follow up on this. We will get this information posted on the website.
 - Garfield gave a preview of the Fourth of July parade and the Council's participation.

Community Organizer Report

Axelson reported most of her work currently is with the committees. The Networker will be sent out shortly. She praised the members for their actions during the transition.

Elections

- Co-chair from North--Suzanne Garfield
- Co-chair from South--Ranae Hanson
- Co-chair from Business--Grant Wilson
- Secretary--Greg Richardson (Hanson nominated; Longley second) Unanimous
- Treasurer--John Dodson (Longley nominated; Hanson second) Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ranae Hanson, Out-going Secretary

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St. Anthony Park Community Council
Board of Directors
Thursday, June 9, 2005
South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center
890 Cromwell Avenue (Territorial and Cromwell)

Presiding: Ranae Hanson

Board Members and Alternates Present: Patrick Warren, Rick Macpherson, Michael VanKeulen, Brian Longley, Gregg Richardson, Traci Warnberg-Lemm, Bruce Weber, Suzanne Garfield, Belinda Escalante, Greg Haley

Visitors: Toni Carter (Ramsey County Commissioner), John Stiles (Asst. to Comm. Carter), Linda Jungwirth (Asst. to Comm. Rettman), Steve Morris (Ramsey Co. Regional Rail Authority)

Staff: Nina Axelson, Angie Hoffmann-Walter, Arlene West

Hanson opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. People present introduced themselves.

The June Agenda was modified slightly and approved.

May 12 minutes were approved (Macpherson moved, Weber seconded).

Home cleanup

Angie Hoffman Walter, CHORE program, said CHORE is receiving more calls from seniors who are being cited for cleanup of property. Recruited volunteers for a local cleanup June 11.

Light Rail Presentation

Kathy Despiegler introduced presentation on Central Corridor Project, explaining that the project is compiling a document of questions and answers from this series of community meetings. Steve Morris, Central Corridor Project Manager, described the progress. They are at the end of the alternatives analysis phase for FTA approval. Received full one-half of required local matching funds (\$5.25 million) from the legislature for preliminary engineering, the next phase. They will need to identify one-half of local funding for full project before final design phase. Current working recommendation is LRT along University Ave. Next will be Environmental Impact Statement, followed by public comment, then approval by Metropolitan Council, before moving on to preliminary engineering phase. The final design phase will take 1-2 years at around \$50 million. One-half of construction cost (total about \$840 million) will be federal, the rest local. Q & A session: Proposed route may change somewhat to accommodate proposed U of M stadium and move of St Paul Post Office. Lessons from the Hiawatha line—probably not as many adjacent areas for park-and-ride, as land is very valuable. University/Snelling intersection is already a priority for re-engineering due to rush hour gridlock. Council members expressed great interest in parking issues, as well as the need to connect N. St. Anthony Park to the Raymond stop. Project believes that this stop, as the halfway point, needs a park-and-ride facility. Animated realization demonstrated how street parking will be lost only at left turn lanes for the most part.

Recreation Center Summer/Fall update

Tony Ruiz described new recreation center programs. New girls' softball team this year, more teen activities in general. Also new fall classes, such as karate and Pilates. Summer Bookstart has 30 kids and incorporates free lunch program. New play area in Langford begins construction in August and new tennis courts at SSAP. Increasing problems with graffiti at Langford. Council discussed responses; Axelson will contact city graffiti person for strategies. Also discussed ways to improve connections with residents east of Raymond, who use open gym a lot. Executive Committee will discuss. Also briefly discussed upkeep of SSAP fields and program improvements in Booster Club.

Committee Reports

- Environment Committee. Axelson reported on recent Bridal Veil Creek experts forum. Next steps will be reaching out to seniors to share historical information, waiting for Karlyn Eckman to return to town.

- Executive Committee. Richardson reported on proposal to create a Board/staff liaison committee, Executive Committee will be bringing this back to Council for approval at a later date.

- Land Use Committee. Weber reported Land Use concern about the proposed JPI project on

the Hubbard site They went to Minneapolis with site plans, but did not present to St. Paul. Axelson reported that Minneapolis requirement will likely make the project unfeasible.

Weber presented three Land Use resolutions:

- 1) St. Anthony Park Community Council supports Icon Auto's auto repair and garage application with stated conditions. Weber moved, Haley seconded: Passed unanimously.
- 2) St. Anthony Park Community Council recommends that the variance for 2268 Knapp Street garage size (lacking height information), be denied. There is no compelling evidence that there is a need for this variance. Discussion: Axelson believes that city may have voted on this already. Land Use was opposed 10 to 1, sent this resolution on to them. Warnberg-Lemm explained her opposition because neighbors had approved. Other comments: Homeowners did not attend Land Use or Full Council meeting. Council guidelines say variances should have compelling reasons, Council does not convene just to rubber-stamp immediate neighbors' wishes, but to consider community as a whole. Weber moved, Haley seconded: Resolution passed with one opposed, no abstentions.
- 3) St. Anthony Park Community Council makes no recommendation on proposed Metro Lofts site land swap. Discussion: This appears to be an internal matter of a swapping to small parcels of the project area between two adjacent owners, comment would only be formality. Weber moved, Haley seconded: Passed unanimously.

· Web Site Committee did not meet.

· D12 Plan Committee. Haley reported that the second draft will be ready next month, asks all three standing committees to ratify the "big idea" at their next meetings. Following, there will be another community forum.

· Executive Director search committee. Twenty-five applications received, committee has a candidate to recommend to Executive Committee for June 14 meeting.

Community Organizer Report

Axelson reports the Self-Defense Workshop will be June 13. National Night Out, August 2; see her for permit applications. Hour Car project (shared community vehicle) is in process of identifying hubs; Mary Morris looking for a spot around Como and Commonwealth, would like a letter of support from Council.

Haley moved, Garfield seconded: District 12 Council endorses the Hour Car concept and specifically endorses the location of a vehicle at Como and Commonwealth, pending approval from Children's Home Society and the United Methodist Church. Discussion: How did they choose a site? Neighborhood Energy Consortium determined this site. Would S. St. Anthony be a better location? NEC thought N. St. Anthony would have more immediate success, which could encourage expansion to S. St. Anthony. Resolution passed unanimously.

Axelson reported that Russ Stark of University United is asking for a letter of support for new bike paths and the extension of the Midtown Greenway. Letter would be sent to Stark and Mayor Kelly. Weber moved, Haley seconded: St Anthony Park Community Council supports connection to the Midtown Greenway bike path. Passed unanimously. Axelson will draft and send letter.

Axelson briefly introduced Bridges Project, a proposed development of 4000 homes and a Joseph Campbell museum downtown. Executive Committee will discuss and determine how to best present to Council next month.

Hanson led Council in a brief exercise on what we would like and not like to discuss in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregg Richardson, Secretary

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St. Anthony Park Community Council
Board of Directors
Thursday, July 14, 2005
South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center
890 Cromwell Avenue (Territorial and Cromwell)
Minutes approved September 8, 2005

Presiding: Ranae Hanson

Board Members and Alternates Present: Greg Haley, Mike VanKeulen, Ray Bryan, Arnold Lammler, Matthew Carlson, Traci Warnberg-Lemm, Brian Longley, Grant Wilson, Gregg Richardson (recorder), Belinda Escalante, Suzanne Garfield, Ferd Peters, Rick Macpherson.

Board Members and Alternates Absent: John Dodson, Paul Kirkegaard, Lisa Nicholson, Patrick Warren, Bruce Weber.

Visitors: James Blehn, Patty George, Geoffrey Warner from Alchemy Architects

Staff: Amy Sparks (Executive Director), Nina Axelson (Community Organizer).

Hanson opens the meeting at 7:00 p.m. People present introduce themselves.

July agenda approved, with changes. (Haley moves, Richardson seconds).

June 9 minutes approved (Haley moves, Longley seconds).

District 12 Plan discussion

Haley presents the 2nd draft of the D12 plan, with a brief history of the plan. Tentative date for the next community forum is August 18, plan will be finalized during the fall. Longley asks about any differences between 2nd drafts dated July 5 and July 12, Haley details a few items, none significant. Bryan asks if this was ready to go on the Council website, Haley answers yes, and information will go in The Bugle as well. Peters asks about traffic volumes on page 22, no date listed. Axelson replies these are out of date, and will need to be updated. Should also clarify the diagrams. Garfield notes that the St Anthony Park Foundation should be recognized on the report before distribution. Haley moves and Bryan seconds the motion: The D12 Steering Committee recommends adoption of the revised second draft of the District 12 Plan by the Council for broad dissemination to the community for comment. Garfield moves and Dodson seconds a procedural change in wording: St. Anthony Park Community Council adopts the revised second draft of the District 12 Plan with amendments for broad dissemination to the community for comment. Haley accepts as friendly amendment, passes unanimously. Applause for the D12 Steering Committee.

Executive Director report

Sparks distributes the six month budget for discussion at next meeting. Also canvasses support for a new Council logo. Council is "almost" unanimous in support.

Community Organizer report

Self Defense night did not come off--no attendance, partly due to bad weather. Contact Axelson for information on organizing National Night Out parties. She is trying to get Emerald Gardens to participate.

Committee Reports

· Executive Committee. Richardson highlights proposal by University United to have District Councils collaborate on light rail public input. Annual report to Minnesota Attorney General report on IRS form 990 has been submitted. Resolution by John Dodson, seconded by Greg Haley: St Anthony Park Community Council moves to approve disclosure to Attorney General of 990 and other required annual financial disclosures. Passed unanimously. Neighborhood information meeting on the new German charter school will be organized by Axelson and the Environment Committee (transportation issue).

· Environment Committee. Garfield reports that the Joint Environment Committee met, and

Environment Committee also worked on D12 plan. There was also good turnout for the 4th of July parade.

Land Use Committee. Macpherson brings three resolutions regarding variance requests for 856 Raymond Ave. Council consensus to start with third resolution first. Macpherson moves and Richardson seconds: St Anthony Park Community Council recommends approval of nonconforming use for neighborhood based retail and business office as such use is consistent with the general welfare of the community and adjacent properties and a conforming use of the buildings is not economically feasible, but such approval is conditioned on providing additional off-street parking for employees and customers in reasonable proximity to the building sufficient for intended use.

Discussion: VanKeulen says parking was a big concern of the neighbors, and the resolution didn't quantify parking. Axelson says 22 spaces are required by zoning. The resolution language meets the city requirement. Sparks received a petition from a number of residents this afternoon objecting to aspects of the request. Petition was circulated to Council. Peters will meet with the owner tomorrow to discuss these issues. A request for a nonconforming use permit has been filed with the city, and it was updated to reflect the parking concerns. Haley says most municipalities require off-street parking arrangements. Jeff Warner, the architect, speaks. He says that the building was grandfathered to not require provision of parking spaces. Haley says the grandfather clause only applies to continuation of same use. Should we specify the number of spaces? Macpherson says no, the city will do that, and the intent of the Land Use Committee was to encourage them to negotiate parking issues. Longley asks how we should respond to the petitions. Macpherson says the petition was circulated at the Land Use meeting, and these resolutions tried to address their issues. Axelson says the neighbors may be upset because they did not receive postcards due to short timeframe, so she had Council members knock on doors. Macpherson raises the issue of conflict of a Board member's economic interest in the outcome of this vote. Peters discloses his economic interest. Garfield reads the conflict of interest policy aloud. The sense of the Council is that there is no violation in this case. Haley calls the question. Resolution passes unanimously.

Macpherson moves and Wilson seconds: St. Anthony Park Community Council recommends approval of street/frontage signage proposal for six sign spaces and rear unit signboard made by the owners of 856 Raymond to the Land Use Committee per 6/24/05 drawings.

Discussion: Axelson passes around a diagram that Land Use voted on, as well as a subsequent revised diagram that had been filed with the city. Will the sign project over the roofline? No. The resolution doesn't approve any lighting other than the city standard, which is tulip lighting. Resolution approves variance in the area only. City standards do not allow for backlit signs. Bryan had spoken to the petitioner, and the amount of lighting and hours it would be on were big concerns. Garfield asked how late the hours would be. George, the business owner, replied they would be open to 8pm, with lights out by 9pm, except for security lighting. Bryan said that security lighting is necessary. Sparks said the petitioner was concerned that the windows would cast too much light. Haley said another concern is that once this is approved, future owners may use different signs. Our resolution should state no backlighting. Haley offers a friendly amendment to the resolution. Macpherson accepts. New wording is: St. Anthony Park Community Council recommends approval of area increase for street/frontage signage, so long as they are not internally lit signs, for six sign spaces and rear unit signboard made by the owners of 856 Raymond to the Land Use Committee per 6/24/05 drawings. Garfield offers an amendment to strike the phrase "and rear unit signboard" from the resolution, Warnberg-Lemm seconds. Macpherson does not accept as a friendly amendment, as it does not reflect Land Use Committee's intent. Council votes on the amendment, passes with one opposed. Resolution now reads: St. Anthony Park Community Council recommends approval of area increase for street/frontage signage, so long as they are not internally lit signs, for six sign spaces, made by the owners of 856 Raymond to the Land Use Committee per 6/24/05 drawings. Resolution passes with one abstention.

Macpherson moves, Haley seconds: St Anthony Park Community Council recommends denial of the "chimney stack" signage on the roof of the building as out of character for the building and

the neighborhood.

Discussion: Axelson points out that the "old" sign, voted on by Land Use, is not the same one owners submitted to the city. Warner says that both were submitted to show good faith effort to modify in response to Land Use. Warner then describes the new sign. Macpherson moves, Garfield seconds a friendly amendment to the original motion. Resolution now reads: St Anthony Park Community Council recommends denial of the proposed 30' tall "chimney stack" signage on the roof of the building (as described in the 6/24/05 drawing submitted to the Land Use Committee by the owners) as out of character for the building and the neighborhood. Haley then proposes, and Bryan seconds, a different friendly amendment to the resolution, making it read: St Anthony Park Community Council recommends denial of a rooftop sign for the building as out of character for the building and the neighborhood.

Discussion: Macpherson asks which resolution we are prepared to vote on. Garfield asks for clarification on the design of the new sign. Warner replies that it is a three-sided sign, 3 feet wide and 5 feet tall or less. Peters says this will also violate the St. Anthony park signage code incorporated into the city code. The Haley resolution then passes unanimously, with three abstentions. Macpherson says he doesn't agree with discussing new variance proposals at the last minute in full Council, that Land Use is the correct venue. Axelson replies that we are trying to get the 60 day variance rule for St Paul changed back to a 90 day rule.

Social Connections committee

Discussion of whether we need a committee. Warnberg-Lemm says it is important to have a mechanism to encourage citizen participation, since we are a citizen participation organization. Bryan notes that we recently eliminated a third standing committee, due to lack of staff. Axelson says that citizen participation and crime prevention are our two main funding sources from the city, this is the reason her job exists, and she needs a committee to facilitate this. Wilson says that renters, seniors, students, kids and the international community are under-represented on this Council. Bryan concurs that there is especially a dearth of ethnic minority representation. How do we decide how to do this? Garfield says it requires an amendment of bylaws. Abolishing the Housing and Human Services Committee several years ago has made us aware of the need for this committee. VanKeulen says that we need to define a purpose, and Wilson responds that we need a specific proposal. Consensus of Council is to create a task force to create a proposal for this committee. Volunteers for the task force are Carlson, Garfield, Escalante, Warnberg-Lemm, VanKeulen, and Axelson. Escalante agrees to chair.

The meeting is adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregg Richardson, Secretary

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St. Anthony Park Community Council
Board of Directors
Thursday, August 11, 2005
South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center
890 Cromwell Avenue (Territorial and Cromwell)
Minutes approved September 8, 2005

Presiding: Ranae Hanson

Board Members and Alternates Present: Ray Bryan, Matthew Carlson, John Dodson, Suzanne Garfield, Greg Haley, Deb Kuehl, Arnold Ramler, Brian Longley, Gregg Richardson (recorder), Traci Warnberg-Lemm, Bruce Weber.

Board Members and Alternates Absent: Brenda Escalante, Paul Kirkegaard, Rick Macpherson, Lisa Nicholson, Ferdinand Peters, Michael VanKeulen, Patrick Warren, Grant Wilson.

Visitors: Russ Stark, University United, Rose Gregoire, Linda Jungwirthh, County Commissioner Janice Rettman's office]

Staff: Amy Sparks (Executive Director), Nina Axelson (Community Organizer).

Hanson opens the meeting at 7:02 p.m. People present introduce themselves.

August agenda is approved, with changes. (Dodson moves, Weber seconds).

July 14 minutes tabled. (Approved later via e-mail)

Executive Director report

Council is cosponsoring a mayoral candidate forum September 1 from 7 to 9pm at Bethel Christian Fellowship Hall.

Community Organizer report

National Night Out was a success. Several new block parties this year. The garage sale will be September 17. Council members should encourage neighbors to get applications in to Axelson early, as she will be on vacation. The neighborhood cleanup will be the following weekend, September 24.

Neighborhood Energy Consortium representative

Wayne Barstad will continue as the NEC representative, doesn't actually need a nomination from Council

University United presentation

Russ Stark of University United reported first on the mayor's biotechnology initiative and the proposed neighborhood collaborative. UU has been tracking this from the beginning, as much of the biotech tax-free zone is in St Paul. UU characterizes this as a closed-door process. They've analyzed traffic and transportation impacts, and believe that new development could add 100,000 new trips daily. The proposed Pierce Butler extension is coming chiefly from the mayor and Public Works. It would extend from 35E west along the rail corridor to a new "Granary Parkway" in Minneapolis and on to 35W to move truck traffic and absorb increased traffic from the proposed light rail route. Question: 94 and University are currently at maximum capacity--will this route just fill up as well? UU contends that more roads just increase traffic. Haley remarks that the new District 12 Plan advocates connecting Pierce Butler to Kasota. Can we use Pierce Butler as a bargaining chip to get light rail? Stark says LRT is going to happen regardless, but we need a master plan, we can insist on an Environmental Impact Statement. UU wants more public input, as there has been none so far, and they want Jay Benanav to take a role.

In regard to LRT, Stark circulates a concept for discussion to create a liaison for planning for the seven district councils adjacent to the Midway, particularly to have a more prominent voice among the many outside interests.

Garfield moves and Dodson seconds the motion: St Anthony Park Community Council requests that the mayor encourage and solicit public input into the development of the city's bioscience initiative via public hearings and other such forums. Resolution passes unanimously. Hanson requests that the Council members read the UU information for discussion at the next full Council meeting.

Committee Reports

· Environment Committee. Garfield moves and Warnberg-Lemm seconds the resolution from Environment Committee: St Anthony Park Community Council requests that ponds at the Goodwill/MNDOT site remain unfenced (although we would like to see a barrier to prevent cars from entering the area). Question: what kind of barriers? Not the big concrete "terrorist" barriers. The letter to MNDOT will go into more detail. Resolution passes unanimously.

Garfield moves and Weber seconds: St Anthony Park Community Council joins Southeast Como Improvement Association (SECIA) in any action to promote public disclosure about the types

and timing of herbicide use by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad in our neighborhood. SECIA asked our input on this. BNSF spraying impacts our community gardens. Should we talk to other affected organizations? Resolution passes unanimously.

Land Use Committee. Catholic Charities presented their latest design to the Land Use Committee. Weber moved and Bryan seconded: St Anthony Park Community Council recommends that the Saint Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) acquire 2300 Wycliff from the current owner to guide the development of that property. This is a new development in this process, that Jay Benanav is pushing. Land Use and Catholic Charities are also working on a good neighbor agreement. Resolution passes unanimously.

Weber moves and Bryan seconds: St Anthony Park Community Council supports joint district council action on zoning issues. Summit Hill proposed that we work together to draft a letter to the city asking to be heard on current zoning issues affecting all councils, this resolution authorizes that letter. Passes unanimously.

Community Connections committee

On behalf of the ad hoc community connections committee Warnberg-Lemm circulates a draft describing the proposed standing committee, which would require a by-laws change. Questions: Weber asks, do we have staff time for this committee? Axelson replies yes, there will be more time after the District 12 plan is complete, and she needs this committee to provide more guidance and support to do her job as community organizer. Garfield asks could there be additional monies available to participate in community projects? Axelson answers could be for specific projects as other communities do. Dodson recommends that the by-laws be amended to specify that Council members must serve on a standing committee. Discussion of bylaws change—Council must provide the community 5 days ahead of any vote to change bylaws.

District 12 Plan report

Haley reports that the plan is on track for the September 14 community forum, in order to present the finished plan to the city by the end of the year. The committee may need to bring the final draft to Council for approval in November instead of December in order to accomplish this. We may need to inform the city that we won't have it by the end of the year, but we still hope to meet the city's timeline. The September 14 forum will utilize breakout groups to discuss and also prioritize. Committee is also soliciting feedback in writing. Committee would like to do a fairly comprehensive read-through at the Council meeting when we ratify. Question: What process decides disagreements? Answer: District Council is an elected body, authorized to receive input from the community and then vote. Question: Do we need a special Council meeting for this? How to reach the community? Answer: Need meetings with the new Hampden Square block club, with business and industry representatives, with Emerald Garden representatives, the SAP Foundation and University United. Will send special letters of invitation to key individuals. Sparks will make these available for Council members to personally sign for people they know. Dodson moves and Weber seconds: St Anthony Park Community Council supports efforts of the District 12 Plan Steering Committee and Greg Haley to proceed with the draft schedule to December 31 delivery of plan for city consideration, with addition of devotion of November open full Council with representatives from the D12 Steering Committee and ad hoc and standing committees members to deliberation, review and approval of the final draft. Sparks asks do we do this at our regular October meeting? Weber says this creates a short deadline, so we can push it off to November if necessary. Resolution passes unanimously.

Guest Rose Gregoire offers a list of recommendations regarding process for the remaining D12 Plan input. The process for hearing and considering ideas should be written and approved by Council. Minutes should be published for all future D12 Steering Committee meetings (Council concurs on this). Should also consider another meeting to comment on the 2nd draft. Axelson replies that this will be the meeting for the second public draft. Gregoire reminds Council that there are many filters through which items for consideration, addition and deletion pass. Weber asks if there a central document to save all such comments? The appeal process should be clear to the community—rejected suggestions should go to the next highest authority, which in this case would be full Council. Haley with Chair Hanson will draft an appeals process.

Financial statement

Dodson distributes the semi-annual financial statement. Liquidity is high, no cash problems. Dodson recommends thinking about lines of credit, to avoid defaulting on payroll if we do have cash-flow problems. He will renew one CD, but interest is currently very low. Garfield suggests that the Community Garden become a separate non-profit, so this asset in the budget doesn't give the false impression that the Council has more money than it actually does. SAP Foundation would like to use the Council as a fiscal agent for some contributions to non 501C3 organizations. Garfield reads the relevant by-law. There appears to be no barrier to this. Dodson also presents projection for the remaining fiscal year. Council needs to raise almost \$5000 more. Executive Committee will plan for this

The meeting is adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregg Richardson, Secretary

St. Anthony Park Community Council
Board of Directors
Thursday, September 8, 2005
South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center
890 Cromwell Avenue (Territorial and Cromwell)
Minutes approved October 13, 2005

Presiding: Ranae Hanson

Board Members and Alternates Present: Ray Bryan, John Dodson, Suzanne Garfield, Brian Longley, Rick Macpherson, Lisa Nicholson, Ferdinand Peters, Arnold Ramler, Gregg Richardson (recorder), Michael VanKeulen, Traci Warnberg-Lemm, Bruce Weber.

Board Members and Alternates Absent: Matthew Carlson, Brenda Escalante, Greg Haley, Paul Kirkegaard, Deb Kuehl, Ron Sundberg, Patrick Warren, Grant Wilson.

Visitors: Ann Hunt, District Council 3, (Westside)

Staff: Amy Sparks (Executive Director), Nina Axelson (Community Organizer)(arrives late).

Hanson opens the meeting at 7:05 p.m. People present introduce themselves.

September agenda is approved, with changes. (Garfield moves, Weber seconds).

August 11 minutes approved, with changes.

Land Use Committee proposals:

Catholic Charities Good Neighbor Agreement

Macpherson describes the agreement currently being drafted, which has been circulated to Council for feedback. This agreement has no legally binding effect, but is a joint statement on what's important to each group, and how to facilitate communication. Garfield notes that the current draft mostly focuses on what we want--what do they want? Macpherson replies that we've not met with them yet, this document is a starting point for that discussion. Hanson suggests including other affected neighborhoods in the process, and that SAPCC should offer to be a liaison between them and affected parties. Weber notes that nothing in this document is likely to be a surprise to them. Garfield suggests that this agreement sounds like a function of the proposed community connections committee. Weber agrees that we may turn it over to them when this is complete. Hanson suggests change in language about lighting, and also recommends language that we be willing to mediate neighbors' complaints. Sparks notes that Axelson has already done this once. Nicholson asks who would mediate if we don't. Answer, probably Catholic Charities. Macpherson notes that with this agreement, we are making a commitment that we support them despite some neighbors' concerns, and that this relationship will work. VanKeulen asks that if this facility creates a problem with pedestrian traffic of residents, can we ask affected

businesses to monitor this?

Bridges project

Weber introduces a sample resolution brought from District Council 3. They had a small area plan, and the plans for this very large expensive new development violate their plan, and they are asking for our support. Weber moves and Macpherson seconds the following resolution:

St Anthony Park Community Council adopts the following resolution to forward to Councilperson Benanav:

Whereas, in 1979 the Governor of Minnesota's Executive Order declared the Mississippi River Corridor as a state critical area;

Whereas, in 1988 United States Congress establishes the Mississippi River National River and Recreation Area (MNRAA) because of the national significance of the Mississippi River's natural and cultural resources. In 1995, MNRAA Commission develops a Comprehensive Management Plan for the 72-mile river corridor;

Whereas, Saint Paul on the Mississippi Development Framework was a three year effort that outlined a vision for reconnecting the Saint Paul community with the Mississippi River. The Framework effectively balanced economy, environment and society and built upon Saint Paul's unique amenities and existing strengths – natural, social, cultural, historical, architectural and economic;

Whereas, the West Side Flats Master Plan was prepared through a collaboration of the West Side Citizen's Organization (WSCO), the Neighborhood Development Alliance, the Riverview Economic Development Association, the Riverfront Corporation, the City of Saint Paul, representatives of JLT Group and hundreds of Saint Paul residents and stakeholders; and

Whereas, the West Side Flats Master Plan and development agreement is intended for use by developers, community-based organizations, City departments and agencies, architects, landscape architects, residents and business owners to guide the design of both private development and public improvements on the West Side Flats and was adopted by the City of Saint Paul in December 2001; and

Whereas, the West Side Flats Master Plan and development agreement creates a balanced, sustainable place that incorporates the environment, the economy and the community into riverfront neighborhoods; and

Whereas, in 2002 City of Saint Paul adopts the Mississippi River Corridor Plan into the City's Comprehensive Plan. The plan specifically identifies the significance of protecting views of the bluffs from Kellogg Park and other view points;

Whereas, _____ supports economic development and is committed to creating a wide variety of residential, commercial, entertainment and recreational uses in the Mississippi River Valley; and

Whereas, _____ supports vibrant community's with affordable housing opportunities and living wages jobs;

Whereas, _____ recognizes the sensitivity of the Mississippi River ecology and the bluff lands and is committed to the protection, preservation and enhancement of the Mississippi River Valley;

Whereas, the current "Bridges" proposal does not comply with the West Side Flats Master Plan and development agreement, Saint Paul on the Mississippi Development Framework and the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area Comprehensive Management Plan;

Whereas, the current "Bridges" proposal does not fit with the West Side Community's vision and principles of accessibility, connectedness, opportunity and quality;

Whereas, the current "Bridges" proposal far exceeds the Mississippi River state critical area standards of 35 feet or 2.5 stories, has an inadequate storm water management plan and no community facilities, neighborhood parks, open space and play areas outlined in the plan;

Whereas, Tax Increment Financing and other municipal subsidies should be used to help the City realize its shared vision rather than provide \$100 million of subsidy for a single developer with a non-compliant proposal;

Whereas, the current "Bridges" proposal requires additional infrastructure improvements above and beyond the City's current backlog;

Whereas, the current "Bridges" proposal is projected to have a sales transfer rate that will take as much 17% from individual neighborhood businesses district; and

Therefore, be it resolved that St Anthony Park Community Council does not support the proposed "Bridges" project.

Discussion follows. Peters asks whether we know from the supporters of the plan what their description would be? He questions whether we know enough to vote. Ann Hunt, representative of District 3 asks to speak. She says many projects have been proposed for their area. Referring to a fact sheet distributed to Council, she says much of the property in question is owned by developer Jerry Trooien. Project is projected to cost \$1.5 billion, and he wants \$100 million in tax subsidies as well as eminent domain to take existing buildings not owned by him, as well as height variances for a proposed 30 story hotel. His plan completely ignores the existing District 3 Plan, including the fact that District 3 wants affordable housing, and he explicitly excludes it. It is not transit friendly and St Paul Planning and Economic Development study estimates it will draw 17% of business from existing St Paul business districts. Peters asks what is the timeline? Hunt replies, we don't know, but we feel pressure to act now, we believe sometime this fall. Peters asks what percentage of the land he currently owns? Hunt replies several parcels, including some that are river-dependent. Hanson asks, does Land Use Committee have all this information? Weber replies, not really, and two members recused themselves due to personal economic stake in the project. But what we need to do is address whether it fits their area plan, because this will set a precedent for everybody's area plans, including our own. Weber also proposed removing the clause on the 17% business impact, because that's speculative and irrelevant to us. Weber moves, and Bryan seconds: Amend the resolution to remove the 17% clause from our resolution. Approved unanimously. Peters suggests rewording the resolution to say that we urge the developer to follow area plans in this development, because City Council is not required to abide by the area plans. Hunt replies that the City does have to follow Critical Area Plans. Hanson asks whether we should simply say we support area plans? Macpherson disagrees, saying we need to specify that we oppose this development, because it violates the plan. Richardson agrees that if we pass a motion, it should be strongly worded; a tepid response to a development and violation this large would be of little value. Garfield asks if the proposed area is prone to flooding? Peters says he will abstain, because he believes we should always hear both sides of any issue. Garfield agrees that is the ideal, but that in this case there is no question that the development violates the existing area plan. Wording of final clause is changed from "does not support" to "opposes." Motion passes unanimously, with one abstention.

Good Neighbor Program

Weber reports that Axelson met with himself and other neighbors about how to address properties in violation of code. We haven't done sweeps in this neighborhood, but we need to address problems without being either picky or punitive. Axelson drafted a proposed program, distributed to Council. There was some concern in Land Use Committee, and Land Use resolved to approve an ad hoc committee to create a plan, not to proceed. The idea is to provide neighbors with help to comply. Garfield remarks that this is a great document, asks doesn't Eastside District Council have such a program? Weber replies, yes, we've looked at that. Axelson notes that most neighborhoods just authorize sweeps, and don't have any program like this. Weber moves, Garfield seconds: St Anthony Park Community Council

approves the formation of a task force and asks the task force to report back to Land Use Committee with an action plan for approval. Axelson notes that this plan will require staff time, and due to a current shortage of staff time, this will not be a top staff priority at the moment. Dodson suggests a friendly amendment that the action plan include new resources. Macpherson characterizes the Land Use Committee discussion; members generally liked the plan, but didn't address how it would actually operate, particularly how this task force would relate to Council. Axelson mentions that some individuals pushing for this mainly want immediate action on specific properties. Richardson suggests that as the task force plans the process, that it do so not just abstractly, but think about how it might affect specific properties, both for better and worse. Dodson reads the Council policy on forming task forces. Weber notes, that if we don't act soon, the neighbors will soon start contacting the city directly. Peters says perhaps we should let the neighbors call on the worst violators, rather than make the Council appear unfriendly to the property owners. He describes a former Merriam Park program to aid owners who want to fix problems. Macpherson notes he's hearing two things: one, a general proactive program; and two, a need to address specific problems. This proposal doesn't seem to be addressing those immediate problems. Weber says this is really a plan for next spring. Longley offers a friendly amendment to change the wording of the motion from "task force" to "planning task force." Weber accepts. Motion passes unanimously.

New Land Use Committee member

Weber moves, Macpherson seconds the nomination of Ann Commers to serve on the Land Use Committee. She has been quite active in the Hampden Park beautification project. Motion passes unanimously.

Fundraising proposal

Sparks reports that Executive Committee decided not to plan a home tour fundraiser for this fall, but to rely on a fundraising letter instead. She will expand the list of potential donors, and will print a list of donors for this year in the Bugle (with the option to remain anonymous). She will make the list of potential donors available to Council, and solicits suggestions for more names. Garfield suggests using "30" as a theme, since this is Council's 30th year. We haven't solicited businesses in a while, and will do that this time as well. Richardson suggests publicizing levels of donations. Hanson responds that that could discourage smaller donors.

District 12 Plan appeals process

Discussion of the draft appeals process distributed to Council. Hanson wants an addition specifying how appeal will be handled if time does not allow the outlined process. Dodson asks how people will know what committee to appeal to. Staff will direct the appeals to the correct place. Garfield notes appeals should be in writing, others concur. Sparks notes changes to the D12 process calendar.

Executive Director report

Angie Walters Hoffman has resigned as CHORE program coordinator. In the long term we need to consider our commitment to the CHORE program, but in the immediate term, we need to keep our current obligations. Sparks will contact a former staff member to fill this position temporarily, and will put long-term commitment on Executive Committee agenda. Discussed proposed bylaws change on election and structure of Chair role. Council is comfortable with general direction of change, will go to Executive Committee for discussion. Also a need to change bylaws to create new social connections standing committee. Will do an article in the Bugle on this. Third proposal is a by law amendment to formally require Council members to serve on a standing committee, which has been informal practice until now.

Community organizer report

Garage sale will be September 17, about 40 registered right now. May repeat with a spring sale next year. Cleanup is September 24. SAPCC didn't have as many volunteers and Council members as Como last year, so all are encouraged to sign up. Chris Nelson at the U of M is looking for a potential student demographic study project for CURA (Center for Urban and Regional Affairs) students. Axelson is considering a housing study or University Avenue revitalization study.

Treasurer report

Dodson reported on three items from last meeting. First, the request to be a fiscal agent for certain SAP Foundation disbursements. The accountant previously made some stipulations about this, but we may need to look at how to formalize this in the future. Warnberg-Lemm [who had to leave early] left written comments that we need formal agreements, and we may want to charge a fee. These disbursements could look like revenue to outsiders, which they are not. The advantage is a positive relationship with the Foundation. Richardson suggests that these disbursements may be able to appear as assets/liabilities on a balance sheet, which do not appear on a cash-flow statement. Peters notes that fiscal agents usually charge for services. Dodson agrees we need a new policy on this, but we will keep our commitment on these particular disbursements. Second item, real property (the Community Gardens). Peters notes that 501c3 organizations like ourselves can create a separate, wholly-owned 501c2, that will also not appear on our financial statements. Third item, should we get a line of credit? Dodson says we could get a line of credit based on certificates of deposit, we could mortgage our property, or obtain an unsecured line of credit for \$5000, for a fee of \$50 per year. Interest will be close to prime rate. Hanson suggests we come back to this, as we are now overtime.

The meeting is adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregg Richardson, Secretary

St. Anthony Park Community Council
Board of Directors
Thursday, October 13, 2005
South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center
890 Cromwell Avenue (Territorial and Cromwell)
Minutes approved November 2005

Presiding: Ranae Hanson

Board Members and Alternates Present: Ray Bryan, John Dodson, Brenda Escalante, Suzanne Garfield, Greg Haley, Deb Kuehl, Brian Longley, Rick Macpherson, Gregg Richardson (recorder), Michael VanKeulen, Traci Warnberg-Lemm, Bruce Weber, Grant Wilson.

Board Members and Alternates Absent: Matthew Carlson, Paul Kirkegaard, Lisa Nicholson, Ferdinand Peters, Arnold Ramler, Ron Sundberg, Patrick Warren.

Visitors: Sherman Eagles, Alice Hausman (State Representative), Dave Healy (Bugle), Nancy Healy, Brian McMahon (University United), Tom Triplett (Senior Adviser to the Mayor), John Maczko (City Civil Engineer), Ellen Anderson (State Senator), Linda Jungwinth (Janice Rettman's aide)

Staff: Amy Sparks (Executive Director), Nina Axelson (Community Organizer)(arrives late).

Hanson opens the meeting at 7:05 p.m. People present introduce themselves.

September 8 minutes approved. (Weber moves, Garfield seconds)

October 13 agenda is approved. (Longley moves, Garfield seconds).

Bioscience corridor

Tom Triplett reports on the bioscience initiative. The bioscience corridor idea began with the mayor and Bob Elde, Dean of the College of Biological Sciences at the U of M. First phase was UEL, and the new building is currently 70% occupied. 21 wetlabs opened in August of this year, grand opening will be October 19. Triplett distributes map showing biotech zone, which includes most of the industrial area of SSAP, and areas along Energy Park and the transitway. Next sites are west of Westgate and the old Hubbard site, straddling St. Paul and Minneapolis. Student housing developer JPI has a purchase agreement for the site,

but both cities say the site is not zoned for student housing, and both oppose this use. Three transportation aspects include the UEL bus stop on the transitway, the extension of Westgate Drive to the planned Granary Drive, and a study of transportation needs for the area. The city wants to connect this drive on to the east, but don't know how to do it, and this is what the study is for.

John Maczko continues the report. Financial resources have been long flowing to the western metropolitan area, and the city wanted to bring more of them to St. Paul. They worked on connecting Pierce Butler to I 35E. Pierce Butler east of there was discussed with the community several years, but stopped in 2000. Successful development led to requests to develop more toward Frogtown, but with the development of Kroc Center the Pierce Butler plan revived. The city is currently seeking bonding. Now they want to find a way to continue west to Granary Drive. The city fully intends to involve the community in the discussion. The proposed plan would take the community gardens, but would go under TH280 without connecting to it. The city does not want to harm the neighborhood, but enhance access to it. The roadway would not be a regional truck route, but would only service contiguous properties.

Questions: Haley describes the goals of the new District 12 Plan as currently drafted, which are to revitalize South St Anthony, preserve North Saint Anthony and enhance connections between the two. Specifically wants to expand residential areas of the neighborhood to the east, with office and commercial space in the far eastern sector. Also includes a connection from I 94 to Transfer or Vandalia, north into the St. Paul Campus, with no extension of Pierce Butler through the neighborhood. Another question: how long has the city been thinking about this? Maczko says this started with some drawings in April of this year. Weber says that a connection to Robbins is a big concern, could there be a north/south connection at Snelling instead? Alice Hausman asks if no connection to 280 is reasonable, says people will still find their way to I 35 and I 94 through the neighborhood—how are we planning for that? Another question: this 6 to 8 month timeframe seems very short for public input. Mazcko replies that we don't want to drag this out, and St. Paul and Minneapolis have been working intensely on this. Ellen Anderson says that Newell Park may have a different view of this issue. Another question concerning the proposed location of the Metro Transit bus barn on Hampden. Triplett replies that the city is very frustrated as this site changes constantly. Macpherson asks if there have been traffic studies around these proposals. Answer, none yet. There will be a comprehensive traffic study for the region, involving LRT, University Avenue, Pierce Butler, SR 36, etc., that will examine most of this.

Triplett and Maczko leave, and Anderson says she and Hausman studied St. Paul bonding requests last week. She urges Council to remain vigilant, to keep in touch with the two of them, and to work with Newell Park. Macpherson asks how Phalen found working with the city? Anderson says she has not been involved so much in Phalen Blvd. There is unresolved conflict in moving residents. Hausman says the legislature is not respecting past decisions, and we should communicate our D12 plans clearly to every significant level of government. Pierce Butler is the number two request on the city's priority list, so we should get active on this. The state has funded 5 transportation corridors, all in Minneapolis, so they want the east metro connected. One million new residents are expected, and there will be both LRT and commuter rail. Two proposed east/west routes for commuter rail, one north, one south, and will need bus connections from either to University Avenue. Anderson says we should be very clear on whether or not we want Pierce Butler to connect to Energy Park. Macpherson reiterates the importance of north/south connections to this plan, concerned the east/west emphasis will draw resources away from the north/south connections that will make LRT work. We need to organize a task force to focus on this in order to get local government to listen to us.

Bylaws changes

Weber moves, and Wilson seconds a resolution to approve bylaws changes [changing chair rotation and establishing a community connections standing committee, publicized previously in the Bugle]. Motion passes unanimously.

Land Use Committee resolutions

Weber moves and Wilson seconds a resolution: Recommend SAPCC support Catholic Charities request for Conditional Use Permit and Parking Variance with sunset provision for variance to operate both District 12 facilities (Hersey and Wycliff) at the same time. We also strongly recommend pursuing a good neighbor agreement with SAPCC. Discussion: Catholic Charities agreed to a limit of 120 residents, on-site drinking, purchase agreement in hand for the Wycliff property. Wording for the resolution was reworked by consensus of Council. New wording: St Anthony Park Community Council supports Catholic Charities' request for a Conditional Use Permit and Parking Variance with a sunset provision for the variance to operate both District 12 facilities at the same time. We ask Catholic Charities to conclude a good neighbor agreement with us. Motion passed unanimously.

Weber moves and Haley seconds: Request that a comprehensive transportation study be undertaken of the area bounded b I-94, Hwy 36, 35E and 35W to examine the impact of immediate and known future development plans. Discussion: This was in response to a request from University United, and will be sent to the State, City, City Council, Metro Council, etc. Hausman says some entities already have such a plan, we can request those. Axelson replies that we have some already. Should this task be assigned to the ad hoc transportation planning committee? Rewording by consensus of Council: St Anthony Park Community Council joins University United in supporting a comprehensive transportation study of the area bounded b I-94, Hwy 36, 35E and 35W to examine the overall impact of immediate and future development plans. Passes unanimously.

Treasurer report

Dodson passes out budget summary through September with projections through December. Projections assume \$4000 revenue by the end of the year from a fall fundraising letter. Even with that, Council has a 14% deficit (up from an originally projected 4%). Proposed line of credit has not yet been secured. Dodson also remarks that if the City were to take the community gardens by eminent domain for the proposed Pierce Butler extension, we may not be financially in a position to accept compensation. Question: How much did the fundraising letter bring in last year? Answer: Less than \$3000.

Community organizer report

Axelson thanks all participants in the successful fall cleanup. Reminder that the City honor roll will be announced in January, and she will be soliciting nominees.

The meeting is adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregg Richardson, Secretary

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St. Anthony Park Community Council
Board of Directors

Open Public Meeting for District 12 Plan
Followed by monthly Board of Directors meeting

Thursday, November 10, 2005
South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center
890 Cromwell Avenue (Territorial and Cromwell)
Minutes (approved December 8, 2005)

Presiding: Brian Longley

Board Members and Alternates Present: Ray Bryan, Matthew Carlson, John Dodson, Suzanne Garfield, Greg Haley, Ferdinand Peters, Arnold Ramler, Gregg Richardson (recorder), Michael VanKeulen, Bruce Weber.

Board Members and Alternates Absent: Brenda Escalante, Ranae Hanson, Paul Kirkegaard, Deb Kuehl, Rick Macpherson, Lisa Nicholson, Ron Sundberg, Traci Warnberg-Lemm, Grant Wilson.
Visitors: Mary Jane Addison, Lois Braun, Chris Calla, Jay Dregni, Karlyn Eckman, Les Everett, Joe Michels.
Staff: Amy Sparks (Executive Director), Nina Axelson (Community Organizer).

Open Public Meeting for District 12 Plan

Longley opens the meeting at 7:05 p.m. People present introduce themselves.

November 10 agenda is approved. (Weber moves, Dodson seconds).

District 12 Plan presentation

Haley presents an overview of changes from between the second and third draft of the plan. Main differences are in objectives and strategies. Questions clarify the designation of TH280 as a "parkway," and the Pierce-Butler connection issue. Richardson moves, and Garfield seconds a motion: St Anthony Park Community Council congratulates the District 12 Plan Steering Committee, as well as the many community members who participated in creating the 2005 District 12 plan, for a thorough, progressive, and well-written long range plan for our neighborhood. SAPCC approves the plan, with the addition of amendments approved at the November 10, 2005 meeting of the Council, for consideration by the City of St. Paul, and recommends that the plan be adopted into the St Paul Comprehensive Plan at earliest opportunity. Brief discussion of several amendments printed in agenda follows. Sparks passes on additional amendments regarding section T4a and control of decompression braking by truck traffic. Haley moves to accept the following amendments, and Weber seconds:

- 1) Continue to restrict billboards in neighborhood per St. Anthony Park sign plan.
- 2) Mitigate exposure to large power lines in Hillside Court and elsewhere in the neighborhood.
- 3) T2d. Extend the bike lanes on Como Avenue from Minneapolis through St. Anthony Park and work with the Como Park neighborhood to extend them further beyond our district.
- 4) Amend the language of N1b (page 38) and include N1c as its last bullet:
N1b. Work with the City of St. Paul and MNDoT to prevent road runoff from entering SAP ponds. At a minimum, *maintain or* achieve the following goals in SAP ponds from road and surface runoff:

- Conductivity: < 1500 uS (seasonal high level);
- O2: > 4 ppm (minimum year-round level);
- Nitrate: 0 ppm (year-round maximum) as has been the case annually since the year 2000*;
- Nitrite: 0 ppm (year-round maximum) as has been the case annually since the year 2000*;
- Orthophosphate: 0 ppm (year-round maximum) as has been the case annually since the year 2000*;
- Secchi depth: minimum visibility *of* one meter (year-round).
- Increase dissolved oxygen from 3 parts per million to 6 parts per million, especially during summer months. The asterisk should reference the field notes of Karlyn Eckman, Assistant Professor, Institute for Global Studies, University of Minnesota.

- 5) Add "decompression braking" T5c

Amendments pass unanimously. Brief discussion of where to insert items from amendments. Consensus to allow D12 committee to decide. Richardson/Garfield resolution then approved unanimously. Haley moves and Weber seconds a motion to adjourn the public D12 portion of the meeting. Approved unanimously.

Monthly Board of Directors meeting

Longley reconvenes the regular Board of Directors meeting

October 13 minutes approved with minor changes. (Haley moves, Weber seconds)

November 10 agenda is approved. (Haley moves, Garfield seconds)

Alternate Arnold Ramler is introduced as new South St. Anthony Park delegate, replacing delegate who has left the board.

Land Use Committee resolutions

Weber moves, and Haley seconds the following resolution: St. Anthony Park Community Council has reviewed the variance request from 2185 Knapp and supports granting of the variance of one foot in order to build a carport. Discussion: Neighbors contacted had no objections to this variance. Resolution passes unanimously.

Weber moves, and Haley seconds the following resolution: St. Anthony Park Community Council has reviewed the request from 2320 Hendon and supports the granting of a front yard setback variance of two feet, with the condition that the posts holding the carport are setback at least six feet from the sidewalk. Discussion: Garfield asks whether the owner feels the carport might not be sound with the six foot post setback required by Land Use committee? He is consulting an architect, who presumably says okay. Weber states that he will not support the resolution, because it sets a precedent for a 2 foot setback for a garage. There are no neighbors across the street. Resolution passes with one opposed.

Weber presents the next proposed resolution without officially making a motion: "St. Anthony Park Community Council supports a 3-car parking variance for the St. Anthony Park Bank at Como and Doswell." The bank has plans for a new building on this corner, and have not yet officially requested this variance. Garfield expresses concerns about the overall plan, as illustrated in a blueprint posted at the meeting. The bank needs no zoning variance requests other than this one, but will be coming back to Council for more feedback. Dodson questions whether tabling the motion at this point would send a message to businesses that Council is not generally supportive of changes. Ramler comments that the bank appears to be willing to work with Council. Guest Joe Michels, the architect of the existing building, slated to be demolished for this project, asks for the floor and reads a prepared statement expressing opposition to the variance, and reservations about the project. He is concerned about three issues: the impact on parking in the retail area, the esthetic impact of the plan on the area, and the lack of details and time to examine plan and solicit community input. He also discloses that he has a small financial interest in the bank. Longley questions the propriety of approving a variance for a project not yet designed. Garfield recommends that Council ask the bank to communicate and solicit feedback from the neighborhood. Haley recommends that Council thank Park Midway Bank for their willingness to communicate, and table the motion until there is more specific information available, and offer to work with them to solicit public input. Haley moves, and Bryan seconds the following resolution: The Saint Anthony Park Community Council thanks the Park Midway Bank for presenting their plans to the Land Use Committee for our information. We will lay this motion to support a three car parking variance over until such time as the variance is filed with the city and we can review their official variance request. We encourage the Bank to continue a community dialog on their design for the property with the SAPCC. Motion passes unanimously. VanKeulen comments that Council should proactively help the Bank solicit public input. Council agrees.

1383 Chelmsford variance

Sparks presents information on a variance for 1383 Chelmsford received via e-mail too recently for further investigation. The drawings for the variance are apparently incorrect, as a 17 foot variance is portrayed as a 4 foot variance. Neighbors are opposed. Land Use Committee has not seen the request. Weber moves to table the variance for 1383 Chelmsford to resolve at a special meeting of the full Council. Dodson seconds. Discussion: Council needs a meeting to discuss this, so we don't miss the city deadline. Should Land Use Committee be given the authority to decide? No, but Executive Committee could. Sparks will determine whether neighbors can reach agreement on this, and if not will schedule a special Council meeting. Motion passes unanimously.

JPI development

JPI is continuing to pursue the Hubbard site for possible development of student housing. Contrary to the claim the JPI made, as recorded in the Land Use committee minutes, Axelson

says Benanav's office does not support this project.

Environment Committee resolutions

Axelson reports on a meeting two weeks ago of community representatives and stakeholders regarding the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed U of M stadium. Most concerns centered on transportation and parking. Chris Calla did an analysis of the report for Council. Haley moves and Peters seconds two resolutions:

- 1) SAPCC requests that the University of Minnesota, and its associate collaborators, reevaluate items in the Campus Stadium EIS which either overlook or underestimate potential impacts to the neighborhood. These potential impacts may result from parking and free shuttle from the St. Paul Campus and the State Fair; parking in residential areas for use of the shuttle and/or light rail; traffic delays, noise and safety at neighborhood intersections (Como & Cleveland, Raymond & Energy Park Drive, and Cleveland & Buford); the possible stadium expansion; construction; noise pollution from traffic, concerts and events; and decreased air Quality resulting from increased traffic.
- 2) SAPCC urges the University of Minnesota to remove the physical representation and textual references to Granary Drive as proposed, in the U of M Campus Stadium EIS, to extend into St. Paul at Robbins and TH280, due to the ongoing objections of St. Anthony Park and conflicts with the District 12 Plan.

Discussion: Garfield says Wayne Barstad of the Environment Committee wants them to account for the impact of the proposed Granary Drive connection. U of M representatives at the Environment Committee meeting said they are not counting on the Granary Drive connection. Visitor Chris Calla says this resolution asks them to model without Granary Drive, and that he believes they are modeling dependent upon it. The motion passes unanimously.

Transportation Task Force

Haley moves and Peters seconds the motion: SAPCC should create a Transportation Task Force as described in the Task Force worksheet. Garfield presents the background for the task force. Environment Committee asked herself, Brian Longley, Gregg Richardson and Bruce Weber to draft a worksheet describing a task force to address several areas of special focus: Pierce Butler and related connections, commuter rail, LRT, and Hwy 280. The task force would identify issues and recommend strategies to Council, and complete their work by December 2006. Discussion: Axelsson would like to see an acknowledgement in the document of the need for staff involvement. Dodson remarks that Council should be aware that it has just increased standing committees from two to three, and currently has a budget deficit for the year. Weber says that Council needs to involve more people from outside of Council in this project. Dodson says that the task force can set the scope. Motion passes unanimously.

New business

Longley suggests that a letter of congratulations be sent to Mayor-elect Chris Coleman, with an invitation to attend a Council meeting. Weber moves and Haley seconds a motion to authorize Sparks to draft and send the letter. Passes unanimously.

The meeting is adjourned at 9:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregg Richardson, Secretary

Special Meeting of the Full Council
Thursday, December 1, 2005
890 Cromwell Ave

Minutes approved: December 8, 2005

Present for special Full Council meeting: Ranae Hanson, Bruce Weber, Brian Longley, Ray Bryan, Rick Macpherson, Greg Haley, Suzanne Garfield, Anne Commers, Lisa Nicholson, Guests: Joe Michels, Mike and Julie Fortier

Variance request at 1383 Chelmsford

Mike and Julie Fortier want to add a garage to their house. Their address is on Chelmsford but for zoning purposes, the front yard is considered Doswell, which explains the confusion about whether this is a side yard variance or a back yard variance.

The Fortiers talked with one of their neighbors and said they would incorporate landscaping that would satisfy her concerns. He has called an arborist to make sure he won't be damaging the tree. They are working with a local architect to maintain consistency between the house and the new garage.

Mike Macpherson moved and Suzanne seconded:

SAPCC recommends that the variance request for 1385 Chelmsford be approved.

Although not present, the neighbors were notified of this meeting. The existing garage will be converted to become part of the house and a garage will be added on to that area. It is an unusual lot.

Rick said he is usually reticent about variances but given how unusual this situation and given the total percentage of the lot it will be consuming, he feels more comfortable with the variance. Concerns were expressed that it is filling in open space and that it is good to keep the open spaces we have. Gregg said that the zoning regulations often presuppose regular square lots which we don't really have in this neighborhood. If you have a small lot, it can limit the value of the house if you can't provide the kind of amenities people have come to expect.

The required side yard setback is 4 feet. The current proposal will have a setback of 6 feet (the original variance request was for 3.5 feet) so if this is considered a side yard setback, no variance would be needed.

Joe Michels believes we have this code to protect the community. In this case, it is unfortunate that there is too small a lot but he thinks the solution is to find a find a house with a larger lot. We should be cautious that we are on a slippery slope. The neighborhood character is to favor single car garages. We do not need to bend to the pressure to have two-car garages.

A vote was taken on the resolution:

SAPCC recommends that the variance request for 1385 Chelmsford be approved.

The voice vote was too close to call so a show of hands was requested. The vote was 5 in favor and 4 opposed. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned.

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St. Anthony Park Community Council
Board of Directors
Thursday, December 8, 2005
South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center
890 Cromwell Avenue (Territorial and Cromwell)
Minutes (approved January 9, 2006)

Presiding: Ranae Hanson

Board Members and Alternates Present: Ray Bryan, John Dodson, Suzanne Garfield, Greg Haley, Brian Longley, Lisa Nicholson, Ferdinand Peters, Arnold Ramler, Gregg Richardson (recorder), Traci Warnberg-Lemm, Bruce Weber, Grant Wilson.

Board Members and Alternates Absent: Matthew Carlson, Brenda Escalante, Paul Kirkegaard, Deb Kuehl, Rick Macpherson, Ron Sundberg, Michael VanKeulen.

Visitors: Russ Schram, Rick Beeson and Connie Powell (Park Midway Bank), Jeff Pfipsen (HTG Architects), Terri Fleming, Joe Michels, Tedd Deckland, Linda Jungworth (Janice Rettman's office), Ellen Watters, Randy and Bill (Metro Metals), Kent Eklund, Anne Commers, Kristin Wiersma, Roger Purdy, Janet Heg, Lori Fritts, Ellen Watters (other's present but not recorded on sign-in sheet)

Staff: Amy Sparks (Executive Director), Nina Axelson (Community Organizer).

Hanson opens the meeting at 7:05 p.m. People present introduce themselves.

December 8 agenda is approved. (Weber moves, Haley seconds).

Park Midway Bank building presentation

Rick Beeson, president of Park Midway Bank first presents a brief history of the bank in St. Anthony Park. The bank is currently requesting a three-car parking variance for its proposed new facility at Como and Doswell, on the lot of the current building there. They don't have enough space in their current buildings, and there is no nearby land available. Their current lease in the building on Como and Carter expires in 2007, so they need to start construction as soon as possible. They will need to move about 20 employees elsewhere in St. Anthony Park, but employees who deal directly with the public will stay. The proposed facility will have 38 parking spaces for 31 employees, with 16 more available in the lot adjacent to Children's Home.

Jeff Lipsen of HTG Architects presents the current plans. Parking lot of the new building will be wider, and the plan will comply with city requirements for green space with a cedar fence and plantings screening the alley. No direct access to the alley, in compliance with the city. There will be a three-lane drive-up facility, which will require a conditional use permit (CUP). The current plan has added benches and other changes to accommodate neighborhood input. First floor will be mostly storage and mechanical, with two corner elevators to the second level offices and public space, including open atrium. The plan is still in the conceptual stage. The exterior will resemble the original 1916 building (and the Library, designed by the same architect), and size and shape will not be appreciably larger than other buildings on the street.

Questions: Haley asks is the site plan reviewed and parking approved? Beeson replies yes, there have been several meetings and they have submitted the plan. Joe Michels, a guest, asks why they are leaving the existing location. Beeson replies that two locations require extra tellers and security, as well as double energy expenses and property taxes. Ellen Watters, a guest, remarks that three spaces seems like a modest variance—will this help the parking situation? Beeson replies that they assume non-customers will continue to use the lot. Another guest reminds the community what a great partner the bank has been. Another asks why there has been little Bugle coverage of this? Axelson remarks that it is difficult to meet Bugle deadlines to publicize, given the city's very short turnaround time on requests. Another asks about the minimal amount of green space, and no trees. Joe Michels expresses concern about adequate parking—the bank may eventually need more office space, and expand into current storage space, then will need more parking. Beeson replies that the city specified how much parking is needed, and the bank does not intend to expand into the storage space. Axelson remarks that there is an opportunity here for innovative environmental techniques in the plan—can this be incorporated? Beeson replies that the bank will invite the community to help plan, and may bring in an environmental architect. Lipsen adds that HTG is aware of current interest in sustainability, and has an environmental specialist group in their firm. Haley asks what is triggering the CUP request? Beeson answers, the drivethrough. Weber points out that guest Joe Michels is a partial owner of the current bank building. He asks whether the bank could work with Speedy Market to develop the plaza in front of their building for public space? Axelson remarks that the

office received the CUP request today. Garfield says the bank is an important part of the neighborhood, that Joe Michels is also the architect of the existing Como and Doswell building, that the landscaping is really great, and she will be sad to see it go, but understands the bank's needs and appreciates their willingness to work with the neighborhood. She has several questions: the current exit is onto Como is dangerous; now there will be three lanes narrowing to one—what is the plan for safety? Lipsen replies that the city required the narrowing, and there will be signs. She asks whether there will be parking on Doswell? Bank has discussed this with Speedy Market. She asks whether they can do pervious pavement, and whether there will be community meeting space? Beeson replies yes, there will be two or three conference rooms, not sure whether these can be available after hours. Hanson asks whether there can be more public hearings, whether there can be a small community group to work on this, and whether they can work with the Environment Committee?

Weber moves and Peters seconds the resolution: St. Anthony Park Community Council approves a three car variance and conditional use permit for Park Midway Bank. Ramler asks about the timeframe. Beeson replies that this will begin next summer. Garfield remarks that the loss of 21 jobs is a lot. Beeson replies that most of them work for the holding company, and that he has little control over that. The motion passes unanimously.

November 11 minutes approved. (Weber moves, Dodson seconds)

December 1 minutes approved. (Haley moves, Weber seconds)

Environment Committee resolution

Garfield moves and Richardson seconds the Environment Committee resolution: St Anthony Park Community Council supports the installation of a small shredder on the premises of Metro Metal Corporation. Garfield clarifies that it is an indoor shredder. Peters remarks that they came to us earlier about a large shredder, but this can't be done in St. Paul. Question: where is this? On the west side of 280. Motion passes unanimously, with one abstention.

University United draft memo of understanding

Community Councils along University Avenue propose to initiate a collaborative effort to study light rail (LRT). The group will be neither supportive or opposed to LRT, and a 2/3 majority is required on any group decision, minority reports are allowed, and any Council can withdraw at any time. Haley remarks that there is much discussion happening, and perhaps there should be two groups, University United, and the councils alone. Haley moves and Garfield seconds a motion to adopt the proposed two page resolution detailing the rationale and structure of the collaborative effort. [Full resolution not included in these minutes]. Richardson recommends a friendly amendment for sake of brevity in the minutes to vote on only the actual resolution section. Council decides to substitute a shorter alternative in support of the resolution. Substitution accepted as a friendly amendment. Text of the resolution: SAPCC recommends approval of and agrees to participate in the Collaborative as proposed by University United. Peters asks whether this removes any of our independent power as a Council. It does not. Motion passes unanimously

Land Use Committee resolutions

Weber moves and Bryan seconds the following resolution from Land Use Committee: "St. Anthony Park Community Council does not take exception to the Restaurant Depot site plan at 1830 Como proposal, but would like plantings of adequate height to screen the parking lot on Como Avenue." Weber says that this business is a restaurant supplier, and they need no variances for this project. Garfield proposes adding a request for pervious surface on the lot. Amendment accepted. Final wording of resolution: St. Anthony Community Council approves the Restaurant Depot site plan at 1830 Como but would like plantings of adequate height to screen the parking lot from Como Avenue and pervious parking surfaces. Motion passes unanimously.

Weber moves and Dodson seconds: St. Anthony Park Community Council is in agreement with the City Zoning Administration's designation of the JPI Student Housing project as a rooming house with its larger parking requirement. We are concerned that the parking requirements for a rooming house are not even sufficient for this project. Weber explains that the

distinction in an apartment building and a rooming house requires a different number of parking spaces. JPI is not developing the entire site as yet. Bryan remarks that Hubbard Broadcasting, the owners of the site, has not been able to get other buyers, and are not currently looking for other buyers. Word from Minneapolis is that JPI has done an inadequate job in a project there. Garfield asks whether Hubbard has talked to the community? Bryan says they were at the meeting. Axelson relates that Jan Morlock of U of MN Community relations feels this project conflicts with the SEED/SEMI plan. Motion passes unanimously.

Weber moves and Garfield seconds: " St. Anthony Park Community Council requests the City place a moratorium on development of student housing projects to allow the Planning Commission time to review and determine the amount of parking and other amenities required for student housing. In addition, the Land Use Committee requests that the Executive Director make inquiry of Councilmember Benanav's office as to his views on such moratorium and report on his views at the next meeting of the full Council." Axelson recommends that the motion specify only District 12. Hanson suggests removing the second sentence, as it is an internal Council process. Amendments accepted. Peters remarks that we need to find more proactive and creative ways of dealing with parking issues. The motion as amended, St. Anthony Park Community Council requests the City place a moratorium on development of student housing projects in District 12, to allow the Planning Commission time to review and determine the amount of parking and other amenities required for student housing. passes unanimously, with one abstention.

Environment Committee resolution

Garfield moves, Richardson seconds, a motion from the Environment Committee: St. Anthony Park Community Council proposes that, a) Xcel make a long-range plan that they are committed to moving the powerlines to the railroad tracks or underground. b) Xcel replants smaller growing trees (ironwood, hawthorn and other native species), under and close to the lines and plant oaks in the nearby area where they could succeed. c) The city can trim the trees for Xcel to create a 20 foot clearance (but no more) as legally necessary. This resolution concerns Xcel's plans to remove and trim mature oaks and other trees under the powerlines adjacent to TH280. Environment Committee was particularly concerned that the city, not Xcel, do the trimming. Motion passes unanimously.

Proposed by-law change

Dodson presents a proposed by-law change, recommended by the Executive Committee. This change would eliminate the write-in vote option from Community Council elections. On the one hand, partly due to relatively small overall voter turnout, write-ins have brought some good candidates onto Council, on the other, it has been counterproductive at times, for example, resulting this year in a "prank" election of an individual who didn't intend to serve. Write-in vote was added about five years ago to accommodate a candidate who was late in filing, but it didn't exist for the first 25 years of Council. This will be published in the Bugle, and voted on next month.

Brief discussion to determine Nominating Committee members for 2006 elections. Tentatively Richardson, Haley, Peters.

Neighborhood Honor Roll

Three nominees are identified for Neighborhood Honor Roll—Gordon Murdock, Helen Dufault, and Joe Michels. Volunteers needed to write 50 word bios of each.

SEED/SEMI delegate

Council currently does not have a delegate to SEED/SEMI. Members are encouraged to consider being a delegate, or identify other likely community members.

2006 budget

Dodson reports that he is preparing a 2006 budget to present at the January meeting. He and Sparks attended a seminar on non-profit finances, may get a line of credit through contacts from there. One more reminder to Council members to recruit donors for end-of-the-year fundraising.

The meeting is adjourned at 9:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregg Richardson, Secretary