

**St. Anthony Park Community Council Board Meeting  
Minutes  
January 14, 2010**

**Present:** Linda Hodge, Paul Mix, Jim Hunt, Gregg Richardson, Ranae Hanson, Ray Bryan, Roger Purdy, JoAnne Makela, Ferd Peters

**Visitors attending:** Sherm Eagles, Sue Conner, Lois Braun, Tony Panelli, Linda Jungworth

Staff: Renée Lepreau and Amy Sparks

**Consent Agenda Items Approved:**

1. Minutes
2. Agenda

**Year End Garden Report  
Sherm Eagles and Sue Conner:**

The St. Anthony Park Community Garden is owned by SAPCC. **Governance and policies on website.** Volunteer managers and coordinators along with a steering committee run the garden. The Steering Committee role is to enforce garden policy and plan for long-term improvements. There was 20% turnover last year of the 95 plots rented. 200 people involved. More requests for plots than could be filled. See report for financials. City fees and water were the largest expenses. Raised plot fees to meet expenses and hire clerical help. Some excess produce went to food shelf. Applications to old gardeners went out and are due back February 16. Applications to new gardeners will go out in March and are available on our website and at the Coop

**Caribe Caribbean Restaurant  
Tony Panelli**

New owner of Jay's Café is Tony Panelli came to talk about his new business. He has been cooking for over 10 years. First time running a restaurant. Look will reflect Caribbean feel/atmosphere. Wants to be involved in the neighborhood. Wants to open for thanksgiving for the homeless with volunteers. The Liquor License transfer from Jay's to Caribe was approved by Executive Committee. Neighbors were notified and can still object. Parking is an issue.

**Station 280 Pull Tabs License Request**

Station 280 has requested a license to sell pulltabs. Christine Rosack with the city's licensing department said certain complaints are not considered reasonable grounds for objecting such as anti-gambling sentiments. Increased traffic or noise would be grounds for objecting. Firefighters Local will benefit--they are sponsoring it. A letter from Mary Hamel was presented who would like to see the restaurant become more family friendly but not necessarily objecting to the pull tabs. Options are oppose/support/do nothing. No action was taken.

**District 12 Plan Review**

Goals or areas for concentration:

Ranae H-plan is our spirit, but dated. LRT and zoning, trees. Reach out to diverse communities-UofM 1666 Coffman, thinks of SAP as their neighborhood. They have resources and energy we could use.

Gregg R-lot of things we are actually doing. N4. Habitat, ecology. C4. Cultural opportunities. Need to increase visibility of arts community. Development of private sector.

Ferd P-focus on Raymond Ave, N-S artery and how we approach it. Focus on development of more restaurants [Herbst market] make it a thriving area. Crime prevention/reduction-commercial businesses are focusing on it, so should we.

JoAnne M-C4. C5. C2-identify assets. L5-development/parking. Infrastructure. Supportive infrastructure affects all aspects of community. More voices at the table. Good design starts from inception for good outcomes.

Roger P-recommit to green initiatives. Publicize need better for adhering to good land use, good stewardship.

Ray B - focus on alleviating Granary Rd. extension through our area. Minneapolis will start on it within the next 2 years. Meet existing bike corridor with our own. Along trails and LRT, River Rd. to SLP and Hopkins, western suburbs. Central corridor energy initiative, make local businesses aware. Make businesses more energy efficient. Funding available.

### **District Council Update**

#### **Diane Wanner, City of St. Paul District Council Coordinator**

One of the things she has been focusing on is building capacity of district councils through trainings including Board Basics and Land Use Issues. For those not able to attend trainings, past sessions are on video in SAPCC office.

She also wanted to stress the importance of the upcoming Census 2010. \$400 billion in funds determined by census data. It also affects the number of congressional district Minnesota holds as well as the boundaries for city council wards. MN may lose one Congressional seat which means a loss of revenue. 2010 census no longer uses long form [that data is collected annually by separate process]. Easy to fill out: 10 questions, takes 10 minutes. Impacts education, healthcare, transportation. Multi-housing and immigrant groups are most undercounted. Info is confidential. Only reported statistically. Help centers will be set up to break down distrust. Fill out the form for your primary residence, not for vacation homes (snow birds). College students should be counted where they go to school, not at parents' home.

How do you know where people are undercounted? Statistics compared from other data that quantifies who lives where. Is MN typically undercounted? Low income is the factor that predominantly determines undercounting. The stakes are high, so everyone is putting out an effort, particularly states that may lose seats. If MN loses a seat, when will that happen? May take a few years. Ward 4 may shift a bit. Website has more info. Talk to your neighbors. Forms are mailed in March. April 1 is census day. If form is not received, census takers will contact.

### **Fund Raising**

We met 2009 fundraising goal. Letter drive raised \$6026

2010: goal \$8500 raised through letter drive and an event. We will continue letter writing, and consider a home tour this year. Add specific appeals to letter? In order to proceed with home tour, we need a coordinator. Peters suggested we consider a car donation program which he will research. Assuming we find a coordinator for the home tour, Board would like to proceed with that.

**Elections Committee:**

The elections committee needs to be created. From South: Gregg R. Business: Linda H. North: Renee will ask who is willing.

Everyone was asked to come up with two people to ask to be on the board. Works better to personally solicit people than to rely on advertising. Recruit renters and younger people. Bring names to Feb. meeting.

**Items on the table:**

Paul Mix brought up the number of foreclosures on his block. Concern about vacancies and foreclosures on Manvel

Peters asked for a Rock Tenn update. Lepreau said they are still looking for a site for the anaerobic digester.

**Annual Meeting:**

March. Need celebrity to draw participation. Needs clear purpose to attract people. Have it someplace special. Consider asking Mark Seeley to speak on climate change or Rudy Maxa to talk about travel. They are both SAP residents..

Minutes submitted by JoAnne Makela  
Adjourned 8:55.

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## **St. Anthony Park Community Council Board Meeting**

**Date: February 11, 2010**

Ray Bryan, Gary Carlson, Paul Hanscom, Ranae Hanson, Matt Hass, Linda Hodge, Jim Hunt, Brian Longley, Ferd Peters, Roger Purdy, Arnold Ramler, Gregg Richardson

**Staff attending:**

Amy Sparks, Renee Lepreau

**Visitors attending:**

Nina Axelson, Brian McMahon, Laura Baum, John Mark Lucas

**Minutes approved.**

**Consent agenda items approved.**

1. Approve minutes
2. Approve agenda
3. Environment Committee Resolution:  
*The SAPCC will co-sign a letter with SECIA to the University of Minnesota expressing our concerns with light pollution from the new stadium.*

**Agenda Item 1: Integrated Energy Corridor: Nina Axelson, District Heating**

Nina presented on the Integrated Energy Corridor Initiative, which aims to develop a heating distribution system in St. Paul. Under this plan, heat generated by Rock Tenn would be captured to provide heating for the community. Infrastructure development for heating distribution could be cut by 40% if implementation is coordinated with Central Corridor light rail excavation and construction. In order to be included in the primary bid, the proposal needs to be completed by April. Total coverage area would range from downtown St. Paul to Hwy 280 – potentially just Fairview to Hwy 280.

Energy generated by this project may or may not be wholly owned by District Energy St. Paul. The primary engineering focus (temperature, pressure, etc.) has yet to be defined. The essential element of discussion currently is the collocation of utility infrastructure. The objective is to propel hot water to multi-unit residential and businesses in the region.

The Port Authority is in favor of a biomass-related project. It was clarified that Minneapolis operates under natural gas and oil heating.

Conclusions, consensus or resolutions:

It was moved, seconded (Greg/Roger) and carried to support the Integrated Energy Corridor Initiative as presented.

**Agenda Item 2: St. Paul Smart Trips Neighborhoods program  
Laura Baum**

Laura presented information on the Smart Trips Neighborhood program (STNP). The program is considering whether to conduct a mapping Smart Trip kit project in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood based on expressed interest by residents in the area. One initiative that the program includes is a coupon book that usually consists of coupons for approximately 20 businesses in the area.

The program is geared toward people who have the choice to select mode of transportation, but it is not yet prepared to serve a higher-need community.

It was confirmed that a bike lane is not under consideration for the University Avenue Corridor.

It was suggested that the Community Connections Committee would be the best point of collaboration between the STNP and SAPCC.

The program would begin in June with kit delivery beginning later that month with a likely conclusion date of September or as late as November.

Conclusions, consensus or resolutions:

*It was moved, seconded (Brian, Roger) and carried to support the Smart Trips Neighborhood program.*

**Agenda Item 3: University United possible development study of the arts district: Brian McMahon**

Brian M. reported on efforts to engage property owners in the development area near the proposed Fairview light rail station zone. The report is available at: [www.prioruniversitydevelopment.com](http://www.prioruniversitydevelopment.com)

He proposed to conduct the same assessment in the area of the Raymond Avenue light rail station zone and the Westgate station zone.

Concern was expressed that current rental units in this region are priced at a point that artists can afford and that any future plans must incorporate this as an element in order to retain the artistic character of the neighborhood

One point of concern expressed was that a Arts District Task Force has begun working toward the same outputs that would be generated through this initiative and there is potential for duplication of efforts.

Brian reported that Tim Griffin is conducting a study about the Westgate area.

Conclusions, consensus or resolutions:

It was suggested that a representative from the Business Delegation, Land Use Committee, and Arts Task Force coordinate to establish the next step in the process to engage University United. Ferd Peters, Gregg Richardson and Roger Purdy volunteered.

#### **Agenda Item 4: Clearwire Wireless Internet dish at the water tower near St. Paul Campus**

Roger Purdy reported that attendance was poor at the last Land Use Committee meeting, at which a presentation on this topic was provided so the issue is coming to the Board. Clearwire wants to do an installation that would be part of a broader wireless network which would make it possible for people to connect wirelessly. It would provide an alternative to providers like Comcast.

The water department leases the space on the tower and they are seeking approval for Clearwire. Support for this tower would require that SAPCC send a letter of approval to the City.

Conclusions, consensus or resolutions:

It was moved, seconded (Paul/Matt) and carried to approve installation of the internet dish as proposed.

#### **Agenda Item 4: Elections**

Also, please bring your names of people to recruit for Board

North - 2-5 empty seats to be filled

South - 1 seat to be filled

Business - 1 seat to be filled

Gregg reported that April 6 is the election date for the Community Council. Every Council Member is requested to secure 2 candidates for every seat.

Renee agreed to send the Council a copy of the nomination form and the "Call for Nominations" flyer for circulation in the community.

There was discussion about whether to host an open house to meet the candidates and learn about the SAPCC. It was suggested that a speaker be secured to draw attendance. In order to get an announcement into the Bugle newspaper we would have to have information finalized by February 12.

It was suggested that voting for North and South Council members be allowed at both the library and the Coop. Previously, if you lived in North SAP, you could only vote at the North location (the library). Council members not running for election will staff the voting locations.

Conclusions, consensus or resolutions:

It was moved, seconded (Roger/Brian) and carried by a vote of (9 approved, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention) to approve voting by both North and South residents at either the Coop or the Library.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:59pm.

Minutes submitted by Paul Hanscom.

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## **St. Anthony Park Community Council Board Meeting**

**Date: March 11, 2010**

Ray Bryan, Paul Hanscom, Ranae Hanson, Matt Hass, Linda Hodge, Brian Longley, Jackie Lunde, JoAnne Makela, Paul Mix, Roger Purdy, Arnold Ramler, Gregg Richardson

### **Staff attending:**

Amy Sparks, Renee Lepreau

### **Visitors attending:**

Dan Soler, Rita Rodriguez, Luis Pereira, Joe Collins

### **Minutes approved.**

#### **Consent agenda items approved.**

4. Approved minutes
5. Approved agenda
6. Environment Committee Resolution:  
*The SAPCC will co-sign a letter with SECIA to the University of Minnesota expressing our concerns with light pollution from the new stadium.*

#### **2009 Year end Financial Report – Tim Dornfeld**

Budget vs. Actual 2009 Total income was \$3,178 less than expected. Total expenses were \$11,637 less than expected. Net income was \$8,459. We have a cash balance to cover expenses for slightly over six months which is healthy especially given an uncertain financial future. Recommended that Sparks research having a savings account instead of keeping the balance in checking.

#### **Consolidated Comp Plan – Luis Pereira and Joe Collins**

The Consolidated Comp Plan is a five year planning and implementation document prepared for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. It includes a one-year action plan for the 2010 program year. The action plan includes the City's application for the 2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of which 65% must go to capital projects, Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) – (used for affordable housing), and the Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG) – used for homelessness prevention/essential services to homeless people. In SAP, CDBG monies fund the COPP program (which D12 uses for special annual projects) and have contributed to the Senior Chore Program. St. Paul residents play a part in determining how CDBG capital dollars are spent through the Capitol Improvement Budget (CIB) process.

## **Central Corridor – Rita Rodrigues and Dan Sole**

Commercial Parking Program – They are working with property owners along Central Corridor to address the parking problems that will come with light rail. There is an interest free loan program for University Avenue businesses to improve parking with an April 30 deadline. Rodriguez has been working to enroll as many businesses as possible in the program although there won't be enough money to fund all the requests.

Construction of light rail will be divided into two construction packages and are out for bid. Downtown infrastructure starts 2010. The western end (D12) will start March 2011. Completion in 2014.

## **Community Connections recommendation re Networker**

In the past 5 years, we have had free distribution of the Networker via Sentence to Serve which has stopped in 2010. Community Connections Committee recommends that Board members distribute Networkers to Blockheads and Blockheads distribute to homes. Other options: pay STS \$400 to distribute them or pay the Park Bugle to distribute. Lunde moved and Bryan seconded a resolution calling for Board members to distribute Networkers to Blockheads and that we should continue to talk to the Park Bugle about future distribution.

## **Elections**

All candidates need to get their applications to Renee. More candidates still needed for each delegation.

## **Grants requests**

St. Anthony Park Community Foundation (SAPCF) and the Good Neighbor Fund (GNF) deadlines are approaching. Sparks recommends the following requests be made:

1. GNF: Community Garden Prairie Restoration and Signage - \$6000 to improve 10,000 sq ft prairie garden and appropriate signage
2. SAPCF: Paint the Pavement – money to help pay the costs of the project
3. SAPCF: Continuing Green Neighborhood (backyard talks, green on the screen, more energy workshops and home visits
4. Request to help in the planning process for the Arts District – hire a consultant (Tom Borrup)

Motion to support all requests was adopted.

**St. Anthony Community Council Board of Directors  
April 8, 2010**

**Board Members Attending**

Bryan	Brian Longley
Gary Carlson	Jackie Lunde
Greg Haley	JoAnne Makela
Paul Hanscom	Paul Mix
Ranae Hanson	Ferd Peters
Matt Hass	Roger Purdy
Linda Hodges	Arnold Ramler
Jim Hunt	Gregg Richardson
	John Seppanen

**Visitors Attending:** Marcie Soderman-Olson, Linda Jungworth, Karlyn Eckman, Nolan O'Neill, Stephen Mastey

**Staff Attending:** Amy Sparks and Renée Lepreau

**Consent Agenda Items Approved**

1. Approve Agenda
2. Approve Minutes

**Election Results**

Next meeting we will elect officers.  
Election results:

South Delegation:

1. Matt Hass
2. Jim Hunt (Alternate)
3. Joe Kelly
4. Nolan O'Neill (Alternate)

North Delegation:

1. Brian Longley
2. Roger Purdy
3. Jon Seppanen
4. Steve Yetter
5. Alternate open

Approved as presented.

**Business Delegation**

1. Ray Bryan, Bryan Computing
2. Amy Brendmoen, Children's Home Society & Family Services Linda Hodge, BJJ Software
3. Paul Hanscom, Ewald Consulting
4. Stephen Mastey, Stephen Mastey Landscape Architecture
5. Paul Mix, Kasota Leasing
6. Ferd Peters, Ferdinand Peters Law offices (Alternate)

### **North delegation**

Board members were encouraged to call two business or residents from the directory to attempt to recruit a resident to fill the empty seat in the North Delegation.

### **Revise budget**

Sparks suggests making revisions to accommodate a mass mailing to seniors for the Senior Chore Service however she asked that it be postponed until the next meeting.

### **Fiscal sponsorship for 2402 Building grant request to the Minnesota Regional Arts Council**

Marcia Soderman-Olson

Artists in the 2402 building have submitted a grant proposal which includes a gallery crawl, shows, classes. link art center to econoculture event this august. They want to publish brochure and hold classes. Need funds for printing, guest artists, part-time art director for 5 months, admin coordinator. Applied to SAP Foundation and MRAC. They are requesting that SAPCC serve as fiscal agent. They are not yet a nonprofit.

SAPCC can state preference as to how funds be handled or monitored. There is precedent for serving as fiscal agent. There is legal responsibility.

Hanson said that the budgets need to match. Show dollar value of in-kind contributions. Some staff time required of SAP staff, would be minimal.

Sparks-what happens if building sold before activities happen? Soderman Olson said that is why activities are only scheduled through Dec. 31.—they don't believe building will be sold that fast. They want to build relationship with community and maintain that even if building is lost.

Sparks-if money comes through SAP and we have to manage it, we should charge an hourly for that management. If money goes straight to the grantees, we may not have to worry about it.

Hanson- SAP should not allow volunteer work by staff for this, so staff hours should be accounted for. Is not clear what our liability is. Soderman-Olson thinks MRAC has resources to to answer some of these questions. Sparks already working on arts district activities, so her work is covered. Our accountant and Treasurer should see any paperwork. We should have guidelines about for whom we should serve as fiscal agent. Committee to work on such policy is needed. Karlyn Eckman said the art coop at 2402 wants to increase community involvement and participation with SAPCC.

Hass moved: *The SAPCC will become fiscal sponsor for art center at 2402 University contingent upon receiving prototype documents from MRAC and approval of documents by the accountant and Treasurer.*

9 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstained

**St. Paul Senior Chore Service :**

Serves anyone over 60 and the disabled. MAAA, which pays for this program, only funds those over 60, not disabled. Not many in that group. Sparks expects that demand for the Chore Service will start growing. Soon, a city-wide mailing will be done and Sparks is concerned that the job will outgrow the resources dedicated to it. Up to this point, requests to the disabled are always honored. We make connection, but not reimbursed for it. , We could provide the service but not advertise it. Is there other funding for disabled? If we are not getting funding but we are doing it, what is our liability? We have liability insurance for anything that may happen for the council and its activities. Need to look at the funder limitations. Other funds available to transfer on behalf of disabled (COPP Fund.) MAAA pays for Noreen's job. Could divert some COPP money to include disabled in Noreen's job and pay for that portion.

Keep the language in the brochure offering service to disabled under the age of 60. Add that service receives two sources of funding. Motion moved, seconded and approved.

**West Midway Industrial Area Study:**

Haley gave some background about the study. As initially presented, the study designates residential area as buffer to industrial area. It also included a reference to the extension of Pierce Butler to the west which SAPCC opposes. One-sided study. No consideration of residential or

District 12 plan. The City proposed this study and wants to protect contiguous industrial area which City staff believe is essential to maintaining job base. If zoning is kept residential, it limits expansion of residential, office, retail, etc. There is not enough residential representation on planning group.

Greg Haley will attend the upcoming meeting with Councilmember Stark's office and Planning and Economic Development staff. Buffer zone is transition area from one zone to another. Use only areas currently used as industrial as buffer areas. Not community garden or residential. Written entirely from perspective of industry. The following resolution was moved:

*SAPCC welcomes the opportunity to work with the City to devise an appropriate plan for the West Midway Industrial Area.*

*We ask that the following language be removed or altered:*

*Under "Assumptions/Scope of Study": Alter the goal. We do not agree that the area should only strengthen the industrial sector and employment base. To eliminate the SAPCC goal that the area be mixed use by writing our language and intentions out of consideration is inappropriate for these initial assumptions.*

*On the Map: Redefine boundaries to exclude any current housing and the community gardens from being defined as industrial or buffer areas; instead use areas that are currently zoned industrial as buffer areas.*

*In addition, we ask that District 12 have more than one seat on this study. Most of the proposed area is in our district; to have representation merely equal with that of neighborhoods that are affected to a much smaller effect by the plan is wrong. Significantly, our community council is made up of business as well as residential*

*community members. We request at least three seats on this planning group and even more seats should the group grow larger.*

Moved, seconded and approved.

**Follow up from last meeting:**

It was suggested last month that we establish a new savings account. Sparks reported that she needs Executive Committee members to sign on account so we should wait until the new Executive Committee is established.

Sparks also requested a debit card with a maximum for small expenses that arise for the office. She currently pays for everything out of her personal account and then requests reimbursement. Executive Committee needs to be appointed before this can be done. Mastey said his business has a similar arrangement.

Parking grants – no news about how many people have applied for parking grants.

Networker distribution. Board of Directors will distribute next Networker to Blockheads. In July, the Bugle will distribute. Lepreau will assign according to where members live.

Sparks has submitted grant requests to the Saint Anthony Park Community Foundation for Paint the Pavement and Green Neighborhood as well as for planning for Arts District. The grant to Minnesota Regional Arts Council (MRAC) for EconoCulture was submitted but not by SAPCC. Home tour—Rose Gregoire will come next month to explain what Board of Directors can do to help. Will be in fall.

*St. Anthony Park Community Council will set up debit card and savings account.*

*Moved, seconded and approved.*

**Items on the table:**

New Board members must join committee. Old members can switch committees; Paul Mix-create google map for all businesses that individual owners could maintain. (apartments-kli.com); Stadium noise-no progress; Help with MAAA emergency procedures-needs 1 or 2 meetings-essentially sets up a system to address what happens if program is not available. Exec-transportation issues

Personnel manual: Makela will come in and work on it with staff. Change minutes item: Makela will be secretary. Committees need to take on their items and update Sparks will clean up items and remove those no longer active.

Next month: West Midway study update

Planning ahead: Need new treasurer

Committee reports

Kasota Pond clean-up update

**Adjourned: 8:30 p.m.**

**Minutes submitted by:**

JoAnne Makela

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**St. Anthony Park Community Council Board Meeting Minutes  
May 13, 2010**

**Present:** Amy Brendmoen, Ray Bryan, Gary Carlson, Linda Hodge, Jim Hunt, Joe Kelly, Brian Longley, JoAnne Makela, Stephen Mastey, Ferd Peters, Roger Purdy, Gregg Richardson, Steve Yetter

**Staff attending:**

Amy Sparks and Renee Lepreau

**Visitors attending:**

**Diane Warner, Rose Gregoire, Eric Thompson (Parks and Rec), Renee Bergeron**

**Minutes approved: \_x\_ \_no \_x\_ amended (revisions below)**

Gregg Richardson and Gary Carlson were present last time at the last meeting.

**Roger Purdy opened the meeting.**

**Consent Agenda Items:**

1. Approve agenda msa
2. Approve minutes msa
3. Environment Committee Resolution:

***Statement of Support for Strong Clean Energy Jobs Legislation***

*As trustees for our community, we call on you to work for passage of strong climate and clean energy jobs legislation in 2010. A strong bill is vital to curbing global warming, clearing our air, increasing energy independence, reducing consumers' utility bills, and creating new green jobs in the renewable energy sector. Immediate solutions to climate change are needed to protect Minnesota's northern forests and the Boundary Waters, which scientists say are at risk from warmer and more severe weather, drought, and invasive species because of global warming.*

*Strong legislation should include the following:*

- *Ensure that we meet reduction targets by reducing global warming pollution from old, dirty power plants;*
- *Retain the Environmental Protection Agency's authority to regulate global warming emissions;*
- *Increase renewable energy and energy efficiency standards to create clean energy jobs;*
- *Invest more in clean energy and protecting consumers, communities, and natural resources.*

*We urge the Senate to strengthen, defend, and pass a strong clean energy jobs bill. Passing a bill this year is a much-needed response both to the climate crisis and to the persistent need for new Minnesotan jobs. It's time to transition away from dirty fossil fuels and toward a new clean energy economy of which we can all be proud.*

**Consent agenda approved as presented.**

### **Board Training**

Diane Wanner, St. Paul District Council Coordinator came to encourage board members to participate in their upcoming trainings. She distributed information the upcoming trainings including the Board Basics at Rondo. People who are interested can contact Diane or Amy Sparks. She also talked about the city website and how to navigate city information. There will also be a Beyond the Basics training covering finance, committee chairing, advanced zoning, special topics, and community diversity. Longely said that the training provides useful information and a good exchange of information.

### **Fall Home Tour: Rose Gregoire**

Fund raising is a basic part of the Board role. As a part of our fundraising effort this year, she will be coordinating a St. Anthony Park Home Tour on Oct. 2 or 9 depending on who is available. It will include ten homes. Net \$3000 is goal.

Tickets will be \$12. The key is that tickets are pre-sold so revenue is not dependant on weather or other extraneous circumstances. To cover expenses and make a profit, the Board of Directors (BOD) must be involved. Things that have to happen to make this a success:

- Each BOD member sell 10 tickets
- Each BOD member recruit 5 volunteers to sit at houses the day of event (one on every floor of all ten houses) for security. (Each volunteer receives a free ticket for each shift they work.) We usually have three 2-hour shifts.
- We need a volunteer photographer for houses
- A printer for brochure who will offer a discount
- Sponsors for posters and postcards
- Volunteers to hang posters and put up signs
- Musicians in homes (and a volunteer to recruit musicians?)
- Set up help the day before and day of the event

Sometimes homeowners stay in the houses the day of the event. It's up to them. Some contractors are also present. We will sell advertising for program. Sometimes we show the same house depending on how long it's been. Talked about including Metro Lofts and The Lyric. It is often difficult to get houses to show in south because there are fewer single family houses. Gregoire would appreciate ideas.

Timing? Have signs, postcards and tickets available 3 weeks the event. Tickets sold at Bibelot, little wine shop, Micawbers and online. There is a discount for presale; tickets are \$12 presale/\$15 day of event. Contact Rose or Amy with ideas for homes.

### **Dog Park for a Day at Langford**

Renee Bergeron and Eric Thompson

Bergeron, a SAP resident, is part of an off-leash dog park group. She is suggesting that a one-day event is held at Langford Park. There would be temporary fencing installed so dogs could be off-leash. There would be a small charge to cover costs. There was a similar dog-friendly event in Newell park "Dog Wash".

Increase of pet friendly rentals and residents in downtown have created an increased demand for off-leash facilities. Mpls has huge off-leash across from Hidden Falls— residents are charged to use the facility. St. Paul has not found a similar location on the river.

Ramsey County has only 5 parks. Lots of dogs in St. Paul could generate lots of revenue. In Ward 4 alone, there are 1200 dogs. Advantage of dog parts is that dogs that are socialized bark less and behave better (just like people, someone commented).

Local residents want to be able use enjoy recreation with their dogs. A dog park is needed close to Como Park and SAP. Dog owners at these kinds of events/facilities have good records of stewardship in cleaning up after themselves and others. People provide their own bags for poop.

Bergeron and Thompson are asking for feedback from the community about hosting a one-time dog-friendly event in Landford Park that will be used as a fund-raiser and information event to promote off-leash parks. At Newell Park, charged \$1 to stay as long as they want. Dog-related vendors invited. An additional \$5 charged to wash the dog. Made \$850 to maintain dog park at previous event.

Further discussion about potential locations for dog park in SAP. Old Goodwill site, used for storm water management by MnDOT off 280? Water quality may be problem. What is procedure to establish permanent park?

Need approval from city and funding. Lowertown has a dog park that is very small and cost just over \$1000 to establish. Underneath the high bridge where XCEL was has area could be used for dog park.

Conclusions, consensus or resolutions:

Motion: BOD unanimously supports the concept of "Dog Day Afternoon"/off-leash one day event for August.

## **Land Use**

### **1. Naming of the New LRT Line**

*Whereas, the light rail project along University Avenue is nearing final approval, and*

*Whereas this new line and its stations will need identifying names that reflect, complement and enhance the character of the adjoining neighborhoods, and*

*Whereas, the term "Central Corridor" does not relate in any way to the communities along University Avenue and therefore is not an appropriate permanent name, and*

*Whereas, University Avenue has been the name of the street for over a century and has a rich cultural and historic significance,*

*Be it resolved that the St. Anthony Park Community Council respectfully requests that the term "Central Corridor" no longer be used in reference to this project, and that the new LRT line be named the "University Avenue Line" or "University Line".*

Motion: to accept the resolution from Land Use  
7 in support, 2 opposed, 2 abstained.

## **2. New Headquarters for Planned Parenthood**

Resolution proposed by the Land Use Committee:

*SAPCC supports the site plan review as presented to the Land Use Committee for the new headquarters on the SW corner of Charles and Vandalia without reservation.*

Information and discussion:

No variances involved. The facility is moving from Highland Park to Vandalia and Charles. It will be a 3-story building facing Vandalia. The building now standing there will be torn down. There will be 125 employees. Bryan wanted to be sure that access to the fire station parking lot is considered.

For city property, some easement would be required and none has come forth. The property is a brown field that will be cleaned up. Reps from Planned Parenthood will come to talk if we need them to. It was suggested that Planned Parenthood make more of an effort to be open with the community about their plans. They bought property 2 years ago and we didn't know about it. Longley would like to have them present to us next month.

Mastey concerned the landscape plan is weak. If it was in different part of neighborhood we would be more concerned with green space.

Motion to approve resolution presented by Land Use: Approved with one abstention.

### **Caucuses:**

Delegation Chairs:

North: Roger Purdy  
South: Ranae Hanson  
Business: Ray Bryan

Treasurer: Paul Hanscom was nominated for treasurer based on someone's recollection that he had volunteered. Sparks will check to see if that recollection was correct.

Secretary: JoAnne Makela

### **Revised Budget:**

Sparks presented revisions to the budget. Primary change is to increase printing and publicity allotment for Chore Service and to request a 1.5% salary increase for Sparks and Lepreau. Peters announced that we've been accepted as charity for car donations with Charity Auto Auction. People will call the SAP office number to call to collect cars.

*Makela moved to increase salaries by 3% and to raise fund raising goals by an equal percent. Council members will personally commit to the fund raising goals.*

Approved unanimously.

**Updates:****Fiscal Sponsorship of 2402 University Arts Project**

The 2402 Building request was not funded but they do plan on reapplying and still would like us to approve fiscal sponsorship by their July application. Building has purchase agreement. Will know by June if it has closed.

**Econoculture:**

During the first week of August, during the Fringe Festival, a small group of people are organizing a neighborhood night out that promotes businesses and the arts in the Raymond/University area. Businesses, artists, nonprofits and creative enterprises will receive a letter asking if they would like to be involved and to describe what they would like to do to promote themselves that weekend. For example, Caribe might host caribbean dancing and Café Biaggio will sell gelato outside. The Econoculture organization who is encouraging this event has applied for money from the Minnesota Regional Arts Council for promotion. Part of the promotion will include a map identifying the businesses/artists and what is happening at that location. ImageHaus, a design firm, is working on identity for neighborhood and event and will presenting concepts to businesses It is expected that it will be called MidCityFest.

**West Midway Industrial Study Representatives**

The City is going to do a study of the West Midway area (excluding the station areas) and would like D12 representatives to serve on the associated task force. Currently interested in serving: Greg Haley, JoAnne Makela, Gregg Richardson, and Steve Yetter. We can appoint up to four.

The focus of the city is jobs and related zoning. District 12 ten-year plan calls for mixed use and the city of St. Paul was reluctant to give up industrial zoning without studying the matter since this is the largest industrial zone in St. Paul. Buffering residential from industrial land uses will also be considered.

Haley, Makela, Richardson and Mastey were approved as D12 representatives to serve on the study task force. The first meeting will be late June.

**Items on the Table**

Richardson reported that there was a Hampden Park plan community meeting last night. The goal was to finalize the plan for the park. Stormwater management and open space was important to everyone. Rerouting Bayless is part of traffic calming but not part of the Hampden Park Plan. The Board will be asked to approve final plan in 2 weeks. Funding sources for landscaping have not yet been identified and the neighborhood will have to help maintain plantings on a volunteer basis. The Environment Committee will be overseeing the effort. There are strong feelings from neighbors about whether to improve or not.

**Networker Distribution:**

Renee has assigned all Board members to blocks/blockheads. Expect to receive it late May.

**Kasota Pond Cleanup**

There was a light turnout at the Pond Cleanup but it was a success.

Minutes submitted by JoAnne Makela.

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**St. Anthony Park Community Council Board Meeting Minutes  
June 10, 2010**

**Present:** Amy Brendmoen, Ray Bryan, Greg Haley, Paul Hanscom, Ranae Hanson, Joe Kelly, Brian Longley, JoAnne Makela, Stephen Mastey, Ferd Peters, Roger Purdy, Gregg Richardson, John Seppanen, Steve Yetter

**Staff attending:**

Amy Sparks, Renee Lepreau and Noreen Huntington

**Visitors attending:** Connie Lewis and Paula Merrigan from Planned Parenthood, Linda Jungworth, Joe Isaacson from Station 280

**Minutes approved: \_x\_ yes \_no \_amended (revisions below)**

**Consent Agenda Items:**

4. Approve agenda
5. Approve minutes
6. Unanimous committee resolutions: Approve Hampden Park Master Plan

**Consent agenda passed as presented.**

**Planned Parenthood**

Connie Lewis spoke about Planned Parenthood. They have been in Minnesota since 1928. They serve 65,000 patients a year at 25 clinics in MN. 95% of what they provide are preventive services. PP also provides community education services, classes on healthy sexuality for parents and kids, and advocacy for reproductive health services for low-income people. They want to be active participants in the community.

Paula Merrigan is the architect for the new building, which will be a new health center and administrative headquarters. It is a brownfield site so they will be cleaning up the site before proceeding to build a LEED certified building. They are working within the Central Corridor overlay guidelines for planning. There will be sidewalks and boulevard trees around the building although there will not be a sidewalk on Charles which is an abandoned railroad track that will be developed later. There will be a parking ramp on site with a security gate. They have carefully planned security for their clients and staff. There will be parking under building for staff. There is an LRT signal shed on a corner of the property.

The building will have a partial green roof, Hour Car, and bike parking. The building will be constructed as a three-story but will be required to add a 4<sup>th</sup> story in the next two years to comply with city requirements.

PP will get a building permit the 1<sup>st</sup> week of July and construction will start the 1<sup>st</sup> week of September. They are planning for construction to last eleven months. Operation hours will be Monday through Friday during business hours for administration and clinic with additional hours for clinic on Saturdays. There will be some evening trainings. The gate/building will be secured at night.

There will be no access to the building from Pillsbury or University. They are willing to consider sharing parking, but must figure out security issues. There will be 168 parking spaces.

They want to be good neighbors and will maintain communication with the community. Hansen suggested that SAPCC would negotiate Good Neighbor agreement if needed.

### **Station 280 Outdoor Liquor License**

Joe Isaacson is requesting an extension of their existing liquor license to an outside patio. There will be 6-7 umbrella tables on an elevated patio in front of current parking lot. It will have a metal railing. The City does not have a problem with the extra seating. They will begin as soon as an extension is granted.

Motion:

*SAPCC approves the application to extend liquor license for Station 280.*

Unanimous in favor.

### **Chore Service**

Noreen Huntington presented on the Chore Service and her recent work. She is paid for 22 hours per week and since starting this job has:

- Developed new informational/marketing materials, including the newsletter, brochures, forms, and a display.
- Recruited volunteers through Hands On Twin Cities and uses online recruitment as well. Sentence to Serve had funding cuts that will cut their days available. Will need to recruit more corporate volunteers.
- Served 104 clients for spring clean-up.

The clients with the biggest needs will be served for 2-4 day projects by a Catholic Heart group June 14-17. YouthWorks will also serve 4 clients on bigger projects. The demand is great. We currently have 540 active clients and 118 workers.

There are increasing calls from the disabled under 60. MAAA (the main funder) stipulates that clients must be over 60 to qualify for their funding. Clients under 60 years cannot be counted in the database. Noreen asked for guidance from the Board on whether to discontinue service to disabled under 60.

Noreen would like to decrease her responsibility for marketing, grant writing and reporting. She would also like to develop more contacts with corporate, school and church groups. More money could be coming from the city to hire clerical for the busiest seasons.

Senior Linkage diverts calls to us. Would the Citizens Assistance lines take calls and screen for the Chore Service?

### **2402 Fiscal Sponsorship**

See request. SAPCC will take 5% of the grant funds to cover admin costs. The project will go through Jan 2011. They could still do classes even if the purchase agreement for the building goes through. \*Add termination language.

Motion:

*SAPCC approves the fiscal sponsorship arrangement with the 2402 artists.*

Unanimous in favor.

### **Email Voting Policy**

Non-profits in Minnesota are allowed to use electronic voting. Should SAPCC consider adopting an e-mail voting policy?

Joe Kelly has experience on a non-profit and condo board that both use e-voting and believes it works well.

Must we notify the public on issues? Open meeting law only applies to government officials. We are not subject to it, although we usually comply.

There is a benefit to e-mail voting for last minute issues. We should direct the policy to say in what situation it could be used. The policy could be extended to the committees and full board with the proviso that any one member could object to the e-vote and recommend issue be brought to the Board. We may have to change the bylaws to accommodate a new policy.

Motion:

*SAPCC authorizes executive committee to draft a policy regarding e-voting.*

Unanimous in favor.

### **Items on Table**

July 4 parade: we need marchers with SAPCC. The Board decided not to table. The 3 chairs will decide who will speak.

Renee retiring by end of summer. Sad to leave us. We are sad to see her go. Exec will okay job description and send to BOD.

Drop of Networkers to blockheads.

Adjourned 8:50pm.

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**Minutes approved.**

**Consent Agenda Items:**

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8. Minutes approved.
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**Date: August 12, 2010**

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Amy Sparks, Renee Lepreau

### **Visitors attending:**

Dan Marshall, Millie Adelsheim, Rene Bergeron, two exchange students  
Michael Russelle

**Minutes approved: Yes**

### **Consent Agenda Items:**

13. Approve agenda
14. Approve minutes
15. Unanimous committee resolutions:

Agenda pulled from consent agenda and asphalt plant added to agenda after Executive Committee report.

Consent agenda passed unanimously.

### **Updates from Visitors**

**Rene Bergeron** gave an update on the dog park for a day event. It is coming together well, although they need more volunteers. If anyone can support the activity, please do. It will run from 10am to 4pm this Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. They are expecting between 100-200 dogs. She is hoping the community takes a look at the dog park and perhaps will take a more enlightened look at dog parks in the future.

**Dan and Millie from Peapods** currently have a retail store on Snelling and St Clair. They are in the process of buying the hardware store building on Como and Carter. They are excited to move into the neighborhood. The Board asked if there is anything we can do to facilitate their move? They plan to close on the building at the end of August. Because it was previously a retail space and will continue to be retail, they won't need variances. Parking is tight in that area, and they will have no off-street parking. The store is open Mon-Sat 10am-6pm. They are hoping to bring a lot to the community and also to draw people to the library, Micawbers, etc. They live near Newall Park in Hamline-Midway. The current plans are to move in at the end of December. They will probably stay in their current location through the Christmas shopping season. Maybe the Bugle could run an

article? We could send out a note to the Listserve encouraging people to go to the old location after they close on the building.

**Home Tour.** Rose has found all the homes. Every Board member needs to recruit 3.5 volunteers. The shifts are two and a half hours. Each board member also needs to sell 10 tickets to friends and family. Tickets are \$12. It will be on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Joe Kelly is ready to sell tickets now. She has found a photographer, but still needs musicians in some of the homes.

### **University Ave Traffic Lanes**

Mike Madden introduced himself. He is on the Union Park DC and is a board member of University United. The existing plan for CC LRT traffic programming maintains 4 lanes of on-street traffic at the expense of parking and bike lanes. There are people advocating to reduce the traffic to 2 lanes total in order to restore on street parking and space for bikes. Mike read from the city plan supporting narrowing streets, road diets, for improved landscape.

Ranae likes the idea but is worried about pressure for a Granary Road extension. Gregg would like to know what the trade-off is to businesses between reduced traffic (potentially losing customers) and lack of street parking.

The community agreements coordinating committee is taking a lead on this issue. They are putting together a review of traffic literature to look at those sorts of questions. Is congestion always a bad thing? Hamline-Midway coalition did a review of traffic literature in 2007 around Snelling/University that showed some benefits of congestion.

There was discussion about the importance of continuing bus service. With two lanes of traffic, how effective is that outside lane of bus traffic going to be?

There was concern about the impacts on truck traffic if University is dropped to a single lane. Again, what effect would it have on Pierce Butler? There is a need for an independent study. Nothing will change until at least after December when the full funding agreement is supposed to be signed.

The city did a study that showed that if reduced to one lane in each direction, the number of failing intersections would rise from 1 to 13 if there was no reduction in traffic. If there was a 10% reduction, the number dropped to 9.

District 13, UABA, the St Paul Bike Coalition have all called for additional study.

Is it too late? Changing from 4-2 lanes could just involve restriping, not curb changes. It could be done after LRT is up and running. The project staff has said they cannot go down to two lanes because of the CEI. There is

less emphasis on the CEI since Obama has taken office. There is not going to be much appetite for construction after LRT is constructed.

The plans call for 14,000 new units of housing on the corridor. Even if University was 6 lanes, it would fill with cars. The priority has to be on alternative modes.

Central Corridor community agreements coordinating committee would fund the study . Mike will convey D12s concerns about trucks and Pierce Butler to them.

We can bring a more specific resolution forward later. Send the issue to Land Use to bring back next month. It is a Land Use issue in the sense that it is about trying to preserve the businesses along the avenue. It is also about mass transit and the pedestrian environment. Environment Committee can give input.

### **Exec. Committee Report**

Executive committee drafted an e-mail voting policy. The committee believes that is in compliance with the bylaws. The intention is to use it particularly when there is a short time frame or need to make a decision quickly.

The Board decided that votes should be "reply to all" so that it is most similar to a board meeting where voting is public. The Executive Director or the Executive Committee will initiate an e-mail vote. If it is a committee, than one of the co-chairs would be involved. We should document the vote to comply with record retention. The vote should be added as an appendix to the minutes of the next Board meeting. Quorum will be 1/3 of total possible votes (5 people). Should we require quorum be higher on online vote? That would take a bylaws change. The Board could reverse or reconsider the decision at the next board meeting.

This could result in the Executive Committee making less decisions on behalf of the Board, since they will have this option. The Board will try it and see how it works. We may in the future consider a bylaws change. Voting will be kept open at least 72 hours. Questions were raised about if this could occur over a weekend. We will rely on the reasonable judgment of the ED and Exec Committee. The policy can easily be rescinded or fiddled with. Joe said that he has never seen a problem at the organizations he is involved with that us it.

Joe moves, Roger seconds

*SAPCC approves the new e-mail voting policy as drafted with the addition of a requirement that voters reply to all and that the vote is documented for purposes of record retention.*

Unanimous in favor.

**Matt Hass is the new treasurer.**

### **Chore service**

Executive Committee made the decision to eliminate the disability language.

### **Jackie Lunde is appointed to the CC Construction Committee.**

### **New CO – Lauren Fulner**

Lauren introduced herself. She came from Chicago and went to college at Gustavus. She has just finished a year in Lutheran Volunteer Corps with the Midtown Greenway. She bikes year round and lives in Longfellow. She is interested in food and gardening. She will be assigned to Land Use and Environment and start on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Quarterly report**

The Board reviewed the balance sheets and budget vs. actual. There are discrepancies on projected income vs. actual because we have reimbursements that are yet to be deposited. There is a lot of money in receivables because our grants are all reimbursement based and we have to spend the money and then request it. We are confident that money will come in.

There is a new grant for Chore Service that will be about \$9500 from COPP funds from Russ Stark and Lee Helgen. That will be used to pay an assistant for Noreen about 12 hours a week. Our checking balance stays high because we don't have a savings account yet. That is on the to-do list. We did finally get a debit card. The Treasurer and 2 EC members have signature powers.

The Board has improved in ability to read the statements and ask questions!

Paul moves Gregg seconds,  
*SAPCC approve the financial statements and quarterly report.*  
Unanimous approval

### **Asphalt plant in Roseville**

Amy received e-mail from SECIA about the asphalt plant proposed in Roseville. It is close to SAP, just up 280 off Terminal Rd on Walnut St. The deadline for comment has been extended until mid-September (don't know exact date). Is this something that we want to make a recommendation on?

Ray wants to know more about the watershed and if the asphalt plant would affect Kasota Ponds. Amy did send the EAW to Karlyn. The Board decided to send the issue to Environment Committee since there is time before the comment period is over. Ranae has a friend, Joan, who has been very involved in this issue for over a year and lives in Roseville. \*Ask Joan to EC. Linda wants to know if there are other asphalt plants in the state and how many? Roger thinks there is one on Hiawatha and 26<sup>th</sup>. Ranae explained that part of the issue was that when the plant was first proposed they were

promising to meet higher environmental standards but have now downgraded the controls.

### **Items on the Table**

John presented on the last Land Use committee meeting. Donna Drummond from PED was there and spoke about the current study on rezoning Central Corridor. There will be a new TN4 zoning which is higher density mixed use. They are considering including a no-minimum parking requirement in the station areas. This would allow businesses to exist that might not otherwise. Every current use is grandfathered in. Everyone on the Board received a copy of the survey. The central questions are about how car-friendly we want the CC to be. This ties in with the discussion on how many lanes earlier tonight.

The issue of inclusionary zoning and affordable housing is also on the study. The Board needs to get more educated about what kind of housing we can get. We need affordable housing not just for newcomers but for people whose kids are grown and need to downsize.

\*Invite someone to Board or Land Use who is an expert in this area. Aon Homes, Central Community Housing Trust, LISC, Paul Fate, PPL.

Steve wondered if there is a spike in crime? Amy says that there is not a rise in the numbers of crimes.

John reported on the new court case ruling that will make it much harder for cities to grant variances. We expect this will reduce the number of variances the city grants and that we see until the legislature rewrites the law.

### **Goodbye to Renee Lepreau**

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## **Meeting: St. Anthony Park Community Council Board Meeting**

**Date: September 9, 2010**

**Board members present:** Amy Brendmoen, Ray Bryan, Gary Carlson, Matt Hass, Jim Hunt, Joe Kelly, Brian Longley, Stephen Mastey, Roger Purdy, Gregg Richardson, John Seppanen, Steve Yetter, Ranae Hanson (chair), JoAnne Makela (secretary)

**Staff present:** Amy Sparks, Lauren Fulner, Pa Vang

**Visitors:** Tom Borrup, Mee Chang, John Vaughn, Diane Wanner, Linda Youngworth

**Minutes approved as amended:** Home tour change 3.5 to 2.5 number of shifts we each need to cover.

### **Consent Agenda Items:**

16. Approve agenda m/s/a consent agenda with changes to agenda  
Postpone fund raising letter  
Approved as changed m/s/a
17. Approve minutes
18. Unanimous committee resolutions:
  - Land Use Resolution:
    - *SAPCC supports the implementation of a study to consider the implications of changing University Avenue from 4 to 2 lanes, including affects on businesses and traffic relocation.*
  - Environment Committee Resolution \* (printed below)  
*SAPCC will offer comments to MPCA on the proposed asphalt plant in Roseville (see attached letter). The comments will mainly address the need to explore warm mix asphalt in Minnesota and support SECIA's comments.*

### **Energy Challenge Grant/Energy Squad visits**

Mee Cheng, Neighborhood Energy Connection;  
Meet Pa Vang, our intern/consultant working on the project for SAPCC

Working with Amy and Pa, 10 districts received the grant. Goal: 200 households to participate, including immigrants. The program needs help getting the word out. Xcel has been mandated by the state to offer the program, which helps residents save money on energy through everyday uses. Accessible regardless of income. Door knocking campaign has been successful around Central Corridor, Summit/University. Talking face to face, they are able to answer questions. Challenges are language barriers and economics. Signs in neighborhoods.

SAP was one of the most successful neighborhoods last year—leading in turnout and participation. This year they are targeting residents who have not already participated.

There will be one big info gathering workshop on Oct. 28, location TBA. Program delivery will be scheduled for two weeks in November. Participants can schedule at the workshop. The program will try to schedule contiguous houses on the same day.

There will be more opportunities to sign up. Cost of the program for neighbors who go to the Oct. 28 workshop is \$30 plus additional rebates. Those who do not attend the workshop, must pay \$35, and do not receive the additional rebates. Those who went to workshop last year can still qualify for rebates.

Board members are encouraged to sign up for the workshop. Though the program focuses on single-family, older construction, it can still benefit newer construction. Anyone can apply.

Josh Davis deals with multi-unit buildings, and building management. Single-owner town homes are treated differently.

Lawn signs to promote the program are available.

Pa Vang is managing the energy challenge grant, Web updates, and communications plan. Her time available is being negotiated.

### **Creative Enterprise Zone – Tom Borrup**

Introduction to Tom and to the upcoming work in the Raymond/University area Creative Enterprise Zone.

The CEZ group spoke with McCollum's staff. There will be a kick-off meeting of steering committee and stake-holders on Sept. 21.

They are putting to use the SAP Artist survey results. Economic analysis shows there are more creative businesses in SAP than in Lowertown. And the area has a robust reputation with the city. Central Corridor Funders Collaborative, funding.

Oct. 21 tentative community-wide design meeting. Location TBA. Creative activities, visualize future for the area. Steering committee will develop goals around protection, land use, identifying character of LRT station area, in face of change over next 10 years.

Focus on culturally-based planning, policy work. Cultural district means different things in different places. SAP is creative, but not a big consumption area.

Unique set of circumstances here provides great opportunity and responsibility.

Mid-City festival name developed for that event. Branding is down the line. Identity/naming but not necessarily branding is part of this process.

Contact Tom at: [tom@communityandculture.com](mailto:tom@communityandculture.com).

### **Flannery Construction**

John Vaughn, Flannery Construction's connection with Central Corridor neighborhoods and Planned Parenthood Update

Flannery Construction will apply for public permit this week and construction will begin soon on the Planned Parenthood site.

The company is community oriented/connected (neighborhood cleanups) and willing to help out with projects. University Ave photo project, they provided truck-container/screen for projection of Wing Young Huie's project on Wednesdays at 6:30 throughout the summer (on U Ave across from Walmart).

Company building is at 1375 St. Anthony (north of 94 at Hamline). Come visit. Tour the building (LEED cert. – conference room available). They also built the Western District Police station, which will have an open house Sept. 21.

### **District Council Inclusiveness Work Group**

Diane Wanner, District Council Coordinator

DC Inclusiveness Workgroup: Helps build momentum; promotes thinking about diversity and how to involve people in programs and projects. Diversity of SP neighborhoods has grown greatly over last 10 years. Workshop allows cross-district sharing. Participants agree to follow up with DCs. Build outreach. Asking for two people from each council to participate in the training.

Discussion: Is it possible to bring to council rather than council going there? We have only scratched surface of this issue.

Look on Web site for other workshops. Public versions.

SAP will send one north/one south delegate to the workshop. To be determined by Exec committee. Participants will bring back activities to the group. Taking it another step beyond last year's workshop.

Sign up for BOD development workshops:

Community media-why it's important and how to do it

Strategic look at maximizing communications

### **Environment Committee Resolution regarding TN Zoning**

*The SAPCC supports non-auto based businesses along the University Ave Light Rail Line and any zoning that will allow such businesses to be established or expand. And, the SAPCC opposes the establishment of auto-repair or drive through in TN or IR.*

*And furthermore, the SAPCC supports inclusionary zoning that includes a mix of affordable, senior, and market-rate housing as well as mixed use in one building.*

Motion: To answer the questions as stated in the survey as follows [see Ranae's answers on survey] m/s/a

Q1. 9 yes, 1 no, 1 ab

Q2. A. 3 yes, 6 no,  
b. 1 yes, 7 no  
c. no  
d. no

Q3. No

Q4. No

Q5. Yes

[See original survey for questions]

Public can fill out form online.

Discussion:

Does code define "non-auto based"?

City looking at modifying parking min/max; trying to gauge neighbor's consensus on mandatory parking. Including inclusionary housing seems to be another issue.

Should we include a statement about Creative Enterprise Zone/Arts District? Como Ave study –could get affordable housing, not senior. [Como 2030 Project-people wanted to downsize and stay in neighborhood. No housing for that market because of zoning?]

Senior housing/cooperative living/alternate living styles need to be addressed. Does TN zoning address this? Linnea Gardens is the only place that addresses this in North. [North not receptive].

Could Central Corridor zoning impact other areas?

First two sentences:

Amend to address cultural/creative enterprises.

TOD defines "auto-based"

"Supports requirement of maximum off-street parking of any business in any zone and allows for no off-street parking." [Mastey]

*The SAPCC supports non-auto based businesses [and creative enterprises]*

In context of survey, the city is not proposing a specific policy, we're just giving broad feedback to city regarding this issue.

*There was no conclusive motion to submit the proposed resolution as discussion revealed that a resolution was not required. Ranae will submit the survey as suggested without further input from the Council. JM*

**Fundraising Letter notes**  
**Postponed**

**Items on the Table**

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**September 25** – Neighborhood Cleanup

Need pm shift. 7-11, 10-2. Let Lauren know what shift. At Fairgrounds. Volunteers get free load. \$15 gate fee. Additional charges for some items. No hazardous waste.

**October 9** – Home Tour – Each board member recruit 4 volunteers each and sell 10 tickets each

Cheerleader letter to recruit house sitters. Tickets online. Printed tickets available soon. Houses are not revealed until you buy ticket. Quirky adaptations to city living. Amy will send existing tour info. Fun-raising!

**October 28**- 6:30pm - 8:00pm - Energy Squad Workshop

Adjourned 8:50pm

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## **Letter regarding asphalt plant:**

Date: September 9, 2010

To: Kevin Kain (Environmental Review and Feedlot section)

From: St. Anthony Park Community Council (SAPCC)

Re: Comments on proposed Bituminous Roadways Roseville asphalt plant

Dear Mr. Kain,

The St. Anthony Park Community Council recently became aware of Bituminous Roadways' intention to receive permission from the Roseville City Council to build a new asphalt plant on the corner of Terminal Drive and Walnut Street. We write to echo the comments and concerns already sent to the MPCA by the Southeast Como Improvement Association (SECIA), as well as to stand behind creation of a warm mix rather than hot mix plant.

The SAPCC seconds environmental and community concerns raised by SECIA and the residents of Roseville. These include comments on water, air and noise pollution, in addition to traffic and property value impacts on the community. All of these concerns are explained in depth in SECIA's letter to the MPCA dated August 13, 2010 that was sent in response to Bituminous Roadways' EAW.

We also wish to support serious consideration of a warm-mix asphalt plant as opposed to a hot-mix plant if the Roseville asphalt plant is indeed approved. Through conversations with an engineer at MnDOT

we learned that warm mix asphalt is accepted across the state, and in fact has been used at several locations with overall success. Further research shows that warm mix may actually be more effective than hot mix at producing improved roads in colder climates like Minnesota. Production of warm mix rather than hot mix asphalt would alleviate many of the environmental concerns that a hot mix plant creates, particularly in the realm of chemical emissions.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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Minutes: St. Anthony Park Community Council Board Meeting

Date: October 14, 2010

Present: Amy Brendmoen, Ray Bryan, Gary Carlson, Ranae Hanson, Linda Hodge, Jim Hunt, Brian Longley, JoAnne Makela, Stephen Mastey, Paul Mix, Ferd Peters, Roger Purdy, John Seppanen, Steve Yetter

Staff attending: Amy Sparks, Lauren Fulner

Visitors attending: Rose Gregoire, Linda Youngworth

Minutes approved with no revisions

Consent Agenda Items: Como 2030 Plan; Land Use resolution:

SAPCC proposes adding billboard on west side of Raymond at Robbins Street to be added to the list of possible billboard removals.

Consent agenda: approved

Agenda approved with corrections.

Addition to agenda:

**Home Tour:** Rose Gregoire

- 177 percent over last year. \$5000 revenue.
- Sold a lot of advanced tickets. 35 sold/17 came. Article in Strib helped. People came from far away. Weather was good. Half of ticket revenue local. Put posters up in Como, SE Mpls, Mac/Groveland. Need to publicize more in 10 mile radius. Visuals good. Church big draw. Feedback good.
- Need houses in south. Next one do south extravaganza. Great support and volunteers. "Where the village meets the city." Ranae's motto for next year.
- Let Amy know if you sold tickets but your name is not on report. Money still coming in. Home owners had good time. Big thanks to Rose.
- Muffeletta had big spike in business. Bibelot sold most tickets. Good for local businesses.
- Try to get St. Paul paper to do article next time.

### **Affordable Housing from Housing Preservation Project**

Move item to next month.

Background affordable housing info from Roger: SAP has more renters than owners. How do we get the voice for rental and affordable housing on the board? Think about it as allowing people to stay in the neighborhood. Como 2030 identifies the need to feed our school. Need to have affordable housing for young families. AF Housing (income qualifying) is different than low cost housing. Financing available for providing specific number of affordable units in new construction. Density is important. Zoning required to allow carriage homes, small apartments, other alternate housing. Housing projects, townhomes, apartments. Not a lot of land left for development other than U Ave. 20+

units makes viable project. Density encourages school population, but increases traffic on Como—double-edged sword. Need data on quantity of affordable housing.

### **St. Paul Almanac introduction/diversity**

The Almanac representative/editor Kim Nightengale will attend next month.

Sold at Micawbers, \$20. Ask Nightengale how we can be involved.

We need to understand what we don't know. City looks different from other perspectives. People we need to hear from who are most vulnerable don't have time to be here.

The Almanac seems like a way to bring diversity into the council. Sold at Selby Ave. Jazz Fest. Pieces written by St. Paul people who don't normally get published. Articles about light rail, Hmong grandmas, ask people represented in the book if they would be willing to talk to us. Council addresses are in it. We don't advertise in it. Councils are official way the city is divided. The Almanac highlights the unseen level of organization.

Creative Conversation on Oct. 21 an opportunity to meet some diverse neighbors.

What is the responsibility of Council members to intervene or advocate for neighbors in random situations?

What are our general responsibilities to be on the board?

How do we identify ourselves in the community?

Decision on who will represent us at Diversity Training, Nov. 6, 9:30-noon

We need to send 2 people. Gregg Richardson and Ranae Hanson will attend.

### **Neighborhood Cleanup:** Lauren Fulner

Held September 25. Very successful. About same poundage as last year. Less problems, spent less money, had 531 paid trips. More total people including volunteers, seniors and second loads.

### **Executive Committee report**

- Reviewed the ED review process. Annual review to be done by exec personnel subcommittee in March. Report to Board in April. Subcommittee chosen in May.
- Minute taking at committees: Chairs must delegate secretary at each meeting. Secretary gives minutes to chair to revise and distribute. Amy and Lauren need to cut out doing multiple minutes to devote more time for work that needs to be done.
- BOD evaluations: send out list of questions to BOD members. How do we think about roles? BOD functioning? Quick evaluation process for meetings.
- Copies of District 12 Plan and Bylaws available at meetings. Reference docs in binders for quick reference. Personal binders can be stored in office if members don't want to bring them each time. Bring in and refresh them.

### **Fundraising Letter notes**

We have a car on auction as fund raiser.

Everyone signed letters to people they know and some to those they do not know.

**Discussion: How do you talk to neighbors about neighborhood and board issues?**

Ferd: talk about renting, bringing offices over. An easy sell right now. Mostly to other business people and colleagues

Roger: at block party. Concerns about how the neighborhood looks and feels. Try to convince people to come there.

Jim: on condo board. 212 home owners. Introduces himself at annual meetings as BOD member. Invites people to talk to him about issues. No one has ever come to him. Not much desire displayed by owners or renters to be part of community.

Amy S.: 808 Berry has meeting room. Gremlin and Court Square have said we can meet there.

Stephen M.: coffee shop. Brings fliers to neighbors and coop about things going on.

Steve Y.: ask neighbors about what they like/don't like.

Ray: talking with neighbors on Raymond. Organize National night out. Sometimes while snow shoveling. Emails residents in neighborhood when something happens.

[600 on list-serve. We could write there. Sherm Eagles moderates.]

Ranae: talks to African church people. Told them about community yard sale and clean up. Emerald ash borers.

JoAnne: talks about SAP everyday to somebody at school or work.

Gary: stealth communicator. Sold tickets to some neighbors he hadn't talked to in a year. Tornado of 81 was good at getting people together, as was the blizzard of 91. We are quiet and crime free. Not much to get riled up about.

Brian: has neighbor who keeps neighbor email list. Contact her to spread the word [home tour needed volunteers] need to have better presence at 4th of July, art fair. Should have had name tags at home tour.

Paul: whomever you talk to with interest in neighborhood, something comes up that council deals with. Good intro to conversation about council. Also with renters.

Neighbors are very knowledgeable. We could get more interest if we video meetings and put online. Get people familiar with the process. Post agenda on list-serve before each meeting. Get more tenants involved. Take welcome kits to new residents.

Amy B.: doesn't live in the neighborhood. Brings awareness of community to her agency. Get more engaged.

John: friends all know he's on council. If he thinks something is important to them, fills them in. Ask what they'd like to see happen.

Jackie: doesn't live in the neighborhood. Proponent of community involvement. Talks about kinds of things brought to the council and points out benefits of attending meetings or group meetings of any kind that promote bettering the community.

Steve Y: get more people to come to meeting. Post agenda 24-48 hours before meeting. Note to list-serve that minutes are posted.

**Community Connections Committee report on outreach**

Every other meeting or quarterly, identify people we can invite to come to committee and board meetings. Keep open. Invite new and old businesses. Check in with people we

have had in before, see how things are going. Bring in other organizations [book clubs, activity groups] get 10 minutes of BOD time to connections.

**Evaluation of meeting:**

When were you most interested?

Diversity discussion

St. Paul Almanac

When were you most bored?

Writing fund-raising letters

When were you most challenged, stretched?

Diversity discussion [it is very difficult. Are we trying to reinvent the wheel? Surprised every day at difficulties with difference]

When asked to volunteer

Adjourned: 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by JoAnne Makela

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**Meeting: St. Anthony Park Community Council Board Meeting****Date: November 11, 2010**

**Present:** Amy Brendmoen, Ray Bryan, Paul Hanscom, Linda Hodge, Joe Kelly, Brian Longley, JoAnne Makela, Stephen Mastey, Paul Mix, Roger Purdy, Gregg Richardson, Steve Yetter

**Staff:** Amy Sparks

**Visitors:** Dirk [last name?], Emily Program; Tom Betti and Michael Morrow, CHSFS; Linda Youngworth

**Consent Agenda Items:**

The agenda was approved with revisions:

Move quarterly financial, diversity, honor roll to top of agenda to wait for guests not yet arrived. m/s/a

Environment Committee resolutions:

- a. *The SAPCC will partner with PED to advertise their brownfield site investigation grant.*
- b. *The SAPCC will submit Hampden Park funding as sole CIB project from the Council.*
- c. *SAPCC will support the CIB Raymond Avenue Traffic Calming proposal for phase 2 of Raymond Avenue project through the CIB ranking process.*

**Minutes approved with no revisions****8:05 call to order****Education on affordable housing**

from Housing Preservation Project representative; Mona Langston, J.D., Policy Advocate, Housing Preservation Project

The guest did not attend. This item was tabled for a future meeting.

**St. Paul Almanac** presentation by Kimberly Nightengale. The guest did not attend and the item was tabled.

**Emily Program Purchase** of Toogood Building from Children's Home Society and Family Services, Michael Morrow CFO.

CHSFS is selling the Toogood Building on Como to Emily Program as they need more space and have decided not to expand on the parsonage site at this time. CSFS has been in the community for over 100 years and their work has changed a lot over time. No longer run orphanages. Do international adoption. Provide a variety of services for children and families in need. Deliver programs in schools and other places, no longer need offices.

Emily program keeping the name of the bldg. turning into 10-bed adolescent program, out-patient and admin offices. The rehab will be minimal and the building layout will remain largely unchanged. Moving the entrance for

energy efficiency and ADA conforming. Softening the landscape and the perimeter; adding outdoor private patios; may add gardens in future. Stone retaining walls will make grade changes. Spaces repurposed to fit program. New kitchens and restrooms, laundry. Security separation between admin and residence. Using recyclable eco-friendly materials. LEED certification is too expensive. Community projects work towards the standard without paying for the certification. Residents do not come and go, but staff might appreciate bike parking. They lease parking lot from church who has agreed to reassign the lease; 77 parking spaces, only need 29. Lot also used for staff down the street. The project will not need any variances.

In 2030 plan parking lot is one of last developable parcels. Emily would have to make do if church wanted to sell it. Parsonage is expensive project and is on hold. Don't need the square footage now because of the CSFS property. They will make a plan that does not require new parking studies. Sale closes Nov. 30. Start construction in December. 13-weeks rehab.

**Diversity Training-** Gregg Richardson [attended with Ranae Hanson]. St. Paul is not good at providing equal representation in community orgs. How do we be more conscious of what image we project to the community? List of statements that people had made in the past in the course of diversity training to give a sense of white privilege. What we take for granted:

- I can support a leader of color I don't have to worry about having an agenda.
- I can count on my name not working against me when I apply for a job
- People do not mistake me for a client of social services.
- If I call the police for help I will be treated respectfully.

Greg hoped to get tools for dealing with these issues, but was disappointed. Encouraged to think of white privilege as an account to spend. We haven't figured out how to create more diversity in council. Good consciousness-raising for a council that is already diverse.

Discussion: Was there talk about differences other than race? No. There were people there who needed that exposure. But no addressing how to attract diversity to council. We don't have enough women, people of color, young people, or people of other nationalities. We may be too passive in promoting council/committee work opportunities. We end up recruiting our neighbors. The best tool is to ask. We need a strategic plan of who we are asking.

Education needed for non-citizen neighbors. Misunderstanding of what the council is. Don't understand we are not a government organization. Immigrants may be afraid to get involved.

We used to do a recruitment piece as part of SAP newsletter. We can get a list of all the homeowners but not renters to target market. We could create marketing piece and hand deliver. 50 percent of property is rental. Going

door to door would take a long time. Could have community meeting and have people nominate and vote at meeting. We haven't done a mailer in a long time; we could look at it in February.

Develop recruitment strategy that encompasses race and economic diversity. How do we deal with issues relevant to renters?

To be continued.

### **Honor Roll**

Three members from each neighborhood nominated for honor at dinner in January. Mayor is there. Certificate and plaque on the wall in city hall.

**Question from the Executive Committee:** Think about the images that come to mind when you think about Mid-City; District 12; St. Anthony Park; West Midway; North St. Anthony Park; Central Corridor; South St. Anthony Park. When you think about these various geographic entities, what should the council's role be in relation to these diverse geographic and ideological areas?

- Mid City—University Ave; new concept; designation; hip [like uptown]
- District 12- boundaries; relative to St. Paul;
- SAP—divided by the tracks; defined by boundaries; north/south/west midway triangle; used to be proud of it; people don't know where we are; just outside of midway
- West Midway – industrial interests; University Ave.
- North—heart is Como and Carter; suburban; small town
- South—heart is Hampden park; urban; hipper; industrial
  - Emerald/berry=West Gate

Look at history of the area. Why not just promote the SAP brand?

What would make transition from north to south more inviting?

Should we keep north/south distinctions on council?

District 12 Council? Mid City Council? To be continued

### **Quarterly financial report**

Budget is on track. \$5000 item has not been reimbursed. Home tour income not reported yet. Revenue above projections. Gardening raised rate and got more contributions. We must apply for Good neighbor grant every year. Used for signage to transit way (way finding) will do historic district signage. Will implement once light rail is done. Design is done. Unrestricted cash balance is good.

Financial Report approved.

### **Items on the table**

Overnight Xpress development on Pelham went to planning and was rejected because it is within the station area and did not comply with zoning. LU will meet with Port Authority.

**Evaluation of meeting** – when were you most interested, most bored and most challenged

Most bored? Discussion about the Toogood Building renovations  
Most engaged? Emily program; Naming District 12  
Challenged? Diversity; naming

Backyard talk winter biking next Tuesday  
TN zoning hearings  
Dec. 2 BY talk about using less salt other ways to de-ice

Adjourned 9:55

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**Meeting: St. Anthony Park Community Council Board Meeting**

**Date: December 9, 2010**

Ray Bryan, Gary Carlson, Paul Hanscom, Joe Kelly, Brian Longley, JoAnne Makela, Stephen Mastey, Roger Purdy, Gregg Richardson, Steve Yetter

**Staff attending:** Amy Sparks, Lauren Fulner, Noreen Huntington, Linda Barnes

**Visitors attending:**

**Homegrown Lacrosse**-Chaun Klemetsrud, Linda Jungworth

**Minutes approved: with corrections**

Correct section on "Diversity training." Strike sentence "St. Paul is homogenous." Correct Gregg Richardson spelling.

**Consent Agenda Items:**

19. Approve agenda

20. Approve minutes

21. Unanimous committee resolutions:

*The SAPCC supports a lot split at 2147 University for the purpose of providing parking to the Subway Restaurant.*

**Consent agenda approved.**

**Homegrown Lacrosse – new neighborhood business introduction**

Aron Lipkin and Chaun Klemetsrud: 779 Raymond Ave. renovated space Herbst Market into offices. They conduct programs for 4<sup>th</sup> grade to adult, mostly for boys, throughout the Twin Cities. Four full-time staff work in schools with Lacrosse PE programs and conduct summer camps. There is a women's league.

They have served over 2000 kids state-wide; Go where they are asked; Do not sponsor a team; Coach programs. They are beginning to increase involvement with reservations. Most of their funding comes from grants, so they are looking for sponsorships. Council is asked to support and promote the program.

**Senior Chore Program**

Noreen Huntington and Linda Barnes:

Linda began end of August. Coordinated senior pick-up. Boy scouts helped. Helped over 60 seniors. Helping with phone calls, matching workers with clients. Noreen has been here one year.

Catholic Heart summer camps brought 500 students who volunteered for one week in June and did extensive work for 6 clients. They helped with gardening, weeding, painting. Hoping to expand involvement with that program next year.

Sent newsletter to 600 clients in August. 160 returns of response cards attached to newsletter. Mostly leaf raking and snow shoveling requests.

Lost "Sentence to Serve" workers. Recruited 14 corporate groups including Target, Xcel, Medtronic. Helped 120 houses. More hands-on follow up working with corporate groups.

"Sentence to Serve" will charge fees in the future, so we will most likely not work with them again. Will continue relationships with corporate groups and hope they come through in the spring.

Four orientations for HS students in the fall. Como HS NHS students, 25 new volunteers. 133 total workers this year. 540 clients in June up to 595 now.

More home health agencies, hospitals, and service agencies are calling to set up service for their clients.

MAAA have stricter reporting requirements, new forms. Must now report client income. Cannot serve clients until they return the completed forms. In January will clean up forms and reports including annual survey, holiday card, forms sent to clients.

Clients responded to donation appeal.

Many other neighborhood residents are calling for our services. They are directed to their resident programs. Will send holiday card to volunteers and workers next year. Will give them \$5 Target gift cards.

Noreen and Amy will meet with other district councils to form coordinating board. Ask them to help recruit volunteers for clean-up and other chores. Have client breakdown by zip code. SAP, Como and Hamline-Midway are largest users. 5-10 calls per day on average. 25-30 calls during clean-up.

Program will serve anyone over age 60; no income requirements. Standards set by MAAA.

NAPIS forms are to comply with federal requirements for funding.

Disability Linkage Line now takes our referrals for disabled under age 60.

### **2011 Budget**

Amy Sparks

2010 fundraising includes \$4000 from home tour; \$2000 from reserve to hire consultant(s) on employee benefits and/or tech needs.

COPP-Chore is significantly more because of increase in grant. Discretionary fund from city council, we are getting more for chore because of increase from R. Stark and other councils using chore.

Remainder of Tom Borup consultant fee not under consultant for 2011. Must be added. Will be offset by fund raising[?]

Internet access now under phone service.

Action: Budget approved with corrections.

### **CIB appointments:** (Amy Sparks)

- JoAnne Makela - Residential and Economic Development Task Force
- Rose Gregoire-Streets & Utilities Task Force
- Carla Asleson - Community Facilities Task Force

Citizen input into how capital improvement requests are met.

Action: Slate of appointees approved.

Stephen Mastey alternate for any appointment.

### **Full Council Goals - Executive Committee ideas:**

1. Continue the discussion of neighborhood identity  
Clarify neighborhood identity
2. Make board members and the council more visible in the community
3. Continue the discussion about inclusion and representation  
Develop strategies for ...
4. Explore gaining more contact with all of the businesses in the area.  
Gain more contact ...

Action: Approved goals with changes.

Actively create inventory with contacts and data about area businesses

Survey businesses once they are identified

Discussion:

Focus on businesses has been with retail and offices, not with industry. They are not currently represented on the board, but are big part of our district. Business will become a more present part of district if industrial rejuvenation happens. Perhaps we should look at block club model to reach out to business.

SAP Foundation goals: developing communication between businesses, including industry. Transportation and business issues predominate over backyard talks. SAP will have support for this effort.

Note: What criteria will we use to know we have accomplished these goals?  
Develop objectives for each goal followed by actions to achieve objectives.

**Draft Revisions to St. Paul Sign Code (from Councilmember Thune's Office)**

*The SAPCC supports the concepts behind the proposed changes and updates to signage restriction in regards to window signs, excluding limitations of signs in the 4-7 foot zone of storefront windows (E), while still preserving the intention of the changes in restrictions to improve safety and visibility. (Draft language and examples attached.)*

*(5 in favor, 1 abstains)*

Discussion:

Concern expressed about businesses that only have window space for signage. Do we need to hear from Bob Straughn to present on this issue? He is willing to speak to us if there are questions.

Resolution to table. Does not pass.

Action: Motion approved to send on as worded. 2 opposed. 1 abstained.

**Response to Station 280**

The various owners of the business have gotten support from LU. We have expressed our desire for neighborhood, family-friendly place. Concern is that it is reverting to college, rowdy bar that is not what we want in the neighborhood. Bar has history of promoting poor behavior, police intervention.

Could use "good neighbor" agreement with business. Discuss how that could work.

Related to diversity outreach. Nasty Native-American attack. They need to continue to be educated. What other businesses would work there. It is near the U and there is money to be made by promoting binge drinking. It is a difficult location for a business to be successful. They need to explain how they intend to be a family-friendly business.

If they are going to cater to college students, how are they going to monitor that behavior and promote safety in the neighborhood?

Action: Motion approved to send a contingent to the business to discuss issues of inclusivity, family-friendliness, traffic safety.

Roger, Ray and Brian will talk to the new owners of the restaurant.

**Question from the Executive Committee:** How can we encourage all neighborhood businesses to see themselves as part of the neighborhood and as part of our decision-making and planning processes? How can we encourage them to recognize the rest of us as part of their community as well?

Discussion:

Should business delegates take on some of the business-related tasks? S. Mastey volunteered. Ask Foundation for grant to collect business data.

"Fusion" student marketing firm at U may be willing to take it on (C. Klemetsrud)

Identify top 100 businesses. Use West Midway data to start. Use NAICs codes to classify.

Good Neighbor Fund could be resource for money.

Foundation: \$4000 toward hiring someone to do the work. Will require going door to door.

Could benefit Midway Chamber. Get their list and U Ave Business Assoc.

Action: Motion approved to write grant for funding to hire intern or other resource to develop list of SAP businesses.

**Items on the table – quick reports from Board members about new or urgent items on the table-**

Environment Committee goals: waning interest in backyard talks. Topics were beyond

environment issues, may transfer to Community Connections.

S. Mastey went to City Planning meeting. Eight City representatives answered questions, gave resources, addressed variances, inspections, new legislation on variances. Updated parking requirements, new parking code. Has copy of chart PED uses to determine parking limits. Every DC had rep there. Well attended. Resource links sent by Diane Wanner.

J. Kelly will report on additional gardening spaces.

R. Purdy: LRT starting construction in March at Emerald moving east on University. U Ave 1-lane each way. How does council communicate that?

### **Evaluation of meeting**

What was accomplished:

- Passed budget
- Set goals
- Made appointments
- Good chore service report
- New business/person stayed through whole meeting

Where were we stuck?

- What is our role with LRT?
- More dialogue with Noreen about where do we go with Chore. Should we expand/contract?
- How will we chastise Station 280?

Any suggestions for changes in how we conduct meetings?

- Bring cookies next December/January?
- Food

Adjourned: 9:02

