St. Anthony Park Community Council
Board of Directors Meeting
Jennings Community Learning Center
2455 University Ave W | St. Paul, Minnesota
Thursday, April 13, 2017 7PM -9PM
(JCLC)

Chair: Michael Russelle

In Attendance: Michael Russelle, Ray Bryan, John Mark Lucas, Dick, Sherman Eagles, Bruce Jacobson, Ian Luby, Cailin Rogers, Melissa Williams, Suyapa Miranda, Bettsy Hjelseth, Scott Simmons, Christina Nicholson

Consent agenda: Approve agenda and minutes 7:05	Minutes and
•Resolution to make letter of support for Jewish Community Action center	agenda
vandalization.	approved
•Resolution to thank Saint Paul Public Schools for the work they are doing with construction.	unanimously
•Resolution to submit a letter to the city about missing sidewalk between Seal and	Three
Carlton.	resolutions (left)
	approved
Minutes and agenda were approved unanimously	unanimously
Chair updates from committees 7:10	
Transportation Committee: (John Mark Lucas)	
 Encouraging other committees to table at art fair along with transportation 	
committee.	
 Ongoing discussion about drag racing in the neighborhood. 	
•Pelham bikeway-there was a meeting earlier about converting two way option into	
one way option. Going to the council, there's an offer from Reuben Collins to come	
back and present. Meeting with the city soon. Mitigating parking; cannot get	
restaurant if parking is not sufficient. If we take it on we might vote on it	
electronically, if there's another meeting we will invite them.	
Land Use Committee: (lan Luby)	
•Luther Seminary redoing stairs	
•Towerside update	
•Update of corridor from Sherm	
•Brainstormed about PPL locations, possible food shelf, food justice projects	
•10-Year Plans and goals	
Environment Committee: (Michael Russelle)	
•Representative from city came to talk about foam	

- Developing regulations for Airbnbs
- Kasota Pond Cleanup
- •10-Year Planning Committee
- Steering Committee meeting
- May Fest

Equity Committee: (lan Luby)

- •Talked about previous community doing outreach
- Jewish Community Action Center hate crime
- Created Delegate Committee
- Food Equity
- Hadley Barrows (change management)

Executive Committee:

- Budget numbers in May, would like to do on a quarterly basis
- Jewish Community Action center hate crime
- Car broken into

Towerside update 7:23

Dick-With determination that the Green Line was going to be built, we saw it would be a space for development. Left to market forces, we thought it would degrade to more cheap pizza, more cheap beer; we cannot have this area be more student housing. We thought it could be place for something else. I believe developers build cities, not neighborhoods. Needed a very specific vision. What is it we exactly want to happen? Determined area along and across University could be a space for many things. How to make it more than real estate development. Use it as how to do sustainable development going forward. What's the big district framework? It should be district energy and district storm water management, and parking.

Bruce-talked about districts, implementation, and how to move ideas forward. Partnership is reorganizing itself. Equity, lifelong learning, etc.

Michael Russelle-Do you have a specific ask? We would love to have new development to incorporate everybody. We would like infrastructure to make it be a neighborhood. Request to build out further is an acceptable request.

What's going to drive this? Going to require broad base of stakeholders. Trying to build idea around coalitions moving forward. Immediate thing is to get Saint Paul representation regularly at the board level.

Melissa Williams-what would be exceptionally valuable would be to have some student representation. Barriers when meetings are during day. Ad-Hoc meeting during the night?

Melissa gave up a little of her time so Towerside could keep speaking. Dick, Bruce, and Sherm left the meeting

Resolution to write letter to Towerside regarding adding another St. Paul committee member to board approved unanimously

No Saint Paul representation which has been a disappointment. Suggest a letter from the council saying we after hearing their presentation we want a second member on the board. Bob is currently on board. Motion? Move to respond to Towerside's presentation and invitation with recommendations framed by our equity framework. Second. Cailin, point of context prospect park, 2 members of their board on board, we have one committee member on board. Option for letter, it could be drafted by volunteer and reviewed by executive committee and approved by email vote. All in favor of motion to write letter as presented. The motion was approved unanimously. Ask that Melissa be involved in letter writing.

Hampden Co-op Rep. from the Mayfest event 7:55

Mayfest 3 day event. Saturday May 13 event is from 11-3. Six bands, Diverse Performers, Urban Growler and Foxy Falafel, bringing in vendors, face painting, zero waste event. Have noise variance permit. \$8000 grant.

Idea for this came from a couple thing: Wanting to show some energy to South St. Anthony Park and open up entertainment and performers.

Taking place in co-op parking lot. Can park in business across street. Got permission to park in business. Talked about having a table to engage community members.

Got permits this week for movies in the park for June, July, and August. Would like to see community sponsorship. Permit and movie costs about \$600, invite communities and community sponsorship in. Can make popcorn and set out tin can with "suggested donations."

Saturday, June 10-Zootopia Saturday, July 15-Queen of Kagwe Saturday, August 12-Sing

Also AM and PM door knocking. AM west across street from co-op, PM east behind us. Want to give information about Mayfest and movies in park during door knocks. Hope is that space becomes a safe space for families to come from other side of the park. With movies in the park, want to make a deeper connection with Seal high-rise residents.

Good Access Grant Melissa HPC 8:20

Co-op is applying for Good Food Access Grant (GFAG). What I'm doing is asking for letters of support, including SAPCC.

Draft Letter that can be adjusted:

Motion: "The St. Anthony Park Community Council enthusiastically endorses Hampden Park Food Cooperative's application for GFAP's Equipment and Physical Improvement front. The co-op has been a neighborhood institution for 40 plus years, providing access to sustainably and locally produced food for generations of SAP

Christina will forward Suyapa and Cailin Mayfest Flyers

Christina will email information about movies in the park

Motion for council to draft letter of support for GFAG passed unanimously residents. As our neighborhood diversifies, and as we uncover increasing needs among our low-income community members for food access and equity, the co-op's presence has become crucial for the long-term health of the area."

Due next Wednesday

Moved and seconded, passed unanimously

How does SAPCC go about working on grants thinking about process 8:35

Major grant submitted to Enterprise for building resilience against climate change. This grant went into building food resilience and food supply, especially to people of low incomes. Place making, colorful tables that can be moved around, brought together at central location for picnics. Getting free healthy food at Hampden Park Co-op. Christina said once a week they could have a table of free food out there.

Blue Cross Blue Shield was \$60,000 for first year, 40 some thousand for second year. First year more research and analysis to frame up what we are doing in second year.

Executive committee wants us to talk about our philosophy about grants. Would you like to hear about grants beforehand? Let's talk about procedure.

John Mark-We do have guiding principles of 10-Year Plan. If you are pursuing a grant and can get reference from principles and goals, then I am fine with it. If there is association of grant and alignment with strategic planning ok for staff to go forward as they see fit.

Melissa-I worry that we cause undue stress. If there are times where additional direction, assistance, then call that out and say staff can do XYZ.

What do we do if non-staff sees a grant? If you have motivation then you find time and you can write something a lot faster than Cailin and Suyapa can then just go for it. We will do as much as we can to help.

If we find a grant, the first thing we do is notify staff if we are interested. Second, we expect to take lead on that and if we can't we make that clear in our ask and wait for feedback. Same goes for staff.

Letters of support to work with American Heart Association 8:30 http://www.heart.org/HEARTORG/General/Minnesotans-for-Healthy-Kids-Coalitio n UCM 308624 Article.jsp#.WO6uyjo2zVI

Not included in Governor's budget. It was in for 10 million dollars in both House and Senate, they said it will go to omnibus bill. It's currently 250K per year, it would go into providing healthy foods and is supposed to be statewide money. They would like us to join on as partners. We would like the formal backing of the council to show some prowess and grassroots.

Move that we draft a letter of support for this legislation (Ray) Second (John Mark) Sign and submit.

Resolution to draft a letter of support for legislation passed unanimously Is that sufficient? (Michael) Cailin's request would be to have Suyapa sign it and take a picture so she can send to PH tonight. Approval of motion passed unanimously.

Staff updates: 8:55

MAY FEST

- •Council presence at the event
- •Thinking about citizen engagement strategies 10yr planning

What was talked about in Equity Committee? Engagement subcommittee (Ian) organizing engagement communication in equity. Basically a meeting in between equity meetings, it will play into what we do for May Fest and 10-Year Plan. Are we buying a board or building a board? Unsure. Dot-mocracy. Steering committee wants open-ended questions. Little map where person circles where they are. Cailin set up spreadsheet to identify places.

Kasota Ponds cleanup had over 50 volunteers
Oakland Conference—Othering & Belonging Conference (April 30-May 4)

Summary – To understand the structural dynamics and systems that underpin toxic inequality, the politics of hate and division, and the rise of ultra-nationalistic and authoritarian institutions. We know we must not only understand these forces, we must protect our communities who are targeted and made vulnerable by them as well.

Believing in a necessary response to the extraordinary challenges we face today is that of Belonging. Belonging means having a meaningful voice. Belonging means being afforded the opportunity to participate in the design of social and cultural structures. Belonging means the right to contribute and make demands upon society and institutions.

Other Agenda Items 9:00

Michael-We need to be reviewing policies and procedures online

Financial report is next month look forward to thorough discussion/conversation

Adjourn 9:01

Motion to adjourn approved unanimously