

DRAFT SAPCC Board Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2016

Note: Minutes have not been approved by the full board. They will be subject to approval pending review on February 11, 2016. Until that time, this document remains in draft form.

Open

Introductions

Present: Max Herzberg, Ian Luby, Amanda Yang, Suyapa Miranda, Matt Hass, Michael Russelle, Ray Bryan, Charlie Christopherson, Scott Simmons,

In attendance: Daniel Sarasti, Darcy Rivers (St Paul Parks and Rec), Les Everett.

Approved Consent Agenda Ian moved, Michael second. Approved

Heard from Darcy Rivers - Saint Paul Recreation Director - Community director for Langford, Northwest Como and North Dale.... She is interested in new ideas for any programming at Langford, contact Darcy Rivers. Open to input from community. Programming for Summer 2016 - open to ideas. Winter Adventures Feb 20 (3rd Saturday)... bringing in skis and snowshoes, plus there will be skating. Taking registrations for indoor soccer and volleyball in March. Preschool and youth classes coming up. Asked us to share the information on our site. Michael discussed Langford roof condition and asked about the CIB request for remodeling. Discussion of how easy access is for south side youth. Free after school program (rec check), bus drops them off after school. Darcy offered the Council space to communicate our activities at Park and Rec events and to use space for community events.

Chair Updates:

Environment did not meet

Transportation - Ray - Committee tried to do some goal setting, as reported in minutes. Discussion around Raymond Ave. Phase III - kids crossing, etc. At that point had not heard back from Barb Mundahl... school wants crossing to stay at Gorden and not move to Priscilla.

Land Use - Ray - chairing meeting., There is no permanent chair for Land Use yet. Decision was tabled until the during the meeting. Meeting dominated by ADU discussion. Primary discussion was focused on St Anthony Park ADU Task Force recommendations. A motion to support their recommendations. Went to board for approval. Passed with split vote and sent to Council.

Concern was expressed that the Suyapa spoke to current struggle in Land Use committee was having difficulty and inability to get beyond ADU issue so they could to address other issues on the agenda. Wonders how acceptable it is to not get beyond this contentious issue. Ray responded that as acting chair, he allowed conversation to continue for the entire meeting in order to give visitors a chance to speak and community a chance to vote, and accepts some responsibility for his part in the way that particular evening went. Board recognized that contentious, emotional issues arise from time to time and discussed ways how to address to deal with these committee in our meetings when discussing contentious, emotional issues. Time limits for each speaker, keeping order in the room to avoid distracting conversation, and asking people to speak only once or one speaker at a time were suggested. It is important that the chair and committee members communicate their expectation that everyone remain civil. Suyapa suggests the Council setting up ground rules for such meetings, and making sure that committee members and community members are unaware of how Council works and express anger and frustration. Ian suggests

that having a consistent chair would be helpful to help things run more smoothly and less divisively. Charlie suggested norms of collaboration for such meetings - setting up parameters beforehand. Michael spoke to the possibility of co-chairs - Ian expressed interest. Darcy Rivers (St Paul Parks and Rec) expressed that Council is always welcome to be present at Park and Rec events or to use space for community events.

Equity - Collecting data on demographics, encouraging training in cultural awareness, highlighted a successful meet and greet party at Seal HiRise party, noted that there is food pantry in the District

Living Wage Ordinance... bypassed, Postponed because representative not here

Council conflict of interest policy discussion. Michael led discussion. Reviewed our policy.

Discussed how to apply this more effectively to council and committee meetings. Discussed having every committee review the conflict of interest policy... and (Scott suggestion) opening meetings with an opportunity to reveal conflict of interest. Matt suggested staff send our current policy to all committee chairs and have a five minute review and discussion at their next meeting.

ADU City Plans/ADU Task force. Land Use Committee approved task force recommendations and to send them to Council for discussion and consideration. Vote was 6 for/ 1 against/ 4 abstentions.

Discussion about issue. Noted that Land Use Committee presented no official position about the City proposal. They acted upon the Task Force Recommendation. Given that there was no formal recommendation, and in light that Planning and Zoning will be meeting early February, Board decided to first discuss the City Proposal in light that Planning and Zoning will be meeting early February.

Michael moved we offer a letter of support for the Saint Paul Transport Corridor ADU recommendations, Charlie seconded. Discussion. To the question of whether to send this back to the Land Use Committee, Ray noted that the land use committee would not have opportunity to weigh in on city proposal before the due date, as committee proposals are always sent to the full council for approval and action. Motion Passed Unanimously.

After discussion, Scott moved that the Community Council endorse the recommendations made by Land Use Committee and ADU Task Force and send them to City Planning and City Council to consider for future ADU policy outside the transit corridor. Ray seconded. Motion passed unanimously

Michael recommended that Staff, Council, Land Use Efficiency group, Task force and Land Use committee contributions/history be included in the letter of support.

Ray moved that Community Council recognized the able assistance of Community Council staff in assisting the land use committee and ADU Task Force in order to bring the document to fruition. Michael Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Matt asked that the board review the strategic plan and be prepared to suggest three goals for the coming year. Matt will communicate prior to next meeting with board regarding goal setting prior the next meeting. Strategic Planning and goals should be first agenda item in February meeting

Budget: Reviewed budget in progress. Made some specific recommendations and will be looking to review and approve in February.

Staff Update: Suyapa is working with YMCA to bring in a cultural competency coach to work with staff and board (Alicia Sojourner), asked whether the budget should come to executive committee board before moving forward. Matt asked if other options had been considered. Suyapa had contacted about 4 so far. Decided that discussion and continued development should go through Equity Committee.

Office Moving in a couple of weeks. Suyapa will put a call out to board to help if/as needed. Will have a housewarming party.