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**Saint Anthony Park Community Council
Environment Committee meeting
June 26, 2019, Lori's Coffeehouse**

Attending: Lisa Habeck, Steve Ray, Tim Wulling, Betty Wheeler, Michael Russelle

We reviewed the draft minutes of the May meeting, but several members asked to review them in detail and finalize the minutes at the July meeting. Lisa reported that David Wellington confirmed that, because the City refused to maintain Gateway Park, Wellington Management had taken care of maintenance for several years, but did not continue. It was not clear whether they are willing to begin maintenance again. Michael reported that the Board agreed unanimously to recognize Stephen Mastey's and Jon Schumacher's work to improve tree replacement in the business section of Como Ave. Michael volunteered to talk with Kathryn and Emily, the SAPCC staff, about communicating opportunities to improve energy efficiency of rental units to renters and their landlords.

Our discussion focused on the City's comments about the draft Community Plan. We went through each comment and suggested edit. These responses are recorded in the spreadsheet and in the marked-up copy of the Plan. A few of the more salient changes are listed here:

Zach Jorgensen, Urban Forester with the City of Saint Paul, recommended we include the concept of "healthy urban soils." Michael will draft some background language and include related goals. Betty will draft a goal related to educating the neighborhood on the topic.

Wes Saunders-Pearce, Water Resource Coordinator for the City, made a few excellent suggestions regarding water quality protection and provided research results on the poor longevity of water infiltration with permeable pavers, all of which will influence edits to the Community Plan.

Anton Jerve, Principal City Planner for the City, and Mike Richardson, City Planner, asked for clarification of several goals in the Climate Change, Parks and Recreation, and Water, Soil, and Air sections, which we shall provide.

Monte Hilleman, Saint Paul Port Authority, requested that we add the Port Authority to the Climate Change Strategy implementation table, which we are happy to do.

At our last meeting, Terry Chaney, Outreach Specialist with the Center on Energy and Environment, indicated that they have a program specifically aimed to improve energy efficiency in rental properties. Michael will talk with Kathryn and with Emily Rodriguez, who is making connections with renters and landlords in the neighborhood, about promoting CEE's program.

Apparently, no applications have been received for the position of MWMO Commissioner from our area. We will ask Karlyn how to proceed.

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We reviewed several requests forwarded by Kathryn Murray. No volunteers offered to coordinate storm drain stenciling (request from Daurius Mikrobarts, Friends of the Mississippi River). Michael will follow up with John Shepard, who wrote about excessive and poorly scheduled noise from maintenance activities at the water tower near Hoyt. Notification of the Saint Paul Regional Water annual report (www.stpaul.gov/waterquality) was circulated.

Betty reported that the air quality monitoring equipment has been installed at Urban Growler.

Meeting adjourned.