

SAPCC Board of Directors Meeting Agenda DRAFT

Thursday, August 12, 2021 7PM

Online via [Zoom](#)

Raymond Bryan Chairing

Present: Michael Russelle, Pat Thompson, Melissa Pappas, Ben Bauer, Scott Simmons

Guests: Liz Hixon - St. Paul Parks & Recreation, Betty Wheeler, Stephen Mastey

7:00	<p>Call to Order/Land Acknowledgement/Introductions (include pronouns) - <i>Please take this time to let us know if you are in need of assistance due to the pandemic.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Land Acknowledgement 	
7:05	<p>Consent Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● July Minutes ● LUC: 662 Raymond Ave and 2300 Myrtle Ave border adjustment ● Finance Committee: Monthly Reports <p><u>Minutes:</u> July Board minutes are rough and need some work. MR moved approval, PT second. Approved unanimously.</p>	See Minutes
7:10	<p>Committee Reports (brief description - 5 min. each) <i>Committees are encouraged to submit minutes to staff with "Draft" in the written title and approve those minutes at the next meeting.</i></p> <p><u>Minutes:</u> Equity: Working on Homelessness Community Meeting with St. Anthony Park Community Foundation for either 9/23 or 9/30. Discussion on relationship with SPPD - postponed for when there is better attendance. Exploring voter registration work with HENS. Sunday Tables are still happening.</p> <p>Environment: Val Cervenka's membership vote (MR moved, Scott second. Approved unanimously.) Discussion on park naming recommendations from the Environment Committee (<i>See below</i>. MR moved, SS second. Approved unanimously.) The 100 Trees Initiative has been going well. Trees were hurt by the heat but made a comeback. Looking for new sites. Need referrals for 10/9 community planting day. Chimney Swifts spotted in SSAP. Substantial populations. Karlyn Eckman is leading the effort to build nesting structures. Working on the Kasota Ponds - clean up to do following clearing out of homeless by MnDOT. Lots of wildlife around the ponds. Environment/LUC need to coordinate communication through Kathryn and Stephen Mastey.</p> <p>We strongly support the city's processes of putting out a call for native artists through its usual channels to propose educational and interpretive artwork and sculptures for the new park. However, we also agreed that we can facilitate the dissemination of that call by sending the city's media releases to Indigenous people for whom we have contact information.</p> <p>We encourage the Board to strongly support and advocate to the city for native artists to be recruited to produce the educational and interpretive artwork and sculptures for the new park in South St. Anthony Park at Emerald St. SE and Sharon Ave. SE, with designs that are <u>meaningful and relevant</u> to native beliefs and/or culture.</p> <p>In addition, we also encourage the Board to advocate to the city that the artists chosen should be awarded higher payments than the minimal amounts required from the art reserves for a new park. We recognize that</p>	See minutes.

	<p>this will require some additional funds out of the entire park budget, but this is particularly justified because artists generally do not have salaries or other security for their income. MR moved, SS second. Approved unanimously.</p> <p>Although we had been planning to provide the names of Indigenous artists directly to you, it became clear to us that it could be less inclusive than desired. Once the Parks & Rec department has developed the Request for Qualifications (if following the Highland Bridge model), SAPCC will be happy to promote it to artists with whom we are familiar.</p> <p>Transportation: Following the 280/MnDOT presentation, the department decided not to increase speeds and construction will not happen for 5-6 years. Two big grants funding the Territorial-Carleton project. Not in minutes/for 8/31: a lengthy letter that we are being asked to sign onto will be presented on Rethinking 94 - could come to the whole board. Could go into Oct. MR recommends that the whole board look at it and go off TC recommendations.</p> <p>Land Use: Looked at 662 Raymond Ave and 2300 Myrtle Ave border adjustment. Opposed 2318 Standish lot split - has since been approved - thought there could have been better use of the whole lot. Luther Seminary new redevelopers had an outreach meeting 8/10. BW - next meeting 8/18 at Lauderdale City Hall.</p>	
7:30	<p>Artist Recommendation Discussion (in Environment Committee Update)</p> <p>Minutes: Liz is a Project Manager working on new parks. This park is located on the edge of St. Paul on the city line. Project started in 2008. Area is not as green as the rest of the City or SAP. Land was given as Parkland Diversion by the developer. Wasn't available until 2020. Are now ready for bidding. Current funding \$315,000 Construction (from Parkland Dedication. Open suggestions. Looking at "Park 2" next to the area. Future trail/Park 2 to west/southwest of the park. Plan presented last fall was a palette and plant communities plan. Since that time they have been working with engineer to prepare planting plans to get ready for bidding. Also refining grading so soil does not have to be taken off site, and possibility for infiltration basins. Were able to get more information about utilizing tree trenches on boulevards (like 100 Trees Initiative. Wabash Ave Trail Connection - passed first round for DNR grant. Finalizing the grant will take significant time. City expects to have funding to build connection in 2-3 years. Hope to work with I-94 rebuild to look at the Wabash bridge. In summary: Currently in Engineering & Permits, soon will be at Bidding and Contractor Selection.</p> <p>Questions/Comments: Ferd Peters - lot of weeds growing there. Thinks it should be mowed. Liz - was seeded with stablization mix. Can let forestry know. Stephen M. - At what point can we see the plans and the plant selection. Liz - have to wait until final bid is selected. Stephen - usual process with the district council is to present to us earlier in the process particularly about things we weighed in on earlier. Would be nice to be able to provide the neighborhood with an update that is not so technical. Liz - Typically don't do a review of that sort with a full board. Happy to schedule a meeting to discuss further. Stephen - Is there a way to have updates for the Environment Committee? Ray - Questions about water remediation. Liz - working with engineers, Capital Region Watershed District, and xxx to make a low maintenance plan. Infiltration tests in the next coming weeks and can provide an update of the results and send a summary afterwards. Michael - doesn't look like there was topsoil put on site prior to handing over to Parks and Rec. Very rocky. Appreciated sharing of the borings with the Environment Committee. Happy that there will be more borings. We want the trees to survive and thrive. Liz - have a method to promote tree root growth. Stephen - if there was a specification of how the soil was supposed to be left, get the developer to</p>	Liz Hixon/Michael

	<p>provide it instead of it coming out of the park budget. Stephen - where are you at for artist selection? Liz - haven't received artist recommendations. First working on bidding. \$3-4k for art. Need to see a resolution from the Environment Committee. Other districts have solicited grants to supplement the art budget. Will have to look into the budget. Stephen - We are encouraging the City to not think of the 1% for art as the whole number, but as the starting point. Betty - Thank you for all the work since you last presented. Bid documents - lives on a street that was recently reconstructed. Trees brought to the boulevard were in bad stock. Lots of weeds in the fill. Would be very cost effective to have soil scientists inspect the fill to ensure quality of materials.</p>	
8:00	<p>Designate Election Committee/Secretary Minutes: Election: Michael, Ray, Melissa - Pat moved, MR second. Approved. Michael, Pat, Amanda not running Secretary: Pat Thompson; MR moved, SS second Approved.</p>	Kathryn
8:20	<p>Financial Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grants Updates: GNF, AARP 	Kathryn/John
8:30	<p>Staff Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HENS - voter registration presentation at next Equity Committee Meeting. Office Closure - extension to delta variant of COVID-19 - MR move to extend any selection until Feb. SS second. Not to restrict the search. The Wave may not have passed by then. Approved Unanimously. Territorial crosswalk for AARP/GNF grant being separated from general request for artists due to the specifications required by state/fed. for an arterial road crosswalk. Soliciting a single artist to design and paint the Territorial crosswalk without a call for artists. 	Kathryn
8:50	<p>Other Business MR - SAPCF just released a call for grants on resilience, sustainability, and equity. Council to apply. MR knows that they want to see partnerships. MR - one half of members = quorum FP - 842 building built by carpenters union. Had a fuel tank next to the building which was being removed - people buying the building (immigration law firm) from the land bank found it and the land bank removed the tank.</p>	
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