

SAPCC Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 9, 2021 7PM

Online via [Zoom](#)

Melissa Pappas Chairing

7:00	Call to Order/Land Acknowledgement/Introductions	
7:05	<p>Consent Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● August 8, 2021 minutes were corrected (under staff updates) to add “Soliciting a single artist to design and paint the Territorial crosswalk without a call for artists.” ● Land Use: letter of support for Midway Residents building reconstruction (updating for code, accessibility, energy use) ● Simmons/Russelle — passed unanimously 	<i>See minutes</i>
7:10	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>Equity: Homelessness forum planning. October 28 6 p.m. Need to decide on moderator, zoom chat monitoring. Who is the audience: people who want to help. Question of making a statement about working with SPPD — no definite decision made. Talk to the Mayor’s community-first safety commission. Conversation may be more important than making a statement. Voter registration October 12 2:30-4:00 p.m. during mobile market, blood pressure checks by SAPAS at Seal. Keep St. Paul Home info and whether/how to be involved.</p> <p>Transportation: In addition to Rethinking I-94 letter sign-on approval, much discussion of the Seal Street painting project, which will likely be on the first Saturday in October (details to come), join in if you can. Artist RFQs for that and benches are due tomorrow. Territorial crosswalk underway with artist and ROW office. Outreach work will be a focus in the next month. Also Rethinking I-94 outreach. Extend the Greenway ties in with Rethinking I-94 in terms of multimodal aspect. Discussed getting more involved with that effort.</p> <p>Land Use: Aside from the Midway Residents, Paul Abdul brought preliminary thoughts about developing a student-oriented apartment building at 2495 Kasota (the ash dump site) with some subsurface parking. Environment Committee members spoke about the site with him. Luther Seminary update, not much new. New park at Westgate, Midtown Greenway Extension economic impact report as well.</p> <p>Environment: New park at Westgate: overgrown with tree saplings, RFQ for artists is being limited to Parks’ usual list, which doesn’t include almost any Indigenous artists. Committee is providing an additional list of Indigenous artists, and waiting to hear on soil improvements. 100 Trees Initiative - October 9 is the likely date for planting. Dominion/Union Flats is one site that needs replacement trees on boulevard (more on that later). Kasota Ponds: MnDOT cleared out the south end of vegetation and put up no trespassing signs, denuded the ground in some places to the point where erosion could be a problem. Salt management is an issue by west pond, trying to contact adjacent land owner. The committee is making three requests to SAP Community Foundation: towers for chimney swifts, shoreline stabilization and buckthorn removal at Kasota Ponds, and money to improve the artist payment at the new park. Also talking to David Wellington and Sunrise Bank about that last idea.</p>	<i>See minutes</i>
7:30	<p>Rethinking I-94 letter sign-on request: The Transportation Committee unanimously endorsed signing onto the draft letter, which makes three key criticisms of MnDOT’s preliminary draft Purpose & Need statement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do not separate primary and secondary needs, with livability needs of communities considered secondary to physical infrastructure, mobility, and ill-defined “safety” 	Pat Thompson

	<p>2. Comply with state and local climate plans and goals to reduce vehicle miles traveled</p> <p>3. Rewrite the Purpose & Need statement to establish evaluation criteria based on these changes. A specific alternative statement is endorsed.</p> <p>SAPCC is asked to endorse the letter, with its intent that the narrative of Rethinking I-94 must be changed from “which of the alternatives has the least bad impact” to creating alternatives that support and benefit the communities along the corridor. Michael encourages us to sign on. Ben agrees. Scott also. Motion to approve the letter (Russelle/Simmons) passed unanimously.</p> <p>Dominium letter:</p> <p>Union Flats opened in 2019. After a year, it became obvious that maintenance indoors and outdoors was lacking, seemed to almost be a hobby instead of professional. Chest-high weeds, garage never cleaned (photos). High-traffic areas need professional cleaning and the building is degrading without it. Trees are dying on Territorial side. Seems like an exploitation of tax credits. SAPCC was notified of traffic noise fall 2020, drive-by shooting in February 2021... Ward 4 office was brought in, Patty Lammers from SPPD. Though meeting was held, since then there have been many break-ins, package and bike thefts, and general lack of sanitation continues. SAPCC May community meal, July 2021 new round of complaints. Management will be changing soon, but it may only be because when the initial two-year period ends, tax credit filing requirements change, so it may actually get worse. Other Dominium buildings like the Pillsbury A Mill and Schmidt Artist Lofts have experienced changing management issue also.) Bike room door doesn’t close properly, does not get fixed. Fire alarms turned off on fire escape doors. Has neighboring business Dynamic Fastener gotten involved? Management threatened to lock the trash chute rooms on individual floors (2 such rooms per floor), which means people would have to take trash to basement (an ADA violation). There is no weekend emptying. A person who kept their bike in unit may have been fined for doing that, so kept in bike garage and it was stolen. Cockroaches spotted in the garbage room again. Worry about smell from the HVAC units. There is an interaction of how well-kept a building looks and crime, according to Patty Lammers. This affects 560 adults, 217 units, plus an unknown number of children. Residents are building awareness, getting to know each other and see patterns to bring to management. Working as individuals becoming collective, welcome neighborhood pressure and support. But management doesn’t seem to listen. Say one thing to your face, then say they didn’t say that. (According to residents, there is a class action lawsuit against Dominium for tax credit abuse.) Understaffed and unprofessional maintenance is a key attribute. Russelle/Thompson motion: to write an expedited letter by staff with approval by Executive Committee to DSI, Western District, Department of Health, PED, Ward 4, cc’ed to Dominium. (Also, rent increases will be taking effect at more than 10% over initial rent from two years ago, 1BR going from \$1K to \$1150.)</p>	
7:45	<p>Financial Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Report for August: Reimbursement came in, plus AARP grant (\$8500 restricted) so income looks high, but it’s just how the ebb and flow goes. Payroll was low because Jessica had some time off, but that will pick up now. Year to date is about \$5K under on expense, mostly because of the payroll gap when we were between organizers. Bauer/Simmons moved to approve the review. ● Grants update: Territorial project work is moving apace. ● Canvassing: Jessica will send out an email soliciting further volunteers. There is a script, pamphlets. 	Kathryn Murray

8:40	<p>Staff Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New Right Track + Intern: welcome Abdiraham Ali! Taking photos, working on the website, working on a business spreadsheet and neighborhood rental availability database ● Fusion land use training available at a group rate, and also a city board training through the city district council office. If you are interested... The board training is open to candidates as well. Sept. 16 5:30–7:00 p.m. and Sept 17 12:00 noon–1:30 p.m. Bike plan update (which will also be on the next Transportation Committee agenda). Redistricting topic also, probably would go to the Equity Committee if there anything to do. ● Voter Registration at Seal Hi-Rise: Oct. 12 2:30–4:00 p.m. ● Homelessness/Home Insecurity Virtual Seminar: Oct. 28 6:00–8:30 p.m. 	Kathryn Murray
8:50	<p>Other Business</p> <p>Elections: September 27 candidate deadline. Committee will meet. SSAP reps particularly needed. Scott is not planning to re-up as an organizational rep. Organizational reps also needed.</p>	
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