

**SAPCC Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 12, 2022**

7:00	<p>Call to Order/Introductions  Attendees: Ray Bryan (chairing), Pat Thompson (secretary), Melissa Pappas, John Mauer, Michael Russelle, Nick Studenski, Bailey Waters, Starke Mueller, Jessica Willman (SAPCC community organizer), Kathryn Murray (executive director)  Guests: Roger Purdy, Mark VanderSchaaf, Ashwat Narayanan (Our Streets Minneapolis)</p> <p>- Land acknowledgement</p>	
7:05	<p>Consent agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● April minutes</li> <li>● Finance Committee:  Monthly reports  Community Booth at SAP Arts Festival June 4, fee for \$50 (<i>need volunteers from each committee - Jessica is not available to staff it</i>)  Territorial Road bench artist payment in advance of reimbursement</li> </ul>	<p><i>Thompson/Maurer  Passed  unanimously, no  abstentions</i></p>
7:10	<p>Committee reports (brief description - 5 min. each)</p> <p><b>Equity:</b> Presentation from Greater East Side renter advocacy group, possibility of an event and how to organize one here. HomeLine presented about having a tenant organizer volunteer with D10 — do we want to go forward with it? Discuss with Finance Committee, would be in 2023. Ice Cream social will be a main topic at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Land Use:</b> Twin Cities Boulevard was the major topic and committee voted to sign on to the letter. Cleveland trees: moved to draft a letter about SAPCC frustration at the lack of communication, plea to preserve trees. Meeting time may change because the date is a week before the board meeting. May go back to in-person meeting.</p> <p><b>Transportation:</b> Short presentation on detour of St. Paul Campus Circulator during Cleveland construction — Scudder to Raymond, back to campus on Commonwealth or Carter, depending on which intersection is open; Territorial Road June 11 event planning; May 19 6:00 p.m. health effects of highways forum at St. Peter Claver Church; members attended a work session of County Commissioners, and county roads with bike lanes will be getting lower speed limits probably by the end of the year, more bike lanes coming when mill &amp; overlays are done and then lower speed limits</p> <p><b>Environment:</b> Cap Region rain gardens grant, keeping track of volunteer hours. Twin Cities Boulevard: discussion. Storm drain stenciling: underway. Westgate Park (name is now that) is underdevelopment, paths are in, retention ponds. Fall opening. Chimney swifts are in the neighborhood, tower will be built next week, SSAP location. Grant app at Robbins and 280, at Raymond. Stormwater on unimproved alleys, “green alleys.” 100 Trees initiative in SSAP, May 21 contact Michael or Ben Shardlow (benshardlow@gmail.com). Working on a tour at the WestRock plant, if you want to go, let Michael know. Cleveland trees some discussion.</p>	<p><i>See minutes</i></p>
7:30	<p><b>Twin Cities Boulevard:</b> The Transportation Committee’s motion to approve SAPCC signing onto the Our Streets Minneapolis letter in support of the Twin Cities Boulevard was brought off the table.  <a href="https://www.twincitiesboulevard.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/3_2_2022-Twin-Cities-Boulevard-Organization-Sign-on-Letter.pdf">https://www.twincitiesboulevard.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/3_2_2022-Twin-Cities-Boulevard-Organization-Sign-on-Letter.pdf</a>  Mark V: History rhymes but that may not be recognized. In 1986, he took a dream job in St. Paul PED, first project was reparations-related in Frogtown, but affected St. Anthony Park. SAP did rigorous analysis, robust community engagement (w Midway</p>	<p><i>Motions from  Transportation,  Land Use,  Environment</i></p> <p><i>Passed  unanimously, no</i></p>

	<p>Chamber). Came to support the work. Implication of his message is that ReConnect Rondo is thoughtful, Twin Cities Boulevard and SAP support of it is not. Advice: SAPCC should write its own letter, not declaring TCB as preferred alternative. Maintain independence. Signing on compromises evaluation of options. Need to see weaknesses in it as well. Environment Committee agreed to sign on because of the primary point of the Boulevard, but has questions about the overall carbon footprint of the project and details.</p> <p>Our Streets was just informed Friday that MnDOT is going to consider highway to boulevard conversion as an alternative, but it is still an early state: the Purpose &amp; Need and goals for Rethinking I-94 have not been released, so we don't know if the aspects we care about are being valued or not vs. vehicle throughput, which need to be added in order for the boulevard to get a fair evaluation. Transportation is the largest and fastest growing carbon source. When deciding whether it is wise to say SAPCC endorses TCB as the preferred alternative, it's important to remember that the choices are not TCB and something better: they are TCB and a rebuilt highway or a bigger highway. It is incorrect to say that slower traffic (as on a boulevard vs. a highway) increases pollution output vs faster/highway traffic. In changing our ways to mitigate climate change, we have to start where we are: the boulevard allows change over time, while a rebuilt highway doesn't. Induced demand from road space is real, and reduced road capacity and reduced traffic is real. Traffic gets better in boulevard conversions and highway removals. Even better would be a boulevard with green spaces, trees, pedestrians, solar, wetlands... there are a lot of details in the Boulevard vision that need to be worked out, but it can end up with a cleaner environment, carbon sequestration benefit. The time to pump the brakes on ideas like the Boulevard is not now.</p> <p>Consideration of truck-based businesses/economic consideration of businesses without the highway. Remember that trucks can use the Boulevard. Path dependency keeps things going in the same direction, but we need to change. The narrative changes. This is the way to make sure this alternative is truly considered.</p> <p>Environment Committee had a set of concerns and there may be concerns from other committees that should be included in the separate letter to MnDOT. These may apply only to Rethinking I-94 or to MnDOT projects more widely. We ran out of time, so this will be run through email to get a draft for approval either through Exec or at the next board meeting.</p>	<p><i>abstentions (the chair not voting)</i></p> <p><i>Russelle moved a second motion reflecting the Environment Committee's sentiments /second Studenski</i></p>
7:50	<p>Financial review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Grant updates: We are waiting for Good Neighbor Fund reimbursement for 100 Trees 2021; three 2022 applications were sent in: ice cream social, SAP gateway (Robbins at Raymond), and Charles Plaza. SAP Community Foundation: application for Equity's food access programs (meals, Bright Side). Jessica is now a signer on the account.</li> <li>● Taxes and annual renewals: 2018 missed something on the 990, which then affected subsequent years. Has held up our reimbursements, but will clear soon.</li> </ul>	Staff
8:05	<p>Staff updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Capital Improvement Budget rating process: District Councils have until June 3 to rate the proposals. PDFs were distributed to board members by email earlier this week. Our scoring is one single score per project for District 12. Should rate at least the ones in our own neighborhood, but can do others. Four are in D12... what process will we use to get that single score?</li> <li>● Territorial-Carleton project updates: Event on June 11.</li> <li>● Arts Festival June 4: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Committee members take turns over the day (plus setup and takedown). Signup form to come.</li> </ul>	Staff

8: 15	<p><b>Cleveland reconstruction updates:</b> 157 pink rings appeared on the Cleveland trees on April 27, marking them for removal as part of the street reconstruction. The number of trees that had been told to SAPCC (specifically in October 2020 and generally during the public engagement process in 2019) was tripled. After much neighborhood outcry, people contacting electeds, and press coverage, a pause on the planned May 10 removal was called by the county. Thompson, Russelle, and Willman are going to be meeting with Commissioner MatasCastillo (and Commissioner Carter’s aide) and county Public Works staff next week. They will try to get the plan reengineered to remove many fewer trees, remove the in-street bike lanes, if that is at all possible. No matter what, some trees will be removed in the rebuild, though hopefully not ones of age/size. If/when trees are taken down, SAPCC will work for climatological analysis of the wood, and reuse of the wood by local woodworkers. And replacement (no net loss of trees) with well-grown trees, using good soil instead of bad fill, and no 2022 removal of trees in areas that are not under construction this year. Karlyn Eckman has pointed out that the oaks south of Larpenteur appear to be Dakota compass trees. We could use a volunteer arborist contact to confer with.</p>	<p><i>Motion to deputize Thompson and Russelle to do what needs to be done in conversation with the County along these lines. Passed unanimously.</i></p>
8:30	<p>Other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Lab MN <i>Top Truck Takeover</i> (monthly food truck festival/competition) extension of service and sound variance requests for June 4, July 23, August 27, September 24, 2022 from 11:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m. They will send monthly requests in the future. There have been no complaints about their past events.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Russelle/Waters Passed unanimously</i></p>
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