

SAPCC Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, June 9, 2022
Chairing: Ben Bauer

7:00	<p>Call to Order/Introductions Attendees: Starke Mueller, John Mauer, Melissa Pappas, Corey Butler, Ray Bryan, Pat Thompson, Ben Bauer, Bill Anderson, Jessica Willman Guests: Kerry Morgan, Manu Junemann (Environment Committee), Brooke Peters, Verena Larson, Barry Bridges</p> <p>– Land acknowledgement</p>	
7:05	<p>Consent Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● May Minutes ● Transportation: Letter to Councilmember Mitra Jalali re: the USDOT Reconnect Communities Program (wording included within the Transportation Committee minutes) encouraging St. Paul to apply for a grant to study the effects of freeway removal; two members leaving the committee: Bailey Waters and Marcus Young ● Finance Committee: Monthly reports (<i>approved at Finance Committee</i>) 	<p><i>Maurer/Mueller Passed unanimously, no abstentions</i></p>
7:15	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>Equity: Ice Cream Social planning for September 17 (see agenda item); volunteer opportunities at Bright Side Produce.</p> <p>Land Use: Final site plans for Westgate Park and the Herbst Market project were approved. Cleveland street construction plan. June 22 is the end of the Stubb Hall rental by Ramsey County. Sherm Eagles will be meeting with Luther Seminary leadership soon about their future vision. The committee will not meet in July.</p> <p>Environment: Rennie, the committee’s new co-chair, is newly certified in emergency management by the county, and the committee will be working more on that. WestRock paper recycling plant tour for committee members on June 14 (largest employer in the neighborhood, 600 people). Tabling at the Territorial Road Block Party for drain-stenciling. Arbcide on Cleveland Avenue; still working on the trees north Buford, including the compass trees north of Folwell. Plantings in South SAP by 100 Trees Initiative have started. Westgate Park implementation is underway. Chimney swift towers are built and occupied (one is near Seal Hi-Rise/St. Anthony Greens townhomes, the other near Como and Doswell (?). Turkeys are camping in the prairie garden on Robbins. That area (along Robbins to 280 and up to the Kasota Ponds area as a whole) is a future area of emphasis. Want to engage with landowners in the area on a Community Environment Learning Center there... trails, etc. It’s 40 acres. Two watershed districts touch in this area, which means funding may be possible.</p> <p>Transportation: Many agenda topics are covered elsewhere on this Board agenda (Territorial Block Party, Cleveland trees, Reconnect Communities grant letter, semi truck parking, see the rest of the agenda). The second joint District Council Transportation Committee meeting was held. Two major topics: Rethinking I-94 and the great desire for traffic calming among residents, as evidenced by the fact that a third of the CIB proposals were about that topic, even though it was a bad fit for the funding call. The joint group will be coordinating on a letter that we can all use to encourage City Council > Public Works to apply for a new federal grant fund called Safe Streets for All (SS4A), deadline in September. The committee reviewed and rated the CIB proposals that applied to St. Anthony Park and prioritized the ones that had</p>	<p><i>See minutes.</i></p>

	<p>budget amounts realistic within the very limited CIB scope, met the CPTED criteria best that were guiding this year's CIB process, and fulfilled elements of the SAPCC 10-year plan (lighting on Robbins and Raymond south of University, and bike parking at city parks that don't have it currently). Finally: Prospect Park Neighborhood Association and our own members discovered that Territorial Road at the Minneapolis border, which was vacated to private land in the late 1990s, is no longer permeable to bikes and pedestrians. Hubbard Broadcasting and/or the adjacent property owner have erected an impenetrable fence where there used to be only Jersey barriers that were spaced out enough to allow bike/pedestrian access. This unofficial easement should not be lost to public use. See the motion under New Business.</p>	
7:35	<p>Transportation: Semi truck parking on city streets <i>Motion: St. Anthony Park Community Council urges the St. Paul City Council to ban parking by semi trucks on all St. Paul city streets, and to incentivize and coordinate private parking lots, if possible, to accommodate semi parking.</i> Approved 4 to 1 at the Transportation Committee meeting. Discussion: The number of semis parking in both North and South SAP is increasing. Complaints of blocking loading dock entrances at businesses, inability to see stop signs and other signage. Near crashes due to bad visibility at corners. It's a tough thing for the truckers to ban them from parking on streets: they are often contractors who have been left out to dry by their "employers" in the gignification of trucking. At the same time, it is unfair for the companies who employ the truckers to externalize their costs onto everyone else. In addition to private parking, we could ask the city to identify publicly owned parcels that are appropriate to this kind of parking. Anderson moved an amendment to change the wording of the motion to "coordinate private or public parking uses." <i>Final motion: St. Anthony Park Community Council urges the St. Paul City Council to ban parking by semi trucks on all St. Paul city streets, and to incentivize and coordinate private or public parking uses, if possible, to accommodate semi parking.</i></p>	<p><i>Amendment approved (Anderson/Bryan) Unanimous</i></p> <p><i>Motion approved as amended (Anderson/Butler) Unanimous</i></p>
7:45	<p>Cleveland Trees Update On May 19, SAPCC reps met with Ramsey County to make the case for reengineering the Cleveland street design so that the number of trees affected could be decreased. In addition to that, we gave them a list of 26 particularly significant trees south of Buford not directly in the path of the construction that we hoped they could figure out a way to save, if the project were to go ahead with the current plan. They replied a week later that the project would go ahead as is, and only 1 of the 26 trees we had listed was savable, and possibly up to 5 more. Since then, SAPCC reps have been working with neighbors who have stepped forward on a number of avenues to urge the county to reengineer the project. We explored whether a temporary restraining order / injunction was possible and if so, who the plaintiff would be. That has turned out to not be possible for a variety of reasons. Op-eds/letters were published in both daily newspapers, a detailed letter on policy failures was sent to our County Commissioners and cc'ed to the Met Council. A petition has so far gathered about 600 names. Working on saving the nine "sanitary sewer trees" also. A Procession for the Trees is scheduled for this Saturday, June 11, at noon. Work to limit tree removal on Phase 2 (north of Buford) is still possible. <i>Motion: SAPCC to be the filer of an EAW to Ramsey County on the Cleveland Avenue rebuilding project, particularly but not limited to the phase north of Buford, and considering the historical significance of the trees to indigenous peoples in the area.</i></p>	<p><i>Motion approved unanimously (Anderson/Thompson)</i></p>
8:10	Ice Cream Social	Bill Anderson

	September 17, 2:00–5:00 p.m. at Hampden Park. Committee involvement. Funding approved through the Finance Committee from donation. Land Use: Pet station (pet ice cream, water). Kids’ bike slalom by Transportation Committee. Environment: food wrangling. Plus committee info at the picnic tables. CEZ, Transition Town, CERT, Patty Lammers, other organizations	
8:15	Financial Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Waiting on Community Engagement Funds from the City and Good Neighbor Fund ● SAP Community Foundation - Received \$2,000 for Equity Committee Food Support ● Wrapping up the AARP and STAR Grants for the Territorial Road project ● Applied for an Awesome Grant for extra mural expenses ● Fundraising mailer was submitted 	John/Jessica
8:20	Staff Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kathryn on maternity leave/Jessica – jessica@sapcc.org. She will also send a phone number that goes through the official SAPCC phone system. ● CIB - submitted on Friday, June 3. Confirmed that it was received. ● Territorial/Carleton project, Territorial Road Block Party: it may rain, unfortunately... Jessica, Pat and Scott will determine if we should announce a rain date somehow. ● Catalytic converter anti-theft kit update: we are getting more kits and working to make sure that all garages in the SAP area are informed of their role in installing them. 	Jessica
8:30	Other Business In reference to the vacated Territorial Road blockage at the Minneapolis border described in the Transportation Committee report above. Motion: That St. Anthony Park write a letter to Hubbard Broadcasting and/or the adjacent property owner requesting access for bike and pedestrian users, particularly suggesting a daily narrow opening in the fence between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. Coordinate with Prospect Park Neighborhood Association.	Thompson/Butler <i>Passed unanimously</i>
8:40	Adjourn	