

**SAPCC Board of Directors  
Thursday, September 8, 2022**

7:00	<p><b>Call to order</b> Present: Ben Bauer (chairing), John Mauer, Melissa Pappas, Pat Thompson, Ray Bryan, Michael Russelle, Starke Mueller, Nick Studenski, Bill Anderson - Land acknowledgement</p>	
7:05	<p><b>Consent agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● August minutes</li> <li>● Land Use Committee: Playwrights Center letter of support for upcoming site plan review; letter to Sunrise Banks expressing our desire to maintain ped/bike connection between Sunrise property and Westgate Park</li> <li>● Finance Committee: monthly reports: no money came in during August (waiting for \$18K from the city and \$8K from STAR reimbursement); \$500 year-end bonus for Jessica Willman; task staff with Garage Sale in the future</li> </ul>	<i>Approved unanimously</i>
7:10	<p><b>Committee reports</b> <b>Land Use:</b> Playwrights Center presentation, the Ice Cream Social, and discussion of fences blocking pedestrian and bike access north of Hubbard Broadcasting/KSTP and west of the Sunrise Banks headquarters. The fence between Sunrise and the new park in Westgate has since been opened (due to some behind-the-scenes work), but a letter to the bank reinforcing the decision to open the gate is still a good idea. <b>Equity:</b> Most of the meeting, which was held at Union Flats as a community meal, was community conversation and questions. Jessica has notes on the conversation. Discussed the tenants' issues with Dominium. Ice Cream Social planning. <b>Environment:</b> 100 Trees Initiative is looking for late-Wednesday afternoon volunteers to do watering (sign up from the CEZ website). Mike Lukes, the new MWMO commissioner for St. Paul, joined the meeting - grant proposal will be done for Kasota Ponds. The chimney swift tower is underway in SSAP at St. Anthony Greens townhouses. Cleveland Ave. trees: not getting substantial changes in the Phase 2 design from the county. Rain garden maintenance: the Bayless and Ellis gardens both need revision, the committee will be putting in a grant proposal to Capitol Region Watershed District to overhaul them. WestRock tour will be the last week of October: board members can attend if interested, let Russelle know. <b>Transportation:</b> Short meeting, much of it focused on planning the committee's tabling for the Ice Cream Social. Discussion of the surprise closure of the gate between Sunrise Banks headquarters and the new Westgate Park, ongoing concern about the fence at the KSTP/Berry Street border. Finalizing the Territorial Road mill and overlay letter to Public Works.</p>	<i>See minutes.</i>
7:30	<p><b>Westgate Park maintenance update</b> David Ronzani, Landscape Architect, St. Paul Parks &amp; Rec, joined us. Undergrad background in urban forestry. He inherited the Westgate Park project at the start of construction. Concerns expressed have primarily been about the lawn mix and condition of the trees. The seed mix is a native bee mix, which means one to two years to get good establishment. Reseeding is part of the process. It will not be a green "lawn" similar to other parks because that's not what was wanted in community engagement. Tree watering: the contractor has been there twice a week (their logs have been submitted). The trees have a one-year warranty for replacement, then there would be another year after replanting for a new year warranty. The trees were planted around June 6/7. Dave has been visiting multiple times a week. Working on the punch list. The sign is shipping October 3. Play equipment was supposed to arrive by the end of August - now it's end of September. Kids are using the future equipment area as a</p>	

	<p>sandbox. Future tree plantings in earlier spring or fall may be more optimal in terms of rainfall/spring, tree dormancy/fall. Probably holding tree plantings until fall would be likely, possibly starting early spring if the primary work was in fall. For Westgate, getting the seeding and trees established is the goal - in spring, they will inventory everything, confirm survival and replacement needs. The park will change over time, the neighborhood may be able to bring resources to the table. The basins along the north are looking pretty good, west is also. South is not working as well. The east edge / rail line - they are working on acquiring more property from the adjacent storage facility, hoping to complete acquisition by June. Looking to do a formal connection in the street to Pelham. With a street connection for bikes, the Wabash/Eustis intersection will need special attention for safety (Eustis changes from one-way to two-way, plus the turns). Public art: Dave is working with Ann. There is a proposed location, next to the play area. Community engagement process would happen now that the nearest apartment buildings have been built. Possibly continuing the large rock theme, which started in Hampden Park. Gneiss as a way of touching the Earth...</p>	
7:45	<p><b>Annual meeting planning:</b> Kathryn proposes the idea of combining the annual meeting with the Community Foundation's annual meeting. No one objects to it in theory, but there is wondering about the logistics of it, given that we have business we have to do at the annual meeting that would not involve the Foundation. If Kathryn thinks it can come together and work with what SAPCC needs to do in its annual meeting in a reasonable time frame within a Zoom format, there is no opposition.</p>	Kathryn [in abstentia]
7:55	<p><b>Financial review</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In progress: Good Neighbor Fund, Community Engagement, Neighborhood STAR</li> <li>○ Critical Corridors grant: Equity / Land Use implementation. Deadline is end of September. Hire professionals to implement the policy. (link <a href="#">Ramsey Cty. Critical Corridors</a>)</li> <li>○ Brightside grant through Good Neighbor Fund (from the previous year) has not worked out, so we are revoking the grant to them.</li> <li>○ Opportunities: Awesome Foundation</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Fundraising: Silent Auction - items due 9/12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">Silent Auction Item Pledge Form</a> - get back to Kathryn this week with items. For instance - Mauer has gotten a couple of gift certificates from restaurants, and he will probably donate some art.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	John
8:40	<p><b>Staff updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Upcoming events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Garage Sale 9/10, in the future staff will be running it.</li> <li>Ice Cream Social, Saturday - 9/17 2:00–5:00 p.m. 360° Preparedness theme, visitors from first responders. Patty Lammers (crime prevention) is not able to attend. Special Equity Committee meeting will be held this Monday for planning, more decisions on which particular responders will be present.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Paint donation to CEZ: We will be donating the remaining paint from the Carleton mural and the Seal Street painting to CEZ, which will use it to paint Jersey barriers on Charles Street near Raymond on September 30.</li> <li>● Training request: <a href="#">MCN Annual Conference</a> [we will deal with this by email since we don't know if it's one staff member or two]</li> </ul>	Kathryn
8:50	Other business: none	
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