

**SAPCC Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, March 9, 2023**

7:00	<p>Call to order</p> <p>Present: Joy Gerdes, Cambray Crozier, Pat Thompson, Melissa Pappas, Scott Jensen, Ray Bryan, Michael Russelle, Corey Butler, Kathryn Murray</p> <p>Guest: Dave Ronzani, Saint Paul Parks & Recreation</p> <p>Land acknowledgement</p>	
7:05	<p>Consent agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● February board minutes ● Transportation: New member - Luke Wetterstrom; 2023 goals ● Personnel: Moving executive director review towards end of year ● Finance Committee: Monthly reports, designate \$2,000 of Food Equity Programs funds to match SAPCF grant for food deliveries; \$500 stipend for CGIS intern (split with SAPCF pending approval) 	<i>Thompson/Bryan Unanimous</i>
7:10	<p>Committee reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Environment: Two new members considering joining who are environmental scientists. Activities upcoming: adding basking logs at Kasota Ponds on March 25 (if the ice is still thick enough), Kasota Ponds Cleanup April 29, removes 1-2 tons of material, 10am-2pm. Applying for grants to Cap Region to refurbish the Raymond/Bayless rain garden, to MWMO for planning grant to involve commercial vendors to reestablish native plantings, set back the invasive buckthorn around the Kasota Ponds. Signage underway around the chimney swift tower (the birds due to return in about a month). Working with Transportation Committee on the Robbins/Raymond corner. Climate Corps member coordinated with Creative Enterprise Zone, starting in August; 11-month position. Joint environment group meeting with other district councils. Homegrown National Park info, effort - if we all do small things where we live, diversify plants for wildlife. Westgate Park celebration: Jessica and Joy are getting close to settling on a date, doing a planning session soon so email either of them with your contact info if you want to be involved. They are planning for community engagement and writing a Good Neighbor Fund grant proposal, due this month. ● Equity: Topics were Union Flats Association support. Church leaders group and its goals. Received CURA grant for renter outreach and tenant organizing (\$9K) and VISTA stipend... starting in August. Split with HMC. Internet providers and resource sheet. Cleanups on April 22 (citywide) and April 29 (Kasota Ponds). ● Land Use: Focused on a presentation on the Towerside Innovation District, including district energy. How they have done what they've done, getting developers to work with Towerside's goals. ● Transportation: Discussed and approved 2023 goals, including two additional ones (advocacy for the Midtown Greenway Extension and preparing for the 2024 Capital Improvement Budget), discussion of the Westgate trail and the South SAP heavy truck letter (on tonight's agenda), citywide Safe Streets for All planning which will be discussed at the joint District Council 	<i>See minutes.</i>

	Transportation Committee meeting, and planning for enacting the committee's 2023 goals.	
7:30	<p>Wabash Trail update / presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trail is 12' wide shared use path, ¼ mile long. Funded \$150K from DNR Local Trail Connection Grant, \$185K from city's 8-80 Funds (the Grand Round funding). Public Storage still owns one part of the path at the south end currently, the city is buying it. When Rethinking I-94 is decided on the 280 interchange revisions, something could change in terms of the crossing. As it is, the east end of the trail ends west of the Eustis intersection because the Eustis/Wabash intersection (which changes from one-way to two way) is too complicated to add a third set of users to (bikes/peds accessing the trail). There will be bollards to deter vehicles at east end, which will be to the left of the entrance to the Sunrise Banks parking lot entrance. There will be two storm water retention depressions, one at the north end and one about half way / at the curve, which are required to offset the amount of pavement added and to offset the flow from the adjacent vacant parcel owned by Dominion (because this all used to be one parcel). The board expressed the desire for amenities at the north end of the trail: a bike repair station, benches, a raised crosswalk to fully connect the trail to the park and make the two cohesive. No money for amenities for the north end. Noted that there is bike parking right across from the trail head, some benches, and a picnic table. No money for plantings other than seeding with rain garden mix, otherwise it will be turf lawn seeded. Tracks remain between highway 280 and the beginning of the east end of the trail (no money to remove). Construction starts as soon as possible in spring 2023, finishes by end of June 2023 (grant expires then). Westgate Commons update: Contractors will be wrapping up their punch list. Bee lawn establishment will be revisited: it has a two-year establishment period. Play equipment is in. The contractors drove on the bee lawn while installing, which will likely mean reworking. There isn't a real "finished" date on the park. Up close it doesn't look great; Parks is prepared to do new soil and reseed if necessary. Under the warranty terms, tree replacement where needed won't happen until a full year has passed from when they were planted. JL Tice is the general contractor. 	David Ronzani, St. Paul Parks & Rec.
8:00	<p>South St. Anthony Park Heavy Truck Letter review and revision After revision of the letter draft, a motion was made to approve the letter.</p>	Motion: Michael / Pat. Passed with one abstention: Ray due to sympathy for owner-operators of semi trucks.
8:20	<p>Financial review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2022 final Community Engagement details being finalized. 	Kathryn

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Good Neighbor Fund proposal being worked on for Westgate Park celebration ● Good Acre work potentially underway for Good Neighbor Fund also (see below). ● Critical Corridors Pre-Dev. Grant. Eligible activities include land use planning. Due on April 4. We could apply to update our area plans. Bring in a consultant to do a study. Head into doing our next 10-year plan activity. Focus on the SSAP land use mismatch issue raised in the heavy truck letter? Carleton Extension/restoring the grid, missing middle housing analysis. Applying the unified design guidelines to a scorecard. Presentation Kathryn attended was broad, covered more than one grant, but it's online to watch. ● Community Garden plots are full, they got a bit over \$1K in donations on top of the required fees. 	
8:40	<p>Staff updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Partnership with The Good Acre: TGA has a pay-what-you-can farm share that's more established than what Brightside offered and is happy to work with us. They work with many small farmers, high percentage of BIPOC farmers. They don't offer delivery, so we would organize volunteer deliveries to 14–16 households. In the past, folks in our program were paying an average of \$150/year (vs. \$485/month full cost). This relationship could open other activities with their garden. (As an aside, Brightside Produce is now officing out of TGA.) ● Our CGIS intern is Emily Vasos. Census data... working on a map with multiple layers overlaying demographics. Phase 1... could lead into the CURA intern's work. Previous CURA reports were on gentrification, affordable housing, and a third report (could be updated). 	
8:45	<p>Other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Housing Justice Forum: March 14. ● Bring it Home MN Rally: March 20 The Alliance, Bring It Home Mn at the Capitol. ● STP Pride Festival Shared District Council booth: Saturday, June 10. It may have a fee of \$1,000 or it could be less, but would be split with other district councils. At least 6 councils so far. (So cost to SAPCC would be \$167 or less) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion to approve sharing the table cost at StP Pride. Michael / Joy - Unanimous
9:00	Adjourn (<i>Jennifer will give next month's land acknowledgment</i>)	

Next Board meeting is on April 13, 2023.