

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

7:00	<p>Call to order</p> <p>Present: Melissa Pappas, Cambray Crozier, Michael Russelle, Pat Thompson, Scott Jensen, Ray Bryan, Starke Mueller, Joy Gerdes, Jennifer Pawlowicz, John Maurer, Kathryn Murray</p> <p>Land acknowledgement</p>	
7:05	<p>Consent agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● January minutes ● Equity: Goals, event dates ● Environment: Kerry Morgan, Co-chair ● Land Use: new member - Reyd, Herbst Eatery & Market (address: 779, 781 and 783 Raymond) letter of support for Class N Liquor License ● Finance Committee: monthly reports, Community Garden report 	<p><i>Approved unanimously (Thompson/Mueller)</i></p>
7:10	<p>Committee reports</p> <p>Environment: Kerry Morgan will be co-chairing through August. Chimney swift tower is up (birds return in spring), walking tours to come with binoculars; Kasota Ponds Cleanup (see below) and turtle-basking logs; air quality subgroup; Kerry is coordinating volunteers including larger group volunteers; mapping project; planning grant with MWMO for major renovation of the slopes around Kasota East Pond to get rid of the buckthorn, replant with native plants, control salt incursion; Westgate Commons Park celebration coordination.</p> <p>Equity: Two new committee members, accessing affordable internet providers in the area, possible partnership with Environment Committee on the Westgate Park opening party / could it be combined with the Ice Cream Social (which is scheduled for September), Neighborhoods Now grant was submitted for renter outreach, tenant outreach meetings and flyers, clergy meeting/volunteers, goals, 2023 event calendar.</p> <p>Land Use: Starke is the new co-chair. New member. Support for the Westgate Commons celebration. Herbst Eatery liquor license; Film North project in the former SOS Furniture building looking for additional tenants for the second floor; 2285 Hampden working with PED on variances and zoning changes still in discussion toward the development goal for housing. The city is reluctant to change the zoning. Monday meeting 2/13 6 p.m. re: new stadium at St. Thomas for hockey at Grand and Vandalia (west). Presentation from Cap Region on Como Lake on phosphorous and improvements.</p> <p>Transportation: Review and endorsement of a letter supporting St. Paul Public Works' grant proposal to the Bloomberg Initiative for Cycling Infrastructure for a project in South SAP in the area between Raymond/University and Pelham/Wabash; discussion of the Environment Committee draft letter on heavy truck traffic on Territorial and Hampden; explanation of the Good Neighbor Fund grant process; 2023 goals.</p>	<p><i>See minutes.</i></p>
7:30	<p>Cleveland Ave. virtual meetings (January), open house (February)</p> <p>The county staff did a respectable job explaining the history of what happened, even though we disagree with their decisions. They are interacting with an entomologist (a community member) to do as minimal damage as possible to the rusty patched bumble bee, which may be nesting in the land where the trees will be removed. We have</p>	<p>Michael/Pat</p>

	concerns about the contractors' treatment of the remaining mature trees during the Phase 1 construction. We may get double crosswalks at Dudley and Commonwealth out of guilt, better treatment of trees and habitat during Phase 2.	
7:45	<p>Financial review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> January had the STAR and recycling reimbursements, Cap Region rain garden grant. Donations from annual letter. February will have the Community Garden lot fees coming in. No unexpected expenses. We have begun paying rent again, paid our internet for the year upfront (\$240 for the year!). Grants updates: Community engagement 2022 final request/report has been filed. 2023 contract has been sent in, haven't heard yet on that. AARP has a minigrant that covers gardens; Kathryn will be talking to Sherm Eagles about whether there is a way to tie in with the Community Garden. Fundraising calendar: ad in April <i>Bugle</i>. If you committee has a project idea, the deadlines for that and Good Neighbor Fund are in March. 	Kathryn/John
8:40	<p>Staff updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amy Gage is the new ED of Friends of Parks & Trails, Kathryn just met with her. Touched on Westgate Commons Park, Grand Round. CURA ... CGIS intern has been assigned. SAPCF potential stipend. Following up on 2018 SSAP gentrification report (previous CURA intern work). Current demographic info. Census missed a lot of our newest residents, we want better info. Kathryn found our last strategic plan documents: budget, timeline, proposal from previous consultant. \$7,000 was cost as of 2020. Round up to \$8,000 to include advertising. Michael suggested that we get bids. 	Kathryn
8:50	<p>Other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Save the Date: Kasota Pond Clean Up: Saturday, April 15 (rain date: April 16th) Conditional approval of the Wabash trail to the Westgate Commons Park from Wabash. 	
9:00	Adjourn (<i>volunteer for to give next month's land acknowledgment</i>)	

Next Board Meeting: March 9, 2023. Land Acknowledgement volunteer Jennifer.