

St. Anthony Park Community Council
 Board of Directors Meeting
 Jennings Community Learning Center
 2455 University Ave W | St. Paul, Minnesota
 Thursday, March 9TH, 2017 6PM -7:00PM
 (JCLC)

Chair: Michael Russelle

In Attendance: Michael Russelle, Max Herzberg, Ian Luby, Suyapa Miranda, Cailin Rogers, Chiara Marano, Ray Bryans, Scott Simmons, John Mark Lucas, Melissa Williams, Betty Wheeler, Stephen Mastey, Charlie Christopherson.

<p>6:00-Introductions</p>	
<p>6:05-Consent agenda:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve agenda 2. Approve minutes <p>Environment Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution for Letter of Support for plantings at SSAP Rec Center- Stephen Mastey 	<p>Update: Tom Osoki approved for Steering Committee</p> <p>The agenda was approved unanimously</p>
<p>6:10-Chair updates from committees:</p> <p>Equity Committee Working on 10-Year Planning process. Met with Environment and Transportation Committees. Creating a toolkit surrounding 10-Year Plan. Update on CDBG, also talked about sustainable food in neighborhood continuing.</p> <p>Environment Committee A group of lawyers from Hylden Advocacy and Law (against ban) on foam (polystyrene) came to meeting along with one representative from Eureka (for ban). Both sides wanted committee to take a stance on the ordinance. No stance was taken at meeting. Received follow up information from one side but not the other. The city will be at the next committee meeting. MPCA update, ought to be thinking about Volkswagen. Stephen Mastey came to talk about resolution for letters of support. Kasota Ponds cleanup will be on April 8.</p>	

Land Use Committee

David Johnson from Health Partners talked about new Como Clinic, which is starting design in 2018. Plan is to sell old building as of now but not set in stone. Agreed to have a lot of meetings and keep in touch as it goes on. *Weyerhaeuser* group sold 2.5 acres of land. Looking to get some people on board for 10-Year Planning Committee. Set up goals and work plans and talked through zoning.

Transportation Committee

Transportation got instructions from Equity Committee. The Transportation Committee has maintained a presence at art fair and would like to continue that and hope that all committees make a presence at art fair. They are looking at other events to make an appearance at. Teaming up at Cider-Press and possibly art crawl. Understand that council may be doing event of its own. Talked about a South St. Anthony Park event this year. Discussed having an insert in the Bugle. Discussed timing of Raymond Ave construction. Bridge closed for eight weeks. Figuring out how that ties into Como Avenue construction. We will share that info with community when we have it. Submitted plan for Walk Summit. Proposed St. Anthony Park for a location for Walk Summit. Also brought up Stop for Me campaign. District Council is looking for recommendations. Cailin put in a grant for Bike Racks, hoping to hear results in May. Hoping to communicate with State Fair about bike routes to the fair from St. Anthony Park. Discussion about drag racing in community, wondering if transportation committee should keep drag racing issue or pass onto environment committee as noise pollution concern.

6:35-Close-out of the 2016 Budget and 2015 past Yr.

Passed budget for 2016 last month. If community matched \$54k it would be around \$11 per household. Seems we could come up with a way to present that our cash reserves have declined extremely far. Depending on grants is an insecure way of moving forward, although we will continue to apply. Having stronger community support and/or sustaining members would be preferred.

What caused drop in year? Probably reimbursement. Big drop between January and March was from previous year. Reimbursement in July 2016. Roughly 100-150 households donated.

Ian moved to set up Fundraising Subcommittee.
Scott seconded motion.

What would the subcommittee mandate be? Looking for committee members to talk through fundraising ideas, not a budgeting subcommittee.

Fundraising Subcommittee established. Scott Simmons and Michael Russelle will serve on it.

<p>Melissa offered to help with giving opinion on fundraising subcommittee via email. Suyapa-It lot has to do with relationship building. Anderson, etc. Melissa-We want to be careful about how we overlap and reach out for fundraising.</p> <p>Michael suggested we talk about after next review of budget. Melissa asked to hear motion language. Chiara read motion language.</p> <p>Michael called motion to establish fundraising committee. Voted yes unanimously. Fundraising subcommittee established.</p>	
<p>6:40-2017 Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement the Equity Framework 2. Complete 10-Year Plan 3. Adopt new Policies and Procedures 4. Review and possibly revise Bylaws 5. Balance the Budget 	<p>We will review the budget again at the April or May meeting and again every quarter thereafter</p>
<p>6:45-Proposed legislation - Betty Wheeler Betty- Election that just happened shows there is disconnect between rural and urban people. It would help if we can stand up for these people. After this legislation was proposed there was a fair amount of pushback from citizens and they removed townships from language in house file. Hoping for St. Anthony Park Community Council to support language Betty has proposed, adopt the resolution, and forward to St. Anthony Park representatives.</p> <p>Questions/Comments? What is process? Is there a limit to how long these ordinances can last? Can last at least a year, not sure if that's a standard maximum. Where is this in process? The House passed on vote, Senate has passed through committee. It can be taken up at any moment but has not been scheduled yet. It could be put on short notice.</p> <p>Melissa-struggling to grasp what bill means as far as engagement. This is an action that we would state in solidarity with small communities around the state. Instead of simple majority, making it a super majority. Other side of argument? Don't like fact that communities can enact ordinance and stop their plans.</p> <p>Ray moved to support the language that Betty has proposed. Scott seconded that we adopt this resolution and forward to St. Anthony Park representatives.</p>	<p>Resolution adoption was passed by majority vote 2-0 with 5 absentions.</p>

<p>Melissa, not prepared to vote on it at this time. Ian shared Melissa's concerns. Michael called the vote: In Favor: 2 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 5, Ian, Melissa, Max, John Mark, Charlie Passed with majority vote.</p>	
<p>6:50-Stephen Mastey: Grant proposal for plantings at JOTP. Two projects we want to submit to community foundation: First project-Wildflower Foundation. Second project-Joy of the People.</p> <p>What the group decided to do for this proposal: Reached out to parks and rec. They are asking for \$3,500 for them to plant 10 trees. If the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation gives them enough for five trees that's great. Want a win for Joy of the People for the neighborhood. They want to work with JOTP and let them showcase their work. The City will decide where the trees get to go. Asking for two letters of recommendation for these two proposals. Wildflower understands the grant is up to \$5,000, will find matching money to make up rest.</p> <p>Separate projects, both go to the foundation. Grant is due at end of March, trying to submit a week before that.</p>	
<p>6:57-Staff updates: Audit: SAPCC audit from insurance company completed. Everything went fine with audit.</p> <p>Community Garden Land: Got some news from Ferd Peters that comparable properties are \$3-\$5 per square foot. We put in a bid at \$4 a square foot (hypothetically, not a counter offer). Dave withdrew any money he was willing to put up. His complaint on pricing was the place doesn't have water and sewer.</p>	
<p>7:00-Other Agenda Items-None</p>	
<p>7:05-Adjourn Moved by Ray to Adjourn 7:10 Adjourned</p>	