



**District 10 Community Council Board Meeting  
Historic Street Car Station  
1224 Lexington Parkway, St. Paul, MN 55108  
Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2018  
7:00 PM  
MINUTES**

**I. Call to order**

Chair Ryan Flynn called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

**II. Board introductions**

Present: Ryan Flynn, Haley Fruen, Mike Ireland, Tim Post, Amy Perna, Thomas Coburn, Cody Zwiefelhofer, Maggie Zimmerman, Melissa Liu, Annie Huidekoper, Alexis Baker, Rebecca Calvo, Olivia Mulvey Morawieck, Anne Hartman, Adina Florea Weseman, Laura Jo Busian, Cari Ness Nesje

Absent: None

Staff: Michael Kuchta

**III. Review, amend agenda:**

**MOTION:** *Approve the agenda (Huidekoper/Nesje)*

**IV. Community section**

- A. Board chair report: Ryan Flynn's report comes in the officers' section.
- B. Treasurer's report: No report this month.
- C. Other community concerns: none

**V. Board Business Section**

- A. TCGIS variance requests

**ACTION ITEM:** *Moved: The Como Community Council supports a height variance of 3.1 feet for the proposed expansion of Twin Cities German Immersion School. An amendment was offered and seconded to support the variance only if the former St. Andrew's church building does not receive historic designation. The amendment failed 8-7. The main motion passed on a voice vote. (Flynn, Zimmerman abstain)*

**ACTION ITEM:** *Moved: The Como Community Council supports a lot coverage variance of 1 percent for the proposed expansion of Twin Cities German Immersion School. An amendment was offered and seconded to support the variance only if the former St. Andrew's church building does not receive historic designation. The amendment failed 8-7. The main motion passed on a voice vote. (Flynn, Zimmerman abstain)*

**ACTION ITEM:** Moved: *The Como Community Council supports a variance of 37 spaces for the proposed expansion of Twin Cities German Immersion School. An amendment was offered and seconded to reduce the variance to 29 parking spaces, which is the number recommended by city staff. The amendment failed on a voice vote. The main motion passed with 8 ayes, 7 nays (Flynn, Zimmerman abstain)*

Update on TCGIS site review process (from Michael): It's a work in progress. Michael continues to communicate with city officials on issues that have been discussed for last two years including parking, traffic, pedestrian safety, noise, student drop off and pickup, bus parking, and the potential for a fence to lessen playground noise on neighboring properties.

B. Minutes and financial support

**MOTION:** *Approve November 2018 meeting minutes and financial report. (Weseman /Busian) PASSES*

C. Committee updates

**Land use** Maggie Zimmerman : Nothing additional to report

**Neighborhood** Olivia Mulvey Morawiecki says the committee is considering a community building event for the Front Avenue high rise in January.

**ACTION ITEM:** The Como Community Council revises its bylaws to change the name of the Neighborhood Relations and Safety Committee to Neighborhood Relations. (Suspended to January to allow for 30 days' notice for a change in the bylaws)

**Environment** Mike Ireland reports that the Capitol Region Watershed District is looking for more sustainable funding, targeting more community engagement in the future. The committee would like to explore how the city might consider environmental issues when it renews contracts for the citywide trash pickup in the future. The Como Woodlands organizers are pushing for a study of the plants and animals in the area proposed for a new dog park.

**Officers:** Ryan Flynn says the budget update is pushed to January to keep working on the budget process. Community organizer update: officers did five interviews, one candidate withdrew, offered one candidate the job, who couldn't take it and rejected the offer. Going to recommend reopening to get more candidates. Michael has purchased a computer. The officers are still looking at options for equity training.

**MOTION:** *The Como Community Council will reopen application process for the organizer position. (Passes by acclamation)*

**ACTION ITEM:** *Amend the District 10 Como Community Council bylaws to change the minimum membership age from 18 to 16. (Tabled to January to allow 30 days' notice require in bylaws)*

D. New business

**Action Item:** *Neighborhood Honor Roll nominees from District 10 are Jonah Fields, Laura Flockencier, and Maggie Zimmerman. (passed by vote of board members)*

The Tobacco 21 groups is asking district councils to consider supporting a resolution to raise the age to purchase tobacco products to 21 in St. Paul. The issue is tabled until January.

Neighborhood STAR: Cody Zwiefelhofer serves on the Neighborhood STAR Board. The group offers grants and loans for projects by public entities, nonprofits, and business owners. In the last round, no requests came in from D10. Cody encourages board member to spread the word about this opportunity.

**VI. Adjourn** Meeting was adjourned at 9:58 pm by Ryan Flynn.

*Respectively submitted by Tim Post. These minutes are not official until approved.*

# Como Community Council: Officers Meeting

*Jan. 9, 2019 (District 10 office)*

Present: Ryan Flynn, chair; Amy Perna, vice chair; Anne Hartman, treasurer; Tim Post, secretary; Michael Kuchta, staff

## Events

- **Neighborhood Honor Roll.** Ceremony is Friday Jan. 25 at University of St. Thomas. 2 of our 3 nominees will be able to attend. Two additional board members say they are going. Michael is recruiting other board members.
- **Renter outreach dinners.** Neighborhood Relations intends to have meet-and-greet with residents of Front Ave. High Rise on Thursday Jan. 24 from 3-4:30 p.m. We'll supply cookies and beverages. Waiting for hiring of organizer to fully roll out renter visits. Likely next visit: Salvation Army's supportive housing facility on Como Ave.

## Community

- **TCGIS/SHSA.** Heritage Preservation Commission meets Jan. 14 on final recommendation for historic designation of St. Andrew's church building. Zoning Committee meets Jan. 17 on school's site plan and variances. Michael reported we still have not seen city's final recommendations on traffic study. City, D10, and school seem to be working toward consensus on 7-foot solid fence along boundaries of play area. The nearest neighbor would accept a 7-foot fence.
- **Como/Front/Dale.** First meeting of D6/D10 oversight group is Monday Jan. 28 at 5:30 p.m. Council members Thao and Brendmoen will attend; as will city planner Andy Hestness.
- **Wynne Ave.** Neighbors are able to meet on Monday Feb. 25 to address landscaping and traffic concerns with Hmong College Prep Academy. Michael still must contact school.
- **Route 84 bus.** Metro Transit says it will put up "no idling" sign at Pascal stop. Long-term solution still may require moving the site of layovers to a less-residential setting.

## Communication

- **Website rebuild.** Ryan will ask for board volunteers to lead this effort. Michael has pulled analytics from 2018, which gives guidance on which features of current website are in highest demand. Officers urge Michael to talk with other district councils to try to collaborate on rebuilds to achieve consistent use and function.

## Financials

- **Fund-raising.** Amy reports that volunteer has completed compiling database of a few thousand names.
- **2019 budget.** Current draft budget has about \$800 deficit. Anne will look for duplication in requests from committees and initiatives, and will add \$500 to expected donation revenue. We still have not received word on how much city

grant will be in 2019; City Council has allocated \$250,000 more for district council work, which is supposed to be allocated through existing formula. It is not clear how that will work for each council. Anne will present budget based on numbers we know; if we receive additional city grant revenue, revised budget will be presented in future.

- **Color copier transition.** Coordinated Business Systems has provided a lower-priced quote. Michael is seeking a quote from Minnesota Office Technology Group.

### **Organizational Business**

- **Organizer position.** D6 (North End) cannot share its organizer because her hours already are maxxed out. D13 (Hamline Midway) believes it could share its organizer for up to 10 hours a week, but she currently makes \$21 hour, which is more than we had budgeted. D12 (Saint Anthony Park) has a vacant organizer position; Michael and their director have been sharing job descriptions and task lists in hopes of creating a shared position that fits both needs. Officers authorized Michael to talk with D13 about sharing their organizer for a reduced number of hours (140) as short-term solution, and continue discussions with D12 for long-term shared position. Ryan and Amy will try to interview D13 organizer.
- **Equity training.** Officers compared revised proposal from Nexus (3 sessions for \$7,200 compared with 4 sessions for \$9,000), and new proposal from Strategic Diversity Initiatives (3 sessions for \$9,000). There is some overlap in content, but noticeable differences; Nexus has in-house expertise in community engagement, SDI will work with consultant on that aspect. Nexus is structured for maximum cohort of 35; SDI says it can handle a few hundred for same price. Those differences also affect ability to share training with other district councils. Michael and Amy will try to coordinate with D6 for face-to-face discussions with both organizations. We will also discuss with SDI whether they could do Sunday Series presentation for entire community on their history component.
- **Community survey.** We have 275 online responses so far; online version will be shut down on Jan. 31. Michael will bring online results to February officers meeting. Amy will begin taking paper version around to various businesses. Officers encourage Neighborhood Relations to use paper version at rental dinners as well.

### **New Business**

- **April elections.** Ryan and Tim's terms expire in 2019; they will not be seeking re-election. Other board members whose terms expire: Cari (SD1); Maggie (SD2); Mike (SD3); Alexis (SD4); Adina, Haley, Laura (at-large). Ryan will talk with current board members about interest in re-election and/or seeking officer positions. Ryan and Tim will plan for transitional meetings with their successors.
- Given last year's turnout, Michael will investigate availability of Lakeside Pavilion's 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. It's not clear whether we need larger space or not; last year, many residents simply came, voted, and left.

- **Live streaming.** We have dedicated equipment on hand. Tim will continue testing; if it seems to be working, we will do soft rollout at Jan. 15 board meeting. Still have to decide how long to archive files (and where). Mac-Groveland is interested in our results, and possibly borrowing equipment for one of their meetings to test how it works in their neighborhood.
- **Board Meeting (Jan. 15).**
  - Bylaws revisions on 16-year-old voting/board rights and changing name of Neighborhood Relations committee will require 2/3 vote to pass.
  - Meeting will have presentations from Tobacco 21 initiative (held over from December) and International Institute.
  - Michael will talk with Cody about whether Neighborhood STAR needs to be on agenda.
- **Future presenters.** We will seek presentations from Saint Paul Public Library in February, and District 10's three City Council members in following months.

## District 10 Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2018 at 7 pm

**Present:** Eric Odney, Brian Dockstader, Erin Dooley, Andrew Gustin, Mike MacDonald, Mike Ireland, Thomas Coburn, Mehr Aslani, Gordon Wrobel, Joan McKearnan, Teri Alberico

### Highlights and Action Items:

- CWOC would like a survey of plant/animal species in the area proposed for the dog park, off of Hamline Ave. This could be done with cooperating groups from Como Park Sr, High, the dog park sub-committee, and/or as part of a Sunday Series. More to come on this topic.
- A bird survey may be part of an upcoming Sunday Series, along with use of Citizen Science applications. Other series topics were also discussed, including a pollinator garden educational tour, compost bin workshop (similar to last year's rain barrel workshop), mosquito mitigation, and history
- There will be a new bag dispenser installed at the compost site, hopefully, to make more bags available, and make them more difficult to take too many.
- There will most likely be Cap Region money to fund monthly, or so, Como Lake clean ups, but we need someone to spearhead the effort.

### **STANDARD ITEMS**

- Committee member and guest introductions
- Review of previous meeting minutes and approve this agenda
- District 10 board meeting summary

Land Use: All 3 variances were recommended for TCGIS Expansion Project.

Neighborhood Relations and Safety wants to switch its name.

By-law adjustment: age for participation; switch to 16.

STAR grant will be coming up; info session and then application will be soon after.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- **The Como Woodland Advisory Committee's Request** for a bird and animal assessment done this winter and spring - Joan McKearnan

CWOC is next to the "Audubon Woods": The CWOC group wasn't aware of the plan of the dog park committee from Land Use until this past summer. Issues: Parking, animals that are currently living there, spring ephemeral flowers.

Joan has seen some mammals and birds in/near the park on Arlington. Joan is concerned with plant life, and would also like an animal survey, perhaps comparing the proposed CWOC site with the Arlington dog park. Another possibility: a Bio Blitz – animals, plants, fungi, etc. over a 24 hour period. Or a phenology study – focusing on one kingdom/species at a time, on a timeline to fit each. We have a few Rusty Belted Bumblebees, summer months would work best for these, early spring flowers would be best in March or April. There is a similar survey, nationwide, in April. This date is not set in Minnesota, and it won't necessarily work the best for our climate, but may be a place to start.

She would like a survey of birds/animals in parks and other open areas. The last large-scale survey was in 2007. Perhaps also having a trail camera. Perhaps a comparison study of dog park, and proximal land to see if there is a difference between the two. Perhaps a count of nests. The Environmental Committee is already planning to have a bird survey and teaching about how to enter on Citizen Science sites. Joan would also like a baseline study on the herbaceous plants there.

One additional “ask,” once we have any biological data: A master repository to keep these data. They can be entered in the Sunflower Project, etc. but we would also want to have a more local data set.

In order to do the Citizen Science training and data collection, we need specialists in both the tools and training on what to look for. Como Park Sr High has some data on trees and worms, possibly more (?) from their AP Environmental classes over the years. The surveys began under Josh Leonard and is now with its 3<sup>rd</sup> teacher/course advisor, Dylan Adair.

Suggestion: contact other dog parks to see if there was a survey done in any other park?

To ensure a study provides what is requested and needed, Mike asked that Joan reach out to the Como Woodlands Advisory Committee for the details and deliverables. The CWAC meets at the end of January but details ahead of time are encouraged to be communicated via email.

## **INITIATIVES AND UPDATES**

- **2019 Bird Survey (discussed at November's meeting) - Mike McDonald**
  - Como Park Bird Community and Habitat Analysis

Mike will be seeking volunteers, trainers (eBird), etc. for this undertaking. The ask is for volunteers to commit to once/twice per week for a year to collect data on animals. 15 volunteers or more would be nice.

Mike will bring it to the full D10 board in January or February. Hoping to get started with the spring migration. There are now over 20 different birds around Como Lake in December.

Mike M will send Mike I an initial request for endorsement by the full board in January, will need to do a “real” request in February.

- **Interest in hosting a 2019 Rain barrel and compost bin workshop - Mike McDonald**

Mike has been contacted by the rain barrel company about doing this again this year. Cap Region would probably be able to cover the cost again. Another possibility: compost bins. One current Sunday Series idea is already focusing on composting, recycling, etc. We may be able to use Ramsey County bins. The same company that makes the rain barrels also makes compost bins.

- **CRWD Targeted Watershed Funding - Mike McDonald**

Nothing to report now. If someone has a clean water-related project, there is funding available to fund projects.

- **CRWD's Como Lake Management Plan - Update on the second Public Advisory Group meeting**



There was an overview of the earlier meeting and splitting into groups/buckets – projects, chemical issues, plants and wildlife, etc. The final meeting of this series will be in March. The plan will either be outlined or completed draft plan will be presented.

- Como Lake Management Plan DRAFT:

[Como Lake Management Plan DRAFT Issues and Goals Statements](#)

- Online input:

[e-Review: Como Lake Mgmt Plan Issues & Goals](#)

- Links:

[Como Lake Management Plan web site](#)

[Como Lake Management Plan Story Map](#)

- **Organic Compost Site**

- November 23 peak capacity update - Michael

The site is very, very well used. It fills up over a holiday weekend (i.e. Thanksgiving)

- Installation of a EcoSafe bag dispenser - Michael

The county is wondering if we want to have the bag dispenser installed. It can be temporary, permanent, pilot site status, etc. Hoping to have a system to ensure that there are always bags available. The new box (quite heavy) will be on the inside of one of the gates.

Teri was advised that gate issues can often be eased by moving the hinges.

Mehr used to pick up the organics area when there was trash, and bring it back to his house. With the new trash collection system, his garbage can is too small. Suggestion for any of us having the same issue: use these cans. There are garbage bins around the streetcar, but the pickup is sporadic.



- **Environmental committee response to the Citywide Garbage Service** - Thomas and Teri

Much thought, suggesting small can being incentivized, and/or being able to opt out/share. These would need to come from committee to the full board. Perhaps it would have more traction in a few months/a year or two, to give the system a chance to get rolling, as well as hit the city as it is beginning to reconfigure the contract.

Thomas also requests an impact study re: waste stream from Waste Management. If they, ultimately, become the single or vast majority hauler, what assurances to we have that they are carrying on their business in a way that suits the needs of the residents. Question: What types of data is the city collecting? Do we need that data augmented to address these issues?

Link to information page on the City Website.

<https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/public-works/garbage/coordinated-collection>

- **Capitol Region Watershed District Partnership Grant update**

The grants have been finalized. Michael will be hearing soon. The funding will be focused on the lake clean up. We'll need to find alternative funding for the other bins.

- **Sunday Series ideas**

Emergency Management

Citizen Science

Mosquito Management – who are they, what do they do?

Cap Region – 2 years of monitoring update

Composting info (see above)

In general, we do a History session . . . This element is still pending . . . Perhaps institutional/organizational elements of Como Park?

- **2019 Como Lake Boulevard Rain Garden Project**

- Tentative meeting for targeted properties: January 26 and January 29

Looking for buy-in of residents who qualify.

- **Como Lake Cleanup** - need a leadership team to drive this initiative

We are a “go” for this project, due to the grant, but will need someone to spearhead.

- **Miscellaneous Stuff**

- Reaching outside the Environmental committee for community involvement

- U of M Extension open position: Extension Educator - Water

- Adopt a Drain 2017 and 2018 impact measurement

Post cards or online entries of what you did. Based on information from the group, this project reduces 14 lbs of phosphorous from local watersheds (CCC generally keeps 12 lbs out).

- **2018 committee initiatives and project planning**

**Initiate improved recycling options in parks and other public spaces:** Eric has heard from a bin vender that we could, perhaps, get more bins through the city. He is interested in bins that allow for more options than cans and bottles.

**Explore options to fight the growing chloride threat to Como Lake:** Gordy reached out to manager of golf course, but hasn't heard back from him yet.

**Establish a neighborhood "pollinator friendly" garden tour**

Erin and maybe Mike MacDonald and Dawn

- Garden Tour 2019 Ideas:



Re-start small: 8-10 max; Limit timeframe from 9-11, 10-12 or 11-1



Shoot for representation from all 4 sub-districts

- Nominations (self or neighbor) start in early May, decision made by the end of the school year
- Hold as part of Como Fest (maybe after ice cream social for advertising)
- Unique/Educational – multiple specific pollinators, different blooming seasons, community-based gardens, rain garden, difficult soil types, etc.
- Include map in email blast and at ice cream social, plus 10-15 at each site (volunteers replenish, as needed)
- Solicit flyers from local garden centers
- Create a database that can be shared with D10

Educational bend to include: Plant lists, potential Story boards – photos collected by Erin, Mike, Dawn. The plant lists/sources would allow for visitors to be able to create their own plans. The story boards could highlight the garden “evolution” throughout the year.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **January 26 and January 29:** Como Lake Rain Garden Project dates by invitation

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- **Next Meeting:** January 30 at 7 pm at the streetcar station

Land Use Committee - District 10 Como Community Council – 1/2/2019 - Agenda

**1. Call to order 7:00pm**

*Present: Michael, Maggie, Cody, Annie, Rebecca*

**2. Amend/Adopt Agenda**

*Approved - (Rebecca, Cody)*

**3. Land Use Voting Procedures Reminders**

**4. Tabled Business from Dec 2018 Land Use meeting**

- Higher Ground Academy
  - ◆ No variances required for the project so no committee action needed
  - ◆ Question about whether the current parking variance would be grandfathered in or whether it would need to be renewed. Zoning committee decided they were grandfathered in.
- Como/Front/Dale updates
  - ◆ D10 appointed reps are Benjamin Kowasky-Grahek and Kris Cramer
  - ◆ First meeting tentatively scheduled Monday, Jan 28 at 5:30pm at Lentsch Realty, 988 N. Dale
- Como Dog Park
  - ◆ February presentation the LU asking for D10 support
  - ◆ According to ornithologist at Hamline U, last sustained "activity" (building birdhouses etc) was in the 60s, and the primary shrub there is buckthorn and most birds there are "high canopy"
  - ◆ Referred to environment committee

**5. Ongoing Business**

- TCGIS
  - ◆ Traffic Study recommendations have been submitted by the city; TCGIS traffic report has not been confirmed with the city with their recommendations; submitted on December 11
  - ◆ More information on info sheet provided by Michael
  - ◆ Staff working as crossing guards, mostly along Como, guiding to east section of Como/Oxford to deal with traffic
  - ◆ StP Zoning committee updates
    - ◆ Delayed action until January 17 (tabled from Dec. 20 meeting) for voting on site plan on Jan 17, with Planning Commission on Jan. 25. City council vote likely in early March.
- Wynne Ave Greening project planning
  - ◆ Update from November project with lack of greenery between Wynne and the Hmong Prep Academy
  - ◆ February 25 date for stakeholders (location TBD) to invite schools and Wynne St. residents to talk about options to solve the problems
  - ◆ Staff also park on the street on Wynne because some staff find it easier to get to the parking lot from there instead of their parking lot

## **6. Coming Events**

- Meetings second Tuesdays of the month (Jan. 8)
- January Board Meeting – Jan 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm – Streetcar Station
- Next Land Use Meeting –RESCHEDULED - February 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm – Streetcar Station

## **7. Adjourn 7:37pm**

# Twin Cities German School Expansion

## **Variances**

Zoning Committee of Saint Paul Planning Commission delayed action on Dec. 20; rescheduled consideration for Jan. 17 (3:30 p.m.). Committee recommendation will go to Planning Commission on Jan. 25 (8:30 a.m.). A final decision will be made by City Council, perhaps as late as March 6. To accommodate this new schedule, TCGIS agreed to extend the legal deadline by which the city needs to make a decision.

- 1 percent variance on lot coverage, to 36 percent
- 3-foot 1-inch variance on building height, to 33 feet, 1 inch
- 36 parking spaces (city staff is recommending 29)

## **Site Plan**

Zoning Committee of Saint Paul Planning Commission delayed action on Dec. 20; rescheduled consideration for Jan. 17 (3:30 p.m.). Committee recommendation will go to Planning Commission on Jan. 25 (8:30 a.m.). Outstanding issues:

- Parking (variance, shared parking contract with Mission Orthodox Presbyterian Church, location of additional bicycle parking)
- Playground noise (school is pursuing cost estimates on 7-foot opaque fence to be placed on Van Slyke and east sides of play area)
- Pedestrian safety, traffic congestion (school and city are negotiating results of traffic impact study performed by Spack Consulting )

## Recommendations by Spack Consulting

1. Add a marked pedestrian crossing on Como Avenue on the west side of the intersection with Oxford Street. Everyone going to/from the TCGIS needing to cross Como Avenue should be directed to this crossing. Crossing guards should be utilized before and after school as needed.
2. Implement staggered release times for the end of the school day, with 15 minutes between each half of the school being released.
3. Modify the weekday school year signal timing between approximately 8:00 and 8:15 a.m. at the Lexington Parkway & Wynne Avenue/Como Avenue intersection to accommodate more green time for the westbound approach. Similarly, modify the signal timing between approximately 3:15 and 3:30 p.m. (unless staggered release times are implemented at the TCGIS).
4. Instruct staff of the TCGIS to not park on-street at either of the following two locations:
  - a. The north side of Como Avenue between Churchill Street and Van Slyke Avenue.
  - b. The south side of Como Avenue between the alley west of Oxford Street and Argyle Street.
5. Extend the time-of-day parking restrictions on the north side of Como Avenue from in front of the TCGIS building to the Van Slyke Avenue intersection.
6. The City of Saint Paul consider and close off the Van Slyke Triangle.

## **Historic Designation**

Heritage Preservation Commission ruled Nov. 5 that the former St. Andrew's church building is eligible for designation. Planning Commission ruled Dec. 14 that the building is not eligible. Issue returns to HPC, which is awaiting a recommendation from the state's Historic Preservation Office. Further deliberation is expected before HPC in February; ultimate decision is likely to be made by the City Council, perhaps as early as March 6.

**District 10 Como Community Council**  
**Neighborhood Relations, Safety, and Outreach**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

*Tuesday January 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM*

Como Streetcar Station

ADMINISTRATIVE

Minute Recorder (Alexis Baker)

Call to order (7:00 PM)

**Present:** Olivia Morawiecki, Alexis Baker, Melissa Liu (board appointees); Mike Ireland, Darcy Rivers, Michael Kuchta

Reviewed minutes from 12/04/18 NRSO Committee Meeting. *Approved*

Updates from Board Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Front Street Hi-Rise Gathering
  - a. Discussed options for dates and times. Consensus reached for January 24, 2019 from 3-4 PM to correspond with Book Mobile event.
  - b. Morawiecki will notify board via verbal announcement and email. Will attempt to secure additional board members to attend.
  - c. Morawiecki will purchase cookies, coffee, and hot chocolate. Kuchta to bring conversation cards.
  - d. Debrief will occur at following NRSO meeting.
  - e. Committee not aware of “hot topics” of discussion for the residents.
  - f. Facebook advertising was discussed but no commitment made.
- B. Ice Cream Social
  - a. Discussed options for dates and times. July 12, 2019 from 5:30-8:00 PM confirmed.
  - b. Performers needed. Will continue discussion about Facebook advertising and community outreach, such as to summer programs, etc.
  - c. Como Connect will take place simultaneously. Ideas to increase traffic to Como Connect and Ice Cream Social for neighbors not within walking distance.
    - i. MetroTransit, private shuttle, Lyft/Uber concierge. Morawiecki and Liu to research.
  - d. Other ideas for vendor participants at Como Connect: Metro Transit, Karen Association of Minnesota (KOM), Hmong College Prep, Higher Ground Academy.
  - e. Ireland to Identify Como Connect representative to liaise with NRSO and attend meetings. NRSO will address at beginning of future meetings.
  - f. Baker suggested to utilize school data to better understand ethnic and socio-economic background of District 10 families and residents. Use this data to better identify Como Connect partners.

## OLD BUSINESS

- A. Committee name change to Neighborhood Relations will be voted on at next Board meeting.
- B. Kuchta still accepting edits to Welcome Kit until February 5, 2019, before submitting to board.
- C. No update on food shelf development.
- D. No update on Equity programming.
- E. No update on The Next Generation.
- F. Community Concerns: Darcy notified of community fitness classes at Como Park Apartments, which can be registered for through Northwest Como Rec Center.

## NEXT MEETING

Tuesday February 5, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM