



**District 10 Community Council Board Meeting  
Historic Street Car Station  
1224 Lexington Parkway, St. Paul, MN 55108  
Tuesday, January 15, 2018  
7:00 PM  
MINUTES**

**I. Call to order**

Chair Ryan Flynn called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

**II. Board introductions**

Present: Ryan Flynn, 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, Laura Jo Busian, Cari Ness Nesje  
Absent: Adina Florea Weseman, Haley Fruen  
Staff: Michael Kuchta

**III. Review, amend agenda:**

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

**IV. Community section**

**MOTION:** *D10 will livestream its board meetings. (Post/Ireland) passes*

A. Special presentations:

- Jane Graupman from the International Institute reported on the organization's plans to expand and renovate its space on Como Ave.
- Bethlehem Yewhalawork from Tobacco 21 updated board members on the organization's effort to encourage the City of St. Paul to raise the minimum legal age to purchase tobacco products to 21.

**MOTION:** Be it resolved that the District 10 Como Community Council requests that St. Paul City Council take action to increase the tobacco sales age from 18 to 21. (Nesje/Zwiefelhofer) Motion referred to Neighborhood Relations committee

B. Board chair report: Ryan Flynn says most of his report is included in the officers' report. The annual election is coming up in April; board members should let Ryan or Michael know if they'll be seeking reelection or what role they'd like to play on the board. Renter outreach position update: executives considering asking if an organizer at neighboring council can do the job or a possibly partnership with another neighborhood council on a new position.

C. Treasurer's report: Anne Hartman reports we are under budget by \$6,838.11.

D. Other community concerns: A D10 resident says he's concerned that a person living under the Snelling bridge on Como might need assistance. Michael suggests calling the St. Paul Police's Western District and MnDOT and then checking back in with D10.

**V. Board Business Section**

A. Minutes and financial reports

**MOTION:** *Approve December 2018 meeting minutes and financial report. (Zwiefelhofer/Busian) passes*

B. Officers' report: Ryan Flynn is looking for a group of board members to look at a redesign of the website. Mike, Cody, and Rebecca said they would like to be a part of the effort. The budget includes \$1,600 for the work and needs to be spent by July.

**MOTION:** *Adopt the proposed Como Community Council budget for 2019. (Hartman/Nesje) passes*

**ACTION ITEM:** *Amend the District 10 Como Community Council bylaws to change the minimum membership age from 18 to 16. (Ryan/Amy) passes -- Abstention by Coburn*

C. Committee updates

**Environment** Mike Ireland reports that the committee has been approached about sponsoring a bird study in Como Park. There would be no cost and it would involve using the eBird app. Expect an action item in the future. The Como Woodland organization is pushing for a study of the birds, animals, and plants in the area being eyed for a dog park. Workshops on rain barrels and composting are being considered for the spring or early summer. Missed pick-ups at the organic compost site have people asking D10 for help. Michael is going to have a meeting with the county to discuss operations and issues with the site's gate. Tim notes that the Pathways committee is planning future meetings to consider a draft report and public input on the committee's work.

**Land use** Maggie Zimmerman reports the committee discussed the potential dog park, how neighbors are considering "greening up" Wynne Ave. by replacing trees that were cut down, and the latest on TCGIS.

**Neighborhood** Olivia Mulvey Morawiecki says the committee is holding an event to meet with residents at the high rise along Front Ave on Jan. 24. The D10 ice cream social has been set for July 12.

**ACTION ITEM:** *The Como Community Council revises its bylaws to change the name of the Neighborhood Relations and Safety and Outreach Committee to Neighborhood Relations Committee. PASSES*

D. Staff report no report

E. New business: None

**VI. Adjourn** Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm by Ryan Flynn.

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

## District 10 Environment Committee

### Minutes Feb. 6, 2019

(Meeting was postponed from Jan. 30 due to severe cold)

Mike Ireland (chair) called the meeting into session at 7:15 p.m.

**Present:** Mike Ireland, Susan Jane Cheney, Brian Dockstader, Mike MacDonald, Andrew Gustin, Dawn Lamm, Bill Nieblur, Teri Alberico, Michael Kuchta (staff). A voting quorum was not present.

Mike Ireland reviewed the January district council board meeting, including:

- The Tobacco 21 initiative, which was referred to Neighborhood Relations
- Live streaming
- Approval of a preliminary 2019 budget. Environment items include the community garden, organics recycling site, the pathways work group, printing, technical support, the CRWD grant, and \$400 in discretionary funds
- The presentation from International Institute on their scheduled building expansion

#### INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

**Zero Waste.** Mike Ireland explained the proposed resolution requiring to-go packaging in Saint Paul which, after much delay, goes to the City Council on Feb. 20. Roughly half of district councils have endorsed it. D10 board meeting is Feb. 19, so there is time to take action. Without a quorum, the committee cannot make a recommendation, so any recommendation will have to be introduced by an individual. In D10, the proposed resolution particularly could impact the cleanliness of the park, especially near the Lakeside Pavilion and Zoo/Conservatory campus. There probably are 5-6 other establishments in D10 that could be affected. As an Environmental Committee, it is hard to argue against it. No one objected to Mike taking it to the full board as an action item.

**2019 Bird Survey.** Mike MacDonald said the yearlong survey is likely to start March 1. Any one will be welcome to take part; he and other coordinators hope D10 will formally support it. The survey will utilize eBird as its survey tool, which is based at Cornell U. The goal is to have 10-20 people go out once a week around lake or woodland classroom. Coordinators will seek additional endorsements, including from the Woodland Advisory Committee; Audubon Society; and Ornithological Union. No one objected to Mike Ireland taking it to the full board as an action item.

**Organic Compost Site.** Mike Ireland reported on a meeting with county staff on Jan. 23 to address a long list of operational issues at the site. The county wants to rebuild the site, including adding a concrete pad and reconfiguring the enclosure to make more room for users and the hauler. This would need the cooperation of Saint Paul Parks and Recreation; Michael Kuchta has requested a meeting to discuss options. County could be ready to rebuild as soon as winter leaves.

The dispenser for small bags now is working; volunteers are still stocking large bags. County is trying to get a dispenser for large bags as well.

There have been some pickup delays and overflow situations since the holidays, so we continue to monitor if site has adequate capacity. The existing pair of 3-yard bins still seems to be enough if site is serviced on time. 4-yard bins are an option, but are much larger and more difficult for many people to use.

**2019 Como Connect.** Mike Ireland reported that the planning group is still investigating whether to organize it as part of D10's Ice Cream Social, but none of previous organizers has stepped forward to take the lead. He asked committee members to tap their networks for a potential lead volunteer. Organizations that participated in 2018 eager to return.

**St. Paul Citywide Spring Clean-Up.** The annual parks event is scheduled for April 27; last year's sponsor of Como site got bought out by another company; not sure if the new owner will take over. If it does not, the city needs a half-dozen volunteers to hand out supplies and check in participants. City has asked if D10 can supply those volunteers. Note: The Environment Committee used to run it.

**Pollinator Garden Tour.** Dawn Lamm said the group is hoping to set a date during ComoFest; Michael Kuchta reported that plenty of weekend slots are still open. This would be a self-guided tour of roughly 10 gardens using a prepared map. Probably will have a 4-hour window; include boulevard, public, and rain gardens as well as private gardens; and have a threshold of 70% native plantings. Also looking for gardens with edible fruits; different plantings for the full growing season; and gardens that shy away from pesticide use. Will be seeking self-nomination or word-of-mouth nominations. Also looking to include educational or other components (such as an artist who does foldable bee origami). Ideally, gardens would be clustered in certain areas. Organizers are looking for and endorsement from the D10 board. No one objected to Mike Ireland taking it to the full board as an action item.

**Como Community Seed Library.** Dawn Lamm would like to do a third annual seed and plant swap on the weekend of May 18 (it is after Mother's Day and the Friends Plant Sale, and before Memorial Day weekend. This year's theme: Seeding Your Dreams: Would expand the exchange to include plants and tools; would include plenty of educational components, demonstrations, and family activities. Would like D10 to make the Streetcar Station available: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. for event; 10-2:30 for set up, clean up. No one objected to Mike Ireland taking it to the full board as an action item.

**Skyrise/Bronze Bee sculpture sign.** Christine Boulware from Public Art St. Paul is on sabbatical. Dawn has asked whether Public Art has the capacity inhouse to design a sign to explain the purpose of bee and high-rise.

**Sunday Series.** Michael Kuchta reported that sessions on emergency preparations and the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District will happen, though dates are not set. We also are pursuing a presentation on the history of redlining and other policies that affected housing patterns and racial equity; and an update from Capitol Region Watershed District on its Como Lake monitoring project. We need refinement on two other topics:

- **Citizen Science.** Parks and Rec, in coordination with the University Extension, is willing to do iNaturalist training on April 14 and tie it into the City Nature Challenge the weekend of April 25. It is unclear how long an effective training will take. After committee discussion, consensus was to allow tabling for other projects in which attendees can participate and apply what they learned. This could include the Como Park bird survey, the proposed wildlife survey in Audubon Woods, the Woodland bio blitz over the course of the summer, and university projects. If there

is time, some of these may be able to brief presentations. Should also target families, schools and day camps. Make a takeaway flier to help attendees apply what they learned.

- **Waste reduction.** County is willing to participate, though suggests city may be more appropriate. Teri Alberico is willing to lead Como Composts component. Participation from Eureka Recycling will be key. Other potential participants: Zero Waste St. Paul, Mobile Menders, Fix-It Clinic, Citywide Drop-Off, Tech Dump. Michael Kuchta and county staff are looking into logistics of having backyard compost barrels available for purchase, pickup or order at the event. (Another rain barrel workshop would be staggered until 2020.)

**Como Curb Cleanup.** Mike Ireland shared results from the 2018 campaign. The short summary: there was less participation, but higher results – an estimated 10.17 pounds of phosphorus diverted, which would prevent the growth of 2.54 tons of algae.

#### CAPITOL REGION WATERSHED DISTRICT

- Partnership grant: The grant is approved and the structure is in place; we are still looking for leader or leadership group. How many times lake cleanup will take place is TBD. Could be a service learning opportunity for school or faith community. May need to tap D10's volunteer database, publicize as a package of volunteer opportunities.
- Other proposals were not funded by CRWD. Staff needs to follow up with Ellen Biales of Public Works and Lindsay/Nate about ways to fund boulevard educational signs and leaf sweeping.
- Targeted watershed funding. Mike MacDonald reminded the committee that opportunities are available, keep awareness out there.
- 2019 boulevard rain garden project: CRWD wants to build 30 new gardens. As a result of survey work D10 led last year, 22 people have told watershed district they're interested. The first workshop has more people attend than signed up
- Como Lake Management Plan: The final advisory meeting March 28.
- Open house took place at its new location on Jan. 29; will have a grand opening this summer.
- 10-year Strategic Management Plan. At the Jan. 3 meeting, most of the people were from Como.

**Committee initiatives and project planning.** Discussion of 2018 list is tabled until next meeting.

#### PARTNER UPDATES

- **Como Woodland Outdoors Classroom:** Group is looking for Eco-Stewards; training is March 14 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at city shops. Will conduct bio-blitz this summer.
- **Como Community Seed Library:** Is willing to offer pop-up opportunities at individual homes; see Dawn Lamm for pamphlet and details.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07.

Minutes: Michael Kuchta

## Land Use Committee - District 10 Como Community Council – 2/12/2019 - Agenda

### 1. Call to order - 7:01pm

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

### 2. Amend/Adopt Agenda

*(Maggie, Cody) -> Passes*

### 3. Land Use Voting Procedures Reminders

### 4. New Business

- **Dog Park Presentation:** *(Girl Scouts Troop 55397)*
  - ◆ How to maintain a bird-friendly environment with a dog park.  
Proposed dog park is north of the humane society
  - ◆ Environment: Removing buckthorn (invasive species, harmful to birds); protect trees in the area (removing buckthorn and underbrush; planting more trees); Placing birdhouses to encourage birds to stay in the park
  - ◆ Design of dog park includes a large dog area and small dog area separated by wooded area.
  - ◆ Purpose of dog park is to have a neighborhood dog park that brings community together and lower dog obesity
  - ◆ Humane Society Concerns:
    - ◆ 1. Abandoning stray dogs in park;
    - ◆ 2. Won't use park for any of their dogs waiting for adoption (not sure about shots)
  - ◆ Safety Issues:
    - ◆ Take recommendations from Battle Creek Park;
    - ◆ Discuss with city of St. Paul to remove No Parking signs on Hamline;
    - ◆ Parking at McMurray Fields;
    - ◆ Car theft (put up a sign about it to mitigate)
  - ◆ **Resolution:** *District 10 supports creation of an off-leash dog park at the proposed Hamline Ave site or an area within Como Regional Park as deemed appropriate by the St. Paul Department of Parks and Recreation in collaboration with the Met Council. District 10 further supports the creation of a temporary dog park within Como Regional Park to test the viability of establishing a permanent dog park within Como Regional Park.*
    - ◆ *(Maggie, Rebecca) -> Passes. Discussion below.*

- ◆ Questions:
  - ◆ How do you plan to remove the buckthorn? Volunteers, support from forestry building nearby
  - ◆ Middle area from map would be more trees
  - ◆ Who do you talk to about removing those parking signs? Police department would help remove them.
  - ◆ Bird study is on the docket for the area
- ◆ Motion to adopt the resolution as written (Maggie, Rebecca)
  - ◆ Annie offering friendly amendment — concerned about the permanence of first sentence. Proposing eliminating first sentence. Wants to support temporary dog park to see if it's a good long term solution.
  - ◆ Discussion about the wording and whether we're tying our only support of a dog park to the Hamline location and we risk everything if the Met Council says no to the location. Opinion that in that case we'd just pass a new resolution. Friendly amendment rescinded.
  - ◆ Question about funding; finance hasn't been completely rounded up yet. But opinion about funding does not need to be under the purview of this committee. Funding for 2019 dog park would be raised from neighbors.
  - ◆ Motion passes
- **Como Ave Bike Trail** (*Reuben Collins – City of St. Paul*)
  - ◆ Grand Round idea was proposed by Mr. Cleveland (St. Paul architect), Como Park and Phalen Park would be connected via parkway, it's a loop around the city connecting all these landmarks together. St. Paul Grand Round connects these together.
  - ◆ This bike trail would be on north side of Como from Hamline to Raymond. On western edge (near Raymond) it would be to rip out the sidewalk. Going east would narrow the street on Como (because of traffic speeds near the fairgrounds; narrowing streets make people drive slower. East of Snelling there are a lot of trees on the boulevard and don't want to remove those)
  - ◆ Business node east of Snelling. This is also an economic development strategy. The strategy is that there's a lot of people at Como Park on a day, how would they like to go get a sandwich at Nelson's. Near the State Fairgrounds is not a great place to bike today.
  - ◆ At Jan. 15 open house, proposed three alternatives for middle sections near Snelling, and two alternatives to east end.
  - ◆ Questions
    - ◆ Question about State Fair traffic and narrowing the street on Como. Working with Metro Transit and State Fair to discuss

options. Traffic engineers tell us the number of lanes is more important than width of those lanes

- ◆ Question about property taxes and how assessment will happen for those properties affected by the bike lane. Not anticipating anything as part of this project; one open item is street lights though, and that is TBD as whether it's part of this project. This project falls a little outside the normal assessment process because federal dollars are used in this project.
- ◆ Why not Midway Parkway? Can't go through State Fair, city does not own that. Has to cross Snelling at grade.
- ◆ How is the decision made between the alternative options? Listening to feedback, county staff have final approval with this road as well, decision is still a little up in the air. This is a unique project, so things are still a bit up in the air.

## 5. Ongoing Business

### 1. TCGIS

1. Safe Routes to schools being considered by Gael B. From TCGIS — contact her for more information. She was not able to be around at this time, had to leave due to length of questions from previous presenters.

### 2. Wynne Ave Greening project planning

1. Attempting to get all stakeholders together to come to a resolution. Feb 25 at 5pm meeting - location TBD, trying Delicata. Open to whole neighborhood.

## 6. Staff Report

### 1. Como/Front/Dale task force

1. Introductory meeting continually interrupted by inclement weather. Feb. 28 meeting, 5:30pm, Lentsch Realty

### 2. Shalom Home

1. back to square one. All permits have been canceled and project has gone dormant.

### 3. Dunkin Donuts/Mac's Fish & Chips

1. No update - still looking to redesign due to no drive thru from previous meetings

### 4. Higher Ground Academy

1. Began construction on Metro Deaf School site. No final site plan yet, still trying to get an easement on their property line.

### 5. Route 84 bus modifications

1. Are in effect. Have been doing a layover near Lyngblomsten, residents concerned about them idling. Metro Transit has been looking at another options — any modifications won't happen until June at the



earliest.

#### **6. Gabe's**

1. May be looking at modifying their liquor license to get music on their patio.

#### **7. TCGIS Site Plan**

1. Expected planning commission to vote again on variances and site plan again because their original vote was considered invalid; variances were not explicitly approved but site plan was.
2. They voted instead not to vote. Language used was a "non decision."
3. If jurisdiction does not take action within 60 day timeframe, the variances and site plan will be approved by operation of law (meaning no-one did anything about it). Variances and site plan would be approved March 6 and 26.
4. City attorney's office did not return legal advice to non city entities. They did say the variances and site plan that will take effect are ones initially submitted by the applicant.
5. Officially approved site plan and variances are still unclear as of this meeting. Michael's current interpretation means there's a contradiction between the site plan and the parking variance number of spaces, so TCGIS might have to find additional parking spaces.

#### **7. Coming events**

- February Board Meeting – Feb 19th @ 7pm – Streetcar Station
- Next Land Use Meeting – March 6th @ 7pm – Streetcar Station

#### **8. Adjourn - 8:59pm**

**District 10 Como Community Council Neighborhood  
Relations Committee**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

*Tuesday, February 5, 2019 @ 7:00pm*

Como Streetcar Station

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE**

- A. Minute Recorder (Melissa Liu)

**II. OPENING**

- A. Call to order @ 7:05 pm
- B. Introductions - Mike Ireland, Olivia Morawiecki, Alexis Baker, Melissa Liu, Haley Fruen, Sarah Wein, Michael Kuchta
- C. Review of Minutes from 1/08/2019 NRSO Committee Meeting
- D. Add to Agenda for 02/05/2019 NRSO Committee Meeting
- E. Updates from Board Meeting
1. Environment - haven't met since December 19
  2. Land Use - shortest meeting ever
  3. NRC- our name was changed

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Tobacco 21

1. Review T21 info - discussed for over 20 minutes. Consensus was no recommendation at this time. Owners of the local BP/Speedway were invited to the meeting but did not show up.
2. Vote - BAKER motioned, "To table Tobacco21 until it is introduced in the city by a council member." Seconded by FRUEN. Passed.

- B. Garage Sale

1. Reviewed the attendance and participation for the past few years and chose the weekend of May 17th, 2019. This is a small fund raiser for D10 and doesn't require much work until the very end.

- C. Yoga

1. KUCHTA will confirm the following dates with Meegan - 3/3, 6/9, 9/8, and 12/1

- D. Citywide Spring clean-up (4/27/19) needs 5 individuals to host the clean-up at the pavilion from 9:00 - 11:30 am

- E. Como High School input session postponed to 2/25/19 - regarding the new athletic field and the possibility of new bleachers, sound system, and concession stand

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Recent Events Review

1. Front Street High Rise Gathering Recap
  - Successful event, with 12 residents that actively participated and others that hung on the periphery.
  - Ideas generated from this event include: bus stop improvements on Front, lime bikes and adult tricycles at the building, crime prevention meeting with SPPD, national night out at the building, shuttle for the ice cream social, Como/Front/Dale updates requested
2. Need a community organizer to facilitate new contacts and grow existing ones. The committee wants to have a similar meeting with Booth Brown House and Burlington rental homes.

- B. Current Initiative Update

1. Welcome Kit - committee members have until the end of the week to submit changes. Discussed the placement of the map picture.

- B. Other Event/Initiative Updates
  - 1. Food Shelf- KUCHTA found 4 congregations in D10 that have a food shelf - City of Reconciliation Church, Restoration Chapel, Masjid At-Taqwa, and Bethel Lutheran. MORAWIECKI met with Cathy Meas from Loaves & Fishes and was directed to the director of Keystone Services for advice on how to start a food shelf. Discussed the difference between a food shelf and Fare4All.
- C. Long-Term Initiatives
  - 1. Equity - Community organizer money approved until the end of May. The search continues for a suitable person.
  - 2. The Next Generation - KUCHTA reaching out to high schools. One possible format would be a model UN for the students to work on initiatives of their interest.
- D. Community Concerns - None
- E. Ice Cream Social -
  - 1. LIU provided information about Uber Events that allows us to set a radius, time frame of rides, and provides vouchers that D10 purchases for residents to come to the Ice Cream Social. The calendar only books out a few months in advance so July is too far out to set it up.
  - 2. Contacting local houses of worship to see if they have church vans that can be used
  - 3. IRELAND is looking for a Como Connect rep to attend the NRC meetings
- F. FRUEN suggested the board use an app called "Slack" to improve communications. It was suggested to email the executive committee with the idea.

## V. NEXT MEETING

- A. Tuesday, March 5, 2019 @ 7:00pm at Historic Streetcar Station
- B. Adjourned at 8:55 pm

## Como Community Council: Officers Meeting

Feb. 14, 2019 (6:30 p.m. Delicata)

Present: Ryan Flynn, chair; Amy Perna, vice chair; Anne Hartmann, treasurer; Michael Kuchta, staff

### Upcoming Events

- **Pathways** work group will hold public feedback sessions on its draft recommendations on Wednesday Feb. 20 and Saturday March 9.
- **Community yoga:** Neighborhood Relations has set 2019 dates as Sunday mornings March 3, June 9, Sept. 8, Dec. 1
- Council Member Mitra Jalali Nelson and the five district councils in Ward 4 are finalizing an agenda for a **renters' forum** on a Saturday in late March/early April.
- **Sunday Series.** Events are taking shape. Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (mid-March), Emergency preparedness (March 31), Citizen science (April 14), Reduce, reuse, recycle (May 5). Still working on potential presentations on the history of redlining (Anne Phibbs of Strategic Diversity Initiatives) and update on Como Lake monitoring project (Capitol Region Watershed District).
- **Schiffman Fountain.** Re-dedication will be May 4 or 11. Parks and Rec wants to know if we want to participate. We will seek a table and 2 minutes of speechifying. Parks will also present at the March board meeting.
- **Garage Sale.** Neighborhood Relations has chosen the weekend of May 17.
- **Citywide Drop-Off at State Fairgrounds.** Tentatively set for June 8. District councils that are taking the lead will make a more-concerted effort to get volunteer participation from neighboring councils. Maggie and Amy are taking lead for D10; Debra Pursley will lead senior pickup efforts again.
- **Renter outreach dinners.** Last event was Jan. 24 at Front Ave. High Rise. Trying to schedule Booth Brown House. Need to hire organizer to make dedicated effort at outreach and scheduling for other rental communities.

### Community

- **TGIS/SHSA.** Planning Commission vote of Feb. 8 will let school's initial site plan and variance requests take effect automatically, through what is known as "operation of law" under state statute 15.99, in March. City attorney's office has been only partially responsive in providing details of exactly which variances and site plan provisions go into effect. We have gotten conflicting information from other city staff. Initial reading is that the Planning Commission's decision will throw out the window all the progress the district council, school, and city staff have made on issues such as parking, traffic flow, crosswalks, drop-off and pick-up, and playground sound. It is also possible the parking variance that takes effect will not meet city code.  
There is 10 days after Feb. 8 to appeal. The board's November action item would give us authority to appeal, but appeal would cost \$462, which is not budgeted and exceeds officers' spending authority. If we appeal, we will have to build that \$462 into supplemental budget (which will include increased city grant funding). Ryan will contact board members for their sense of how to proceed.
- **Como/Front/Dale work group.** Meeting has been postponed twice because of severe weather; is now rescheduled to Feb. 28.
- **Wynne Ave.** Meeting with neighbors and Hmong College Prep Academy about noise, lack of greenery, and parking will be Feb. 25.

- **Route 84 bus.** Michael has talked with Metro Transit about neighbor's concerns of fumes, noise, etc. of placing layover outside of Lyngblomsten on the new loop. Metro Transit is reviewing the possibility of reversing the loop so it is clockwise rather than counter clockwise. That would make a layover possible on Como Ave. just west of Pascal. At earliest, reroute would not happen until June. Michael has contacted Booth Brown House to see if they have concerns.

### Communication

- **Website rebuild.** Michael met with Joshua Murray, who is working on new websites for Districts 2 and 12. He has submitted a proposal for a complete rebuild of D10's site for \$2722.92, plus ongoing hosting for \$30 a year (compared with about \$35/month we currently pay).  
Rebuild is based on a draft navigation structure Michael and Joshua worked out. Michael will share details with Cody, Mike, and Rebecca, who volunteered last month to take lead. Goal is to have recommendation for full board in March. We have \$1,600 set aside in COPP funding; we also can reallocate \$360 from COPP that originally was set aside for SurveyMonkey, but was paid from a different source. We can save over \$300 in hosting fees, then allocate balance from new engagement grant funding.  
New content suggestion: Include citywide map of all district councils, in which users can find their district geographically, then click that section of the map to reach that district's website.
- **Copyright for website, newsletter.** Upon pro bono advice of attorney Sam Holle, we will add a copyright notice to home page of website, to articles that contain substantial original content, and to newsletter.

### Financials

- **Fund-raising.** We have about 1,500 names in spreadsheet, and Amy is continuing to work through 2018 sign-in sheets. Anne will attempt to cross-reference names to eliminate duplicates. After reviewing results of community survey, board will have to determine what strategy to pursue for a fund-raising appeal.
- **Updating 2019 budget.** D10 will receive \$12,105 more in city's community engagement grant for 2019. Officers discussed potential uses, including those discussed elsewhere in these notes. Michael suggested the majority go to personnel. Officers will discuss options in closed session at end of Feb. 19 meeting.
- **Fiscal agency.** North Dale Booster Club reports that Toys for Tots drive for which we provided fiscal agency served more than 125 children.
- **Color copier transition.** Michael provided a spreadsheet with the proposed details from Coordinated Business Systems and MOTG. Both proposals are substantially less than we pay now. Current lease on our b&w printer expires in July; both proposals include options for early buyout. Michael will provide additional information on current lease and estimated usage.
- **2018 tax forms.** Accountant has provided officers the 2018 state and federal tax forms to review.
- **Macintosh computer upgrade.** Michael has transitioned from the old Macintosh to the new PC as the primary office computer. Spectrum Business Systems has evaluated the Macintosh; it can quadruple memory for about \$125 parts and labor. Though the Mac's OS cannot be upgraded (which will affect browsers, primarily), additional memory should improve performance and storage, give us access to software the PC does not

have, and provide a secondary computer for additional staff. Officers will revisit discussion next month.

#### Organizational Business

- **Organizer position.** D6's organizer has resigned for health reasons, so we are back to square one. We are still talking with D6 and D12 about sharing a position. Michael also has reached out to the MAPL program at Metro State and has one applicant from that graduate program.
- **Equity training.** Michael and Amy have a conference call with Anne Phibbs from Strategic Diversity Initiatives to learn more about their proposed training; proposal is \$9,000 for unlimited participants. Nexus Community Partners' proposal is \$8,000 for up to 45 participants; this is proposal D6 prefers. Michael has asked other district councils if any are interested in sharing SDI training; to date, only three have expressed genuine interest (East Side, Fort Road, Capitol River).
- **Community survey.** Michael shared results of the online responses from 275 community members. No one has done analysis yet.
- **April elections.** Ryan will continue talking with board members about their plans and open leadership opportunities.
- **February board meeting.** Featured presenter will be Mary Knox, from the Saint Paul Public Library.
- Agenda includes action items on Saint Paul to-go packaging ordinance, Como Regional Park bird survey, pollinator garden tour, Como Community Seed Library event, and off-leash dog park. (Neighborhood Relations has tabled Tobacco 21 initiative until proposed resolution has city council sponsor.)
- Future presenters: March -- Como HS athletics, Schiffman Fountain restoration

Meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.