



STEVENS SQUARE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

Serving the Stevens Square-Loring Heights Neighborhood

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Meeting of the Board of Directors

Agenda for Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 6 PM

Plymouth Church room 215, and on Zoom

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The purpose of this meeting is to conduct the business of the SSCO Board, which makes its decisions based upon the work of the committees, and to have committee chairs make their reports to the Board. Only Board members can vote on motions and when appropriate, motions can be opened to the floor for discussion. Discussions will follow parliamentary procedure.

Any person who wishes to be on the agenda for a Board meeting should contact the Board Chair in writing at board@stevenssquare.org ten (10) days in advance of the next scheduled Board Meeting. The Executive Committee reviews all requests and prepares the agenda.

SSCO recognizes that name and gender identity are central to most individuals' sense of self and well-being, and that it is important for SSCO to establish mechanisms to acknowledge and support individuals' self-identification. One way we can support identity is by honoring the name and pronouns that each of us go by.

Many people might go by a name in daily life that is different from their legal name. In our gatherings, we seek to refer to people by the names that they go by.

Pronouns can be a way to affirm someone's gender identity, but they can also be unrelated to a person's identity. They are simply a public way in which people are referred to in place of their name (e.g. "he" or "she" or "they" or "ze" or something else). At all SSCO Board and committee meetings, you are invited (if you want to) to share what pronouns you go by, and we seek to refer to people using the pronouns that they share. The pronouns someone indicates are not necessarily indicative of their gender identity.

City of Minneapolis Land Acknowledgement: *As we meet here today, we are reminded that Minneapolis is situated on the homelands of the Dakota people. An area that is steeped in rich Indigenous history, and today is home to Indigenous people from more than 30 different nations. As a City, we have a responsibility to care for the land on which we live and work and all of its natural surroundings. This stewardship is an integral part of our involvement in SSCO, and we honor it as we begin our meeting.*



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6:00pm: Intros (Name, Pronouns, Connection to the neighborhood)

- Ken Strobel, Maureen Wells, Karen Ives, Tay Sullivan, Jody Podulke, Glenn Everette, Emily Mara Kroth, Ann Hite, Jamal Osman, Khalid Mohamud (Jamal Osman's office)

Minutes & Agenda

- Approve minutes from the May board meeting. [Find them here.](#)
 - Karen Ives moves to approve, Maureen Wells seconds, unanimous vote
- Approve today's agenda.
 - Tay Sullivan motioned to approve, Maureen Wells seconds, unanimous vote

New Business:

[Conflict of Interest Policy](#) We need to get signed copies from Board members.

- Glenn and Kevin still need to sign

Safety Office Keys

- Adam has a key, Christine has a set that needs to be returned, Kemi has a key, Ken has a key, Glenn's key was lost, one missing.
- Utility keys for park are hung up in safety office
- Glenn will reach out to Christine

Jamal Osman, Guest

- Last week a MPD officer and two other people were killed in a shooting in Whittier. "It is a shame that this took place in our neighborhood, and it is tragic what happened. I am here for anyone who would like to talk to me."
- Jamal is meeting with the Chief regularly to address challenges on 18th and Nicollet, getting to know business owners and talking with MetroTransit to address safety concerns.
- Maureen updated us that the lighting project has started. She also mentioned that Nicollet and 19th is also a problem.
- Glenn, the police data does not support that there is as much crime at 18th and 19th and Nicollet.
- Jamal Osman wants to bring people to discuss crime stats. Tay suggests the Safety Committee Meeting.
- Maureen reminds Jamal that we need our streets swept.
- Khalid mentions that Jamal and Katie Cashman took a tour of the neighborhood to witness the issues that we have brought up (i.e. Axis medical patients have been harassed). Khalid is glad we are reviving Safety Committee and encouraged us to reach out when we have meetings and when there are concerns in the neighborhood. Added that 911 dispatch center will be fully staffed by September and cameras have been ordered for the neighborhood.
- Emily Mara requested that Jamal Osman's office inquire about MPDs community engagement training and they will send us information.



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Tay's final months on the board

- Special Election for August 17th Quarterly meeting to fill the Vice Chair and Secretary roles - Stevens Square and Abbot meeting room as a backup
- If Tay's secretary position is not filled then they will continue to attend board meetings and do minutes and minimal secretary

Email needs to go out to current rental rebate folks to discontinue personal cleanup and update website.

Greening Coordinator Update:

[June Progress Report](#)

Approve budget (LaSalle Garden)

- We had \$5,000 for greening coordinator from the city and we talked about giving Adam a \$2,000 budget to improve the LaSalle Garden or Overlook.
- Maureen motioned to approve the budget for Adam, Glenn Seconds, Unanimous approval

Water Fountain in the Park

- The water fountain is operational! Please use it! Glenn recommends we spread the story of the water fountain

Committees:

Finance:

- 2023 NCR annual report
 - Karen motions to approve the annual with additions, Maureen seconds, unanimous vote

Hiring Committee update

[Job Listings Posted](#)

Committee needs more support

- Monday June 10th 6pm

Events and Engagement

- June 19th event being moved to June 29th and possibly Pride themed

Safety

- Change Nov. meeting to 11/21 and Dec. 12/19

Neighborhood Development Committee

- At last NDC meeting there was talk of doing memorial project in the overlook. Found out from park board that we can do a tree (working with forestry) for \$500 and they are hoping to pursue it further along with an engraved stone. Karen suggests we get a quote for the stone or final memorial items to put together a formal budget request.
- NDC should get in touch with EEC to see who has had ideas and where there is overlap and make final decisions on memorial projects.



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Old business:

Website and Newsletter
Calendar Updates

Wrap up and vote to adjourn

- **Tay Sullivan motions to adjourn, Jody seconds, unanimously approved**



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UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Visit stevenssquare.org to view additional events and volunteer opportunities

[Community Clean-up](#) Saturday, June 15, 2024, 10am-12pm

[Events and Engagement Committee](#) Monday, June 17, 2024 6-7pm
Usually third Monday of every month

[Neighborhood Development Committee](#) Thursday, June 20, 2024 6-7pm
Usually third Thursday of every month

[Gardening at the Overlook](#) Monday, June 24, 2024 5-7pm
Usually last Monday June-September

[Safety Committee](#) Thursday, June 27, 2024 6pm-7:30pm
Usually last Thursday of every month

[Board of Directors](#) Tuesday, July 2, 2024 6-7:30pm
Usually first Tuesday of every month

Stevens Square Community Organization Mission Statement

SSCO provides a respectful forum for community involvement and leadership that builds on neighborhood strengths to promote and improve Stevens Square-Loring Heights as a fun place to live, work, and play. SSCO works to strengthen Stevens Square-Loring Heights by initiating, integrating, and implementing key priorities:

- *Economic development (housing and commercial development)*
- *Community safety*
- *Clean green environment*
- *Building community through the arts*
- *Community involvement*