



STEVENS SQUARE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

Serving the Stevens Square-Loring Heights Neighborhood

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Meeting of the Board of Directors

Agenda for April 7th, 2026, 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.*

Attendance: Charlotte, D'art, Adam, Shykala, Anna, Jodi, Khrys, Axel, Ken Strobel, Molly Ellis, Karen Ives, Tay, Robert, Mauren Wells, Frank, Chelcy

SSCO 4-7-2026 Board of Directors Meeting

6:00 Minutes & Agenda

- Approve minutes from the [March Board Meeting](#)
 - Charlotte motions to approve with amendment that date got changed for Quarterly
 - Kai seconds
- Approve today's agenda.
 - Anna to speak on requested subject at end of new business section
 - Kai motions to approve with amendment; Charlotte seconds - motion carries
 - Charlotte motions to approve with amendment; Kai seconds - motion carries

6:10 New Business

- [Proposed Affordable Housing Development at 112 Franklin Ave](#)
 - Came to March's NDC meeting - no variances needed
 - Adam is POC for project
- [1st Avenue Construction Updates](#)
 - Reps coming to Neighborhood events committee
 - Question: will there be an updated timeline?
- Board Member Status - Thomas Gerard
 - Board Appointment Discussion
 - Kai motions to approve to remove; Charlotte seconds - motion
 - Action to email to let him know he's officially removed
 - Action to advertise additional interim opening - to be appointed at May Board meeting
- [April 1st Nicollet Avenue Neighborhoods Meeting](#)
- [Annual Report](#)
 - Due 15th
 - Adam to guestimate flyering doors
 - Karen motions; Maureen seconds
- Anna:
 - 4 Main suggestions:
 - Create more frequent volunteer opportunities
 - More fun short family oriented events
 - Park Days
 - Survey people to ask what people would want to see
 - Open Forum Meetings
 - Utilize community efforts
 - Act with more political awareness

7:15 Greening & Development Coordinator Update

- [Greening & Development Report](#)

7:25 Communication & Outreach Manager Update

- [Communication & Outreach Report](#)

7:35 Committees:

- **Grants:**
 - [2026 Grant-Hunting Spreadsheet](#)
- **NDC/EEC:**
 - [March NDC/EEC Minutes/Report](#)
 - Highlights
 - Presentation from DEC about 122 Franklin Ave redevelopment
 - April 11th Quarterly Discussion
- **Safety:**
 - [March Safety Committee Report](#)
 - Highlights
 - Discussed concerns about neighborhood cleanliness and increased anti-social behavior around the Nicollet-Franklin intersection
- **Garden:**
 - [March Garden Minutes](#)
 - Highlights
 - Approved garden policies and made plans for LaSalle Community Garden re-opening on May 2nd
- **Finance:**
 - [February 2026 Report](#)
 - Highlights
 - Outside of PTO payments, we are within our budget.
- Charlotte Motions to Leave
- Dar't Motions to Pass: Aye

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*