



# STEVENS SQUARE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

Serving the Stevens Square-Loring Heights Neighborhood

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## Meeting of the Board of Directors

Agenda for Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 6 PM  
Virtual Only

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## The Board of Directors

*[Vacant Position] Chair*

Christine Koch *Vice Chair*

Karen Ives *Treasurer*

*[Vacant Position] Secretary*

## Members at Large

Kevin Washington Tay Sullivan

Amina Harper Ann Hite

Scott Dickman Glenn Everrette

Jodi Podulke



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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](mailto: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

**Tentative attendees:** Molly, Greg, Marnie and Julie, Christine Koch, Scott Dickman, Maureen Wells, Glenn Everette, Karen Ives, Ken Strobel, Noah Cameron, Emily Mara Kroth, Pamela, Katie Cashman, Jamal Osman

## Minutes & Agenda

- Approve minutes from the January board meeting. [Find them here.](#)
- Tay motioned, Christine 2nd, unanimously approved
- Approve today's agenda.
- Tay motioned, Glenn 2nd, unanimous

## Speakers

- Noah Cameron - Candidate in the February 17th Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board Election
- Gave us a heads up that he was running for the NRP policy board and that he would like our vote. He wants to make sure neighborhood orgs continue to have a say.
- Marnie and Julie with a nursing home proposal, looking for letter of support
- The organization has 19 years experience running nursing homes and is interested in expanding to Stevens Square 143 E 19th St.
- 32 efficiency units, dining that serves 3 meals, nurses on staff, low income residents, improvements to the building and landscape
- Will send more information to the board for review
- Jamal Osman
- Looking for input on making community safer - invited him to the annual meeting to talk more about this
- 3rd avenue encampment update: it is private property so the city cannot act as quickly but expecting to be evicted by Friday 2/9, complaints had come from the gas station and neighbors

## Robert Skafte's Legacy Projects Updates

- Vote on the SSCO resolution language change. Read the [resolution here.](#)
- On February 7, the full Minneapolis Parks & Rec Board will vote on the resolution to work towards site control of the Overlook Garden. The resolution details that once MPRB takes site control, the garden will be formally dedicated to Robert Skafte. Read the [full resolution here.](#)
  - To support this resolution, email [OpenTime@minneapolisiparks.org](mailto:OpenTime@minneapolisiparks.org) by noon on 2/7. To speak at the meeting in support, call 612-230-6400 by 3 p.m. on 2/7 to be put on the speakers list.
- Karen motioned to approve a revision to our resolution, Tay 2nd, unanimously approved



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## Board Elections

- Current election process as per our bylaws (<https://shorturl.at/sFGKN>)
  - Chair and Secretary, 2 year terms, odd years
  - Vice-Chair and Treasurer, 2 year terms, even years
  - At-large, 1 year term
  - “There will be a one-week voting period for all votes of the corporation following the presentation of information. Members will have the ability to vote online or in-person.” (Article 4, 7c)
- Due to the open seats on the board, our current cycle doesn’t work
  - Suggestion by Tay to get back on track: Vice Chair and Treasurer 1 year interim position. Chair and Secretary regular 2 year term.
- Website and form updates by Tay
- Create form for voting, paper and electronic
- Outreach - how can we increase interest?
  - Social media posts
  - Flyers (ready to be posted)
  - Connecting with our neighbors
- A vote to finalize the seat terms will be done over email in the coming week.

Tay motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 because the Plymouth Church space is only reserved until 7:30. Christine 2nd. Unanimously approved.

## Meeting Adjourned

## ~~Events & Engagement Committee Update~~

- ~~Annual Meeting~~
  - ~~What sort of support is needed?~~

## ~~Hiring Update~~

- ~~Overview of hiring planning meetings~~
- ~~Discuss job descriptions and next steps~~
- ~~Schedule another planning meeting~~
  - ~~Virtual Saturday February 10th, 10am-12pm~~
  - ~~Virtual Tuesday February 13th, 1:00pm-3:00pm or 6:00pm-8:00pm~~

## Wrap up and vote to adjourn



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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Visit [stevenssquare.org](http://stevenssquare.org) to view the time and location of each event

### [Events and Engagement Committee](#)

Monday, March 18, 2024 6-7pm  
Usually Third Monday of every month

Gardening at the Overlook

Over for the season!

### [Board of Directors](#)

Tuesday, March 5 2024 6-7:30pm  
First Tuesday of every month

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## 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*