St. Anthony Park Community Council

Formed in 1976 as one of 17 neighborhood districts to advise the City about community needs and desires

Comprised of:
- An elected and appointed, volunteer Board of Directors representing local residents and organizations plus 2 “at-large” positions
- Two paid staff members (usually)
- Four, volunteer standing committees:
  - Equity
  - Transportation
  - Land Use
  - Environment
- One volunteer subcommittee
  - Transition Town All St Anthony Park
- Occasional, volunteer Task Forces or special committees
- Serve as an umbrella for others, including SAP Community Garden
Who are we?

Recent immigrants and old timers

People of Color

Young folks

Folks of all ages that dress funny sometimes
Age distribution (2011-2015)

- Total = 8196
- 43% of the population is between 20 and 40 years old.
- 42% of the population is 60 years old or older.
The number of rentals has increased 50% since the 2000 Census and is rising further with more housing along the Green Line.
3486 total households
1593 with income below poverty level
650 with income up to 149% of poverty level

mncompass.org/profiles/neighborhoods
Community Feedback

- 411 Online Survey respondents
- More than 300 canvassing and small-group respondents

Where do you live/work/play in SAP?

- North: 51%
- South: 38%
- UMN: 7%
- W of 280: 4%

How long have you lived in SAP?

- < 5 yr: 10%
- 5-10 yr: 17%
- 10-20 yr: 13%
- > 20 yr: 36%

Well distributed by age, 65% female, 86% white, 9% less than $35k, 35% $100k+

- 57 organizations – for-profits, non-profits, single proprietors
What types of new housing will be needed in SAP over the next 10 years?

- Medium density, multi-generation, mixed income, mixed use, co-op housing options.
- Economic integration would add to vibrancy of neighborhood.
- Appropriate new development, affordable, contributes to neighborhood.
- Other development: restaurants, bars, small retailers open in evenings, co-working space.
The modes of transportation that are prioritized vary among different groups.

- **Bus and LRT** are somewhat higher for respondents with lower income.
- **Walking**, **Bus transit**, and **Metro Mobility** are higher for disabled respondents.
- Many seasonal public transit riders; many want to increase use of public transit.
- **Traffic and crosswalks** are a high safety issue, especially among disabled.
- **Recommend more bike racks, benches, signage, and better connections.**
What environmental concerns do you have?

- Green space and tree canopy highly valued; increase in SSAP.
- Pollution of greater concern to lower income residents, especially air pollution and access to green space.
- More public infrastructure such as drinking fountains, trash bins, seating.
- 24% of respondents lack easy access to food, 33% among disabled, 44% for low-income.

Air quality
Noise
Water quality
Soil quality
Lack of green space
Lack of trees
Severe weather
Other
Three overarching questions:

- How do we ensure equitable access for all in housing, movement from place to place, jobs, and food?
- How do we respond to climate change, as a neighborhood within a city?
- How do we support the shift to a creative, more diverse economy?
Equity at SAPCC

- Strategic Plan strives for “equity in all we do”
- Equity framework
  - Engaging the whole community
  - Including equitable language in the 10-year plan
- Identified five goals for the next 10 years
Equity Priorities for the 10-Year Plan

- Mobility – fostering transportation accessible to all
- Affordability – encouraging equitable development
- Sustainability – maintaining public spaces for our community
- Community – providing spaces to gather
- Food – improving access to fresh food year round
Climate Change

To stop the drivers of climate change, we need to stop using fossil fuels.

• Make big reductions in the amount of energy we use.
• Increase generation of renewable energy, including in our own neighborhood.

Yet we have to be prepared to live with more severe weather.

• Strengthen resilience of our infrastructure.
• Realize that social capital is crucial to our ability to respond in emergencies.
Reduce our energy use.

- Increase awareness of options for food, transportation, and buildings.
- Promote retrofitting existing buildings.
- Encourage advanced energy requirements for new construction.

- Reduce waste with reuse, recycling, and composting.
Increase local renewable energy generation.

- New buildings “solar ready.”
- Community solar gardens.
- District heating and cooling.
Strengthen resilience to severe weather.

• Explore electrical options – emergency generators, local grids.
• Mitigate localized flooding.

• Know our neighbors and share contact info.
• Know which neighbors might need help and who can help.
Economic & Business Development

Our EBD plan is about having a creative, diverse economy that supports equity, responds to climate change and considers historic preservation.

There are different needs for neighborhood nodes and the Green Line Corridor/existing industrial area of SAP.
Neighborhood nodes

- Strengthen NSAP retail businesses by supporting parking and transit solutions and helping identify and transition to growing future needs
- Develop a “village center” in SSAP with walkable access to services
- Work with the City to make it easier to start a new business
- Support residents working from home
Green Line Corridor/Industrial area

- Support zoning flexibility for mixed use – including housing and commercial/industrial
- Support district systems such as storm water management, district heating and shared parking
- Support art and creative enterprises as a catalyst for redevelopment
- Support infrastructure improvements to increase attractiveness for redevelopment
Housing

Density

- Current /Recent Projects – Union Flats, Weyerhauser, Ecumen, The Ray
- Several opportunities being reviewed
- Modify “Developer Guidelines” to maintain standards and align with our adjacent neighborhoods
Housing

Variety
- Families - Keeping our Community strong
- Seniors - Respecting people’s desire to stay in SAP
- Makers - Making our community vibrant for artists, artisans, alternate work options
Housing

Affordability

- Affordable housing goal is that no family pays more than 30% gross income for housing
- Ten Year Plan calls for 30% of units built to be affordable
- Affordable / Market Rate mixed in same building or neighborhood
Housing

Public Green Spaces

- All new housing should create public green spaces
- Green spaces to be on the property or contribute to communal spaces
Historic Preservation

Historic preservation should be taken into consideration along with equity, climate change and shifting to a creative, diverse economy

- Identify historic resources
- Preserve areas with unique characteristics
- Protect designated sites
- Incorporate consideration of historic preservation into development and land use planning
Historic Preservation

- Support resources for private maintenance and preservation of historic sites
- Use preservation to further economic development
- Provide opportunities for education & outreach about history of the area
- Promote historical interpretive signage
Transportation

**Primary Goal:**
Decrease dependence on cars in the neighborhood

- Improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists

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**Hit by a vehicle traveling at 20 MPH**: 9 out of 10 pedestrians survive.

**Hit by a vehicle traveling at 30 MPH**: 5 out of 10 pedestrians survive.

**Hit by a vehicle traveling at 40 MPH**: only 1 out of 10 pedestrians survives.

Pat Thompson
Improve pedestrian connectivity and biking infrastructure
Decrease impact of truck traffic

Make parking use more efficient (shared, priced)

Improve transit access and connectivity

Enroll now in the Transit Assistance Program (TAP)

Pay just $1 for rides on buses and trains!
- Open to certified low-income residents ages 6 and up.
- Ride for $1 per trip for one year.
- Pay your fare with an easy-to-use Go-To Card, which is protected against loss or theft.
- Add value to your card at any METRO rail ticket machine, Go-To Card outlet (including all Cub Foods stores, metrottransit.org or by enrolling in our Auto Refill program. Effective Date: Jan. 1, 2018.
Parks and Recreation

- Preserve, enhance, and increase parks and other green space
- More walkways and benches
- More public green space in developments, especially in South SAP
- Seek public and private funding
- Include green space in a freeway “lid”
Support current and promote non-traditional uses
Langford Park Rec Center & Joy of the People
Broaden use; public gatherings, dog space, food production, pollinator habitat
● Eliminate the “food desert”
  Expand gardening opportunities
  Hydroponics/aquaponics, winter production
  Increase food collection and distribution

● Maintain and expand the Community Garden

Food recovery from stores and restaurants

Aquaponics

Deep Winter Greenhouse
- Enhance the urban forest
- Multi-use boulevards and rights-of-way
- Create a “rewilding plan”
Water, Soil, & Air

The questions are **What?** and **So what?**

**Water** – Too much, too little, too dirty
Cleanup event
9 am, April 14
NAPA Auto Parts

Kasota Pond North
Kasota Pond East
Kasota Pond West

What? Chloride

So What?
Index of Biological Integrity

Macroinvertebrates

Aquatic plants
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**Soil** – Commercial/residential operations, Traffic
Interactive GIS map of MPCA sites
Public meeting will begin at **7 pm April 3 at SPNN**
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Community Air Quality Monitoring Project

Report by MPCA & MDH to the community
7 pm, April 3 at SPNN
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**Soil** – Commercial/residential operations, Traffic

**Outdoor Air** – Dust, chemicals, vapors

**Indoor Air** – Mold spores, radon, vapors

**Other pollution** – Noise, light, visual, litter