

**MINUTES**  
**Macalester-Groveland Community Council (MGCC)**  
**February 12, 2009**

President Richard Broderick called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present:

Andrew Olson, Carrie Au-Yeung, Mary Davis, Steve Matysik, Joel Clemmer, Steve Gorg, Gena Berglund, Mike Kowski, Joyce Krech, Alan Yngve, Eric Schroeder, Richard Broderick, Jay MacBride, Will Au-Yeung, Joe Bagnoli, Beth DeCourcy, Susan Crumb, Scott Swanson, Melanie Peterson-Nafziger..

Absent

Todd Curtis, John Haggemiller. Leo Viktora, Lorin Velikonja.

Minutes: A motion to approve the November 2008 Minutes was moved, seconded, and passed.

Board Member Profile: Scott Swanson grew up in Virginia, MN and was a Star Tribune paperboy. He was recruited to go to prep school and graduated from Gustavus in 1983, then attended William Mitchell College of Law and clerked for the Court of Appeals. He ran the sentencing guideline commission for 2 years. He is director of Academic support at St. Thomas law school. Just received a life-long learner Masters in Counseling from St. Thomas. Has two kids.

Grand Old Day -- Jaimee Lucke Hendrickson, GABA gave an overview of Grand Old Day on Sunday June 7, 2009. A motion that the Macalester-Groveland Community Council waives the consent requirement for a block party permit for Sunday June 7, to avoid petitioning to close Grand Avenue to vehicular traffic on Grand Old Day was seconded and passed.

Grand Avenue Bike Racks -- Alan Yngve & Chad Skally, member of GABA is proposing a joint venture between GABA, SHA, MGCC to install approximately 80 bicycle hitches that would provide 160 bicycle parking spaces along the Grand/Summit corridor in Saint Paul. All bike hitches are to be purchased and installed by Dero. The hitches will be anchored using existing cement sidewalks on the public right-of-way on the street side of the sidewalk. Motion to table the item until after the discussion was seconded and failed. Motion to authorize the expenditure of \$1,000 for funding the bike hitch corridor in the Grand corridor was seconded and approved.

President's Report – Rich Broderick proposed that we do not hire an executive director after Melissa leaves. Karmann and Afton would take over as co-directors until the financial situation becomes clear. Rich proposed creating an ad hoc committee to look at the coming crunch in order to increase our visibility and build alternative revenue sources. Those interested should contact Rich, Karmann or Afton. A motion that the Macalester-Groveland Community Council approves the following committee chairs for 2009: Susan Crumb, Community Outreach; Melanie Peterson-Nafziger & Rich Broderick, Environment; John Errigo, Housing & Land Use; Terry Casey, Transportation was seconded and approved.

Report of the Executive Director / Community Organizer: Melissa Martinez-Sones reported on 2008 Financials; and an amendment to a city contract under which the city could revoke repayment of program costs upon 30 days notice. MGCC is getting four proposals for the annuals audit contract. KidsPark/Desnoyer moved and it is doing well and has an open house soon. Melanie reported on the

Trademark dispute. Bylaws proposed changes must be voted on at the March meeting. Board members in odd numbered grids our up for election this year on April 9. CIB task force volunteers are needed if you are interested please contact Melissa. Orientation is on Monday, February 23.

Staff Report: Karmann Peters reports that a bike boulevard is proposed for Mac Groveland and Afton Martin reports that Frost Fest was a huge success with 150 people in attendance.

Transportation Committee Action Items:

--Mt. Curve opt-out: four homeowners would like to opt out of an street works project. The petition has 100% of the required signatures. If the street has to be done at a later time then all St. Paul taxpayers would be responsible for the costs. Motion to table the proposal was seconded and passed. Elizabeth Decourcy abstained.

--A motion to approve St. Paul's preliminary study for bike transit on Jefferson Avenue was seconded and approved.

--A motion to approve streets be paved in brick rather than asphalt on Goodrich Avenue, between Mississippi River Blvd and Cretin Ave (with a preference for permeable brick) was seconded and passed with one abstention by Susan Crumb. The neighbors desire the project for the following reasons: aesthetics, traffic calming, property values and maintaining the historic value of the neighborhood. 90% of the neighborhood signed off on the project.

--A motion to financially support in the amount of \$1,000 the installation of bike racks on Grand Avenue from Cretin to Dale was seconded and passed.

--A motion to approve the decertification of three plans: Summit Avenue Plan (1986), Grand Avenue Design Guidelines (1983), & Grand Avenue West Task Force Parking & Zoning Report (1983), and compiling a list of points worth keeping for further consideration was seconded and passed.

All written Committee Reports are included by acclimation.

Other Business: None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45

Respectfully submitted,  
Gena Berglund substituting for Todd Curtis, Secretary