

MINUTES
Macalester-Groveland Community Council (MGCC)
July 8, 2009

President Richard Broderick called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Attendance:

Quorum reached. See Attendance Sheet after Committee Notes for detail.

Minutes: A motion to approve the June 2009 Minutes was moved, seconded, and passed.

Board Member Profile: Mike DeCourcy, Grid 17 Rep

Born and raised in St. Paul, moved out East, moved back to St. Paul went to Law school. Loves the neighborhood and, wanted to get involved, that's why he's here.

Religious Representative Seat Election:

Mary was elected by acclamation. She will represent and visit all religious institutions in MGCC and will

Mid-Year Financials -- Bethany Gladhill

- Financials are on track assuming all incomes come in as planned. Projected deficit for the fiscal year is \$1,600.
- Moving to online payroll and electronic deposit. The staff is happy about this change
- Grand Avenue Business Association book keeping has gone away. Lots of work for little reward.

Audit Update – John Baxtor

See Audit Report for specific details.

- Recommend to split operating fund CD to get better rates and liquidity.
- Our financials are in good shape. No major flaws. Some minor adjustments needed.
- An outstanding issue with Eureka recycling is being resolved.

District Council Resolution:

Citizen Participation Resolution

Whereas, we believe that citizens and district councils have institutional memory and local knowledge that respect the diversity, history, and priorities of the neighborhoods, adding value to the city's decision making process and making it less expensive and more efficient; and

Whereas, district councils create strong connections between community members and healthy, vibrant, and stable neighborhoods; and

Whereas, district councils produce neighborhood buy-in that leads to community engagement, sustainability and organized action and advocacy; and

Whereas, district councils inform, educate, and engage community members through our deliberative process and communications; and

Whereas, district councils reduce misinformation, are a vital part of the city's information network/ early notification system, and ensure that community members understand, value and support city services; and

Whereas, the city receives advice from district councils based on a community process that reflects and respects the values of our community members; and

Whereas, district councils are essential to the operation of a livable city and St. Paul should be the most livable city in America.

Therefore, be it resolved, that district councils should be fully funded according to the "District Council Funding Formula" and that no district council receives a reduction in funding.

Be it further resolved, that district councils' annual grants be indexed to inflation and

long term funding be adjusted to our increase in responsibilities.

The following motion passed (22 Yes, 1 No):

Event Owner List: Todd Curtis

Guilt, guilt, please sign up.

Presidents Report – Richard Broderick

- New Programs – Are welcome, but will need to have to be time neutral to MGCC Staff. Will need to fit in our mission.
- Board Giving – We would like to have all board members contribute “something” to our general operating funding. Shooting for 100% board participation for our funding. We’re tax deductible.
- August Meeting –
Resolution: It is proposed to cancel August meeting
Passed: 21 For, 2 Against.
- Audit Committee Discussion. Alan is approaching some people to develop a proposal for this Audit Committee. He will return with a more flushed out proposal.

Staff Report: Karmann Peters and Afton Martens

- Illuminator First publication by Karmann and Afton!! Whoopee!!
- Jefferson Bike Boulevard – Looking for people to form a working group. Let Karmann know if you want to participate
- Mike’s in the Villager check it out!!
- Potential Census 2010 Partnership – Joel will investigate
- AGA Judging Packets Now Available

Other Business

Jack Fei – Discussion about helping unemployed people find jobs. See new programs above.

Hour Car Resolution – Leo Viktora

Whereas Macalester Groveland Community Council (MGCC) is aware that the West Summit Advisory Committee (WSNAC) is considering a grant to place an Hour Car at, or near, the University of Saint Thomas (UST), and,

Whereas MGCC considers a placement of an Hour Car to be beneficial to the community and the environment by having the potential to reduce the carbon footprint of UST including the surrounding community and the further potential to reduce student car impact on the neighborhood,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that MGCC supports WSNAC’s efforts to fund and place an Hour Car at UST to be made available for Hour Car membership and use by UST’s community (students, faculty, staff) and the community at large.

Resolution Passed 23 Yes,0 No

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45

Respectfully submitted,
Todd Curtis, Secretary

Attendance:

| First | Last | June | July |
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| Andrew | Olson | x | x |
| Carrie | Au-Yeung | | x |
| Gregg | Curtis | x | x |
| Jack | Fei | x | x |
| Steve | Matysik | x | x |
| Alan | Yngve | x | x |
| Scott | Swanson | | x |
| Jane | Amberg | x | x |
| Joel | Clemmer | x | x |
| Mikael | Carlson | x | x |
| Todd | Curtis | x | x |
| Rosa | de la Cueva | | |
| Maria | Peterson | x | x |
| Gena | Berglund | x | x |
| Michelle | Crain | | x |
| Jay | MacBride | x | x |
| Leo | Viktora | x | x |
| John | Haggenmiller | x | x |
| Susan | Crumb | x | x |
| Melanie | Peterson-Nafziger | | |
| Richard | Broderick | x | x |
| Mike | Kowski | | x |
| Joyce | Krech | x | x |
| Lorin | Velikonja | x | x |
| Mike | DeCourcy, Jr. | x | x |