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Macalester-Groveland Community Council (MGCC)
November 8, 2009

President Richard Broderick called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Minutes: A motion to approve the September 2009 Minutes was moved, seconded, and passed. Three abstentions

Board Member Profile: Mike Kowski

He was born in South Milwaukee and went to the U of M for aerospace engineering. After 2 semesters his adviser told him to find something else to do...then the space shuttle program was announced. Started work as a draftsman for MNDOT and got an engineering degree along the way. His family is doing well with one son going to college next year. Has been with MGCC for around 4 years and serves on the Transportation Committee and volunteers a ton.

Presidents Report – Richard Broderick

- Volunteer Nominations for 2010 Neighborhood Honor Roll – was passed by the board unanimously with one abstention:
 - Chris Engleman (Groveland Ice Rink Guy)
 - Amber Dolman – Transportation Committee. Paint the Pavement. Jefferson Bikeway project has been a strong contributor in this project.
 - Joel Clemmer – Service WSNAC, Central Corridor, DCC, etc,
- Annual Meeting
 - Speaker – Central Corridor
 - Location – Macalester Smail Gallery, or the new LEED Building
 - Date – April 8th
- Fundraising – Please give if you can.
 - Also, please hand out 30 letters within your Grid.
- Eureka
 - Going well. Nearing the finalization of our new Grant with Eureka for the next two years.
 - This Spring will have a couple of forums to jump start curbside composting pilot program around Macalester College.
- Committee Meeting Times – Meetings should end at 8:00, with everyone out of the building by 8:30.
- December Board Meeting
 - Motion “The MGCC will not have a board meeting in December”
 - Motion passed unanimously with one abstention

Staff Report: Karmann Peters and Afton Martens

- Pumpkin Drop – was great! Two huge dumpsters. Highland will participate next year
- Grand Meander – December 5th Please join us at 5:00 for the tree lighting
- KidsPark – 5 year revenue neutral goal.
 - Fundraising meeting December 10th Please come!
 - January 27th, Wednesday. KidsPark fundraising goal with Davani’s
 - January 30th is Frost Fest. Hold the date!

990 Form Changes – Rich Broderick

- 990 Form Changes
 - Motion to approve the new 990 forms and their content with grammar corrections and clarifies the last two lines of the whistle blower policy.
 - Motion passed unanimously

Jefferson Bike Boulevard Proposal Update: Jay Macbride

City will do some traffic count to assess the latest JBBP before work begins this spring on the Residential Street Vitality Program on Jefferson.

Recommendations from the Housing and Land Use Committee: – Leo Viktora

Proposed Resolution: The MGCC recommends approval of the zoning change contingent on obtaining the last two signatures on the consent petition and recommends approval of the parking variance contingent on the business use now and in the future requiring a parking variance of more than size spaces for the property at 45 South Syndicate.

Resolution passed with two abstentions

Proposed Resolution:

In the event that the Housing and Land Use Committee is unable to make a recommendation to the full Board of Directors of the full Board of Directors of the MGCC with respect to response time required by the City of Saint Paul the Board will allow the recommendation to go straight to the appropriate city entity, after consultation with the Executive Committee.

Resolution passed unanimously

Recommendation of the Community Outreach Committee – Susan Crumb

Proposed Resolution: The MGCC approves MGCC board member Rosa Maria de la Cueva Peterson and a group of neighbors to start a pilot tutoring program and volunteers from Grid 5 in Macalester Groveland (bounded by Summit, Snelling, St. Clair, and Fairview) to tutor children in school sites through the Saint Paul Public Schools Foundation, with a primary focus on achieving grade-level reading by third grade.

The resolution failed

Yea 3 Nay 12 abs 6

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Todd Curtis, Secretary

Attendance:

First	Last	June	July	August	September	October	November
Andrew	Olson	x	x	No Meeting	x	x	x
Carrie	Au-Yeung		x			x	x
Gregg	Curtis	x	x		x	x	
Jack	Fei	x	x		x		x
Steve	Matysik	x	x		x	x	x
Jane	Amberg	x	x		x	x	x
Joel	Clemmer	x	x			x	x
Mikael	Carlson	x	x				x
Todd	Curtis	x	x		x	x	x
Rosa Maria	de la Cueva Peterson	x	x				x
Gena	Berglund	x	x		x	x	x
Michelle	Crain		x		x	x	x
Jay	MacBride	x	x		x	x	x
Leo	Viktora	x	x		x	x	x
John	Haggenmiller	x	x		x	x	
Susan	Crumb	x	x		x		x
Melanie	Peterson-Nafziger				x	x	x
Richard	Broderick	x	x		x	x	x
Mike	Kowski		x		x	x	x
Joyce	Krech	x	x		x		x
Lorin	Velikonja	x	x		x		x
Mike	DeCourcy, Jr.	x	x		x		x
Mary	Davis		x		x	x	x