

MINUTES
Macalester-Groveland Community Council
February 11, 2010

President Rich Broderick called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Present: Joel Clemmer, Michael DeCourcy, Jr., Leo Viktora, Lorin Velikonja, Gena Berglund, Mary Davis, John Haggemiller, Richard Broderick, Steve Matysik, Susan Crumb, Mike Kowski, Joyce Krech, Michelle Crain, Jay MacBride, Gregg Curtis, Jack Fei, Jane Amberg, Andrew Olson, Rosa Maria de la Cueva Peterson.

Absent: Todd Curtis, Melanie Peterson-Nafziger, Carrie Au-Yeung.

Minutes: A motion to approve the January 14, 2010 Minutes was moved, seconded, and passed with two changes: change date of minutes to 2010 and Gena Berglund was not secretary, but substitute secretary.

Board Profile: Michelle Crain recently answers to “snow plow gal.” Born in Virginia MN and moved to Waconia in childhood. Went to college to become an accountant. Works at the Non-profit Assistance Fund in Minneapolis. In Rome & Athens she began to understand the importance of air pollution & air quality, so she is dedicated to environmental issues and social justice. She is married to Tom & her son is Jacob, who is 8 years old.

Grand Old Day: GABA --- Jaimee Lucke Hendrickson Steve Matysik proposed the following resolution which was moved, seconded and passed: “The Macalester-Groveland Community Council waives the consent requirement for a block party permit in order to avoid petitioning to close Grand Avenue to vehicular traffic on Grand Old Day.”

Compost Pilot Project – Dianna Kennedy & Tim Brownell of Eureka Recycling reported on an initiative to increase backyard composting and a pilot to test curbside composting collection methods and the interplay between backyard composting and curbside composting in Macalester Groveland.

President’s Report: Rich Broderick reported that each board member should sign one of the 990 Policies. A folder was passed around and each board member had an opportunity to sign the policy. Proposed bylaw amendments must be announced at the March Board meeting. The DCC rep position is open. The Annual Meeting on April 15 and the topic will be on infrastructure changes in St. Paul. The revised financials were received by board members via email. Leo moved that we accept these revised unaudited financials for 2009. The motion was seconded and passed.

Jefferson Bikeway Project: Amber Dallman and Jay McBride reported that the city is trying to move forward with the project. The city's resolution lays out the process of both district council (W. 7th in addition to ours). Signage and sharrow markings between Lexington and East St. Paul would happen during the r.s.v.p. project. Most of the traffic calming measures will be implemented from Lexington to W. 7th. From Lexington to the River Road, traffic calming measures that were originally proposed have been scaled back. If major traffic calming devices are desired by neighbors, the neighbors have to go through the regular process to coincide with the r.s.v.p. The City Council may bring the matter up for a vote sometime soon.

If Jefferson becomes a bikeway, Jefferson Avenue could, by request, be limited to 25 miles per hour and become a night-time snow plow street.

Report of the Community Organizers: Karmann Peters requests volunteers for the Backyard Composting Pilot Project. Afton Martens reported several past and upcoming events.

Adjourned: Motion to adjourn was seconded and passed at 8:10 p.m.

Leo reported that two Hour Car hubs went into service recently near St. Thomas University.

Respectfully submitted,
Gena Berglund, Vice President, Substitute Secretary for Todd Curtis