

**MINUTES**  
**Macalester-Groveland Community Council**  
January 14, 2008

President Rich Broderick called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Gena Berglund, Mary Davis, Melanie Peterson-Nafziger, Richard Broderick, Steve Matysik, Susan Crumb, Mike Kowski, Joyce Krech, Carrie Au-Yeung, Michelle Crain, Jay MacBride, Gregg Curtis, Jack Fei, Jane Amberg, Rosa Maria de la Cueva Peterson.

Absent: Michael DeCourcy, Jr., John Haggemiller, Todd Curtis, Joel Clemmer, Leo Viktora, Lorin Velikonja, Andrew Olson, Mikael Carlson.

Minutes: A motion to approve the November 8, 2009 Minutes with one change was moved, seconded, and passed.

CHANGE: ~~"This Spring will have a couple of forums to jump start curbside composting pilot program around Macalester College."~~ "In March there will be two workshops to bring a blended program of energy conservation and backyard composting opportunities to all of Macalester Groveland. Late in the spring members of an 1100 household area around Macalester College will be invited to participate in a curbside composting pilot project."

Board Profile: Jane Amberg was born in Rice Lake, Wisconsin. The family moved to Roseville when she was seven. She lived in St. Paul after college when she started working. She is currently a nurse at Univ. of MN at the CUHC Clinic. She has also worked at Red Cross as transplant coordinator and at the VA. She met her husband at the VA. He is from San Diego. She has a 22-year-old daughter at UW-Madison; a senior in the dietetics program.

District Council Coordinator Update: Diane Wanner handed out and walked us through a power point called "Mayor Coleman's 2010 Census Task Force." Census undercounting in 2000 resulted in a loss of \$1,000 per person per year for 10 years. She also reminded us about upcoming trainings in 2010.

Financials – Bethany Gladhill reported on the 2009 financials. (See the unaudited year end Financials report dated 12/31/2009.) The actual deficit for 2009 is \$9,690, which is better than expected due to cost saving measures. (See the MGCC Financials projected budget for 2010.) The projected deficit for 2010 is \$13,119. Both deficits are due to large KidsPark deficits. A motion to accept the 2009 financials and the 2010 budget as presented is seconded and approved.

Council Communications – Jay MacBride started working with Afton on the newsletter last summer. They evaluated all the channels for communication: both newsletters, Facebook, Twitter, the website, public relations, etc. The result will be to document existing channels, make recommendations, and create a process manual. The printed newsletter goes to 8,000 households. The email newsletter goes to 604 email addresses. The website will probably be retooled to make it easier to use.

Eureka Update – Gena Berglund reported on the upcoming March 18 & 20 workshops combining energy conservation and backyard composting opportunities for neighbors. There will be tremendous volunteer opportunities in March and April. Susan Hubbard and Tim

Brownell from Eureka Recycling will be giving the Board more details at the February Board meeting.

President's Report: Rich Broderick

Proposed by-law amendments must be announced at the March Board meeting. The date of the annual meeting was changed to April 15; it will be held at Macalester College's Smail Gallery. The theme of the meeting is projects that have an impact on the MG neighborhood, including the following:

Student Center at the University of St. Thomas – representative from UST

Snelling Median – representative from Public Works

Central Corridor – representative from ?

Transportation Committee – upcoming projects

A motion to approve the draft 2010 Work Plan was seconded and approved.

There are two open Board Seats: Business Representative & Educational Representative. A new GABA Rep is also needed going forward. Electing a GABA rep is tabled until February. Carrie Au-Yeung announced that she will not be running in April for the at-large position.

Report of the Community Organizers: Afton Martens reported on the upcoming Frost Fest, the upcoming Neighborhood Honor Roll and the Annual Fund, which raised \$3,200 in 2009. Karmann Peters reported on the upcoming KidsPark fundraiser with Davanni's, the Plastic's workshop, and she mentioned that Home Improvement Fair Applications are on the website.

Adjourned: Motion to adjourn was seconded and passed at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gena Berglund, Secretary