

**MINUTES**  
**Macalester-Groveland Community Council (MGCC)**  
March 11, 2010

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 February 2010 Minutes was moved, seconded, and passed.

Additions:

Steve Matysik – Suggests starting the board meetings 15 minutes early, especially on big issues. A proposal will be discussed in May.

Leo Viktora – Proposed:

The May 13, 2010 Board meeting will begin at 6:45 pm.

Motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Profile: Jack Fei

He was born in Seattle, WA and went to Cornell for his undergraduate degree. Then he journeyed to the University of Minnesota to pursue a graduate degree in psychology. He has yet to complete his graduate studies, taking a break given the amount of people interaction he would need to endure. He married 1975, moved to St. Paul in 1980, and arrived on Sargent Avenue in 1985. About a year ago decided to get more involved in the community, joined the MGCC, and is advancing his platforms of helping unemployed find jobs and increasing communication within the neighborhood.

Energy Efficiency Workshops – Diane McKeown, Green Institute

They work in CERTS, Clean Energy Resource Teams. Their mission is to connect people to green resources. They have been in existence for sixteen years, spawned in south Minneapolis near Phillips neighborhood fight against a garbage burner. For more information: [www.greeninstitute.org](http://www.greeninstitute.org). They are partnering with the MGCC and Eureka to advance composting and energy efficiency workshops in March.

Presidents Report – Richard Broderick

- Election for At-Large Business Representative
  - Lou Michaels is elected to this position by the Board unanimously.
- Home Improvement Fair (HIF)
  - Tuesday, March 16, 2010 Rich and Todd will be meeting with Highland District Council to discuss appropriate compensation for the HIFs in 2009 and 2010; and to set expectations for future HIFs.
- Staffing Changes
  - Afton Martens is promoted to Executive Director as of March 1, 2010. Whoopee!!!
- Adoption of Annual Meeting Rules:
  - Proposed Resolution: The Board of Directors approves the rules for the annual meeting and board elections incorporating the changes (see email).
  - The resolution passed unanimously
- District Council Collaborative position
  - Jack Fei has volunteered to be the DCC Representative.
  - The Board approved his appointment by unanimous acclamation
- Annual Meeting
  - Topic: Projects Affecting the Macalester Groveland neighborhood
  - Will need folks to put out door hangers in April
- Committee Chairs
  - Proposed resolution: The Macalester-Groveland Community Council approves the following committee chairs for 2010: Sharon Toscano, Beautification; Susan Crumb, Community Outreach; John Errigo, Housing & Land Use; Amber Dallman & Jay MacBride, Transportation; Melanie Peterson-Nafziger & Rich Broderick, Environment.
  - Resolution passed unanimously

Recommendations from the Housing and Land Use Committee: – Joel Clemmer

Proposed Resolution: The Macalester-Groveland Community Council recommends approval for Green Mill's application for an outdoor patio, with a restriction of 8:30pm patio closing and Green Mill's remediation of alley mirrors and the removal of alley benches.

Resolution Passed: 18 yea, 0 nay, 1 abstention

Proposed Resolution: The Macalester-Groveland Community Council recommends approval for Green Mill's application for a Gambling Location license.

Resolution Passed: 18 yea, 1 nay, and 0 abstention

Proposed Resolution: The Macalester-Groveland Community Council recommends approval for T-Mobile's application for a cell tower at Edgcombe Recreation Center.

Resolution Passed: 19 yea, 0 nay, and 0 abstention

Transportation Committee: Jay Macbride

Proposed Resolution: WHEREAS, the Plan for a BIKE BOULEVARD On Jefferson Avenue, between South Mississippi River Boulevard and Lexington Avenue, as of February 22, 2010, contains only signage and pavement markings and, WHEREAS, these items are within the duties and responsibilities of St. Paul Public Works, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Transportation Committee of Macalester-Groveland Community Council recommends the current plan for a Bike Boulevard on Jefferson Avenue.

Resolution Passed: 19 yea, 1 nay, and 0 abstention

Executive Director Report: Afton Martens, Executive Director

- o Financial Update: ~\$17,000 in restricted funds moved into our 2009 Operating budget. Great work Bethany!
- o Hiring Process: If interested please see Afton. 64 applicants so far. Interviews on March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.
- o Week of April 5<sup>th</sup> grab your door hangers and take a hike, around your Grid.

Anderson Student Center at University of St. Thomas

A recommendation to the City of St. Paul will be required before our next regular Board meeting in May. Leo Viktora proposed the resolution below:

Whereas the University of St. Thomas Anderson Student Center project will be reviewed by the MGCC HLU committee in March 2010 with a potential need for a recommendation to West Summit Neighborhood Advisory Committee, Union Park District Council and/or City of St. Paul Commissions before the MGCC Director's May 2010 meeting;

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the MGCC Board of Directors approve that the MGCC HLU committee may make a recommendation, with Executive Committee consultation, on the Board's behalf.

The resolution passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Todd Curtis, Secretary

**Attendance:**

<b>First</b>	<b>Last</b>	<b>March</b>
Andrew	Olson	
Carrie	Au-Yeung	x
Gregg	Curtis	x
Jack	Fei	x
Steve	Matysik	x
Jane	Amberg	x
Joel	Clemmer	x
Mikael	Carlson	x
Todd	Curtis	x
Rosa Maria	de la Cueva Peterson	x
Gena	Berglund	x
Michelle	Crain	x
Jay	MacBride	x
Leo	Viktora	x
John	Haggenmiller	x
Susan	Crumb	x
Melanie	Peterson-Nafziger	x
Richard	Broderick	x
Mike	Kowski	x
Joyce	Krech	
Lorin	Velikonja	x
Mike	DeCourcy, Jr.	
Mary	Davis	x