

Macalester-Groveland Community Council
COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009 – 7:00 PM

Edgcumbe Rec Center

Committee Members In Attendance: Mary Davis, Rosa Maria de la Cueva Peterson, Jack Fei, Joyce Krech, Jane Amberg, Susan Crumb, Afton Martens (staff)

Teen Battle of the Bands Feedback

Discussed the success of the food drive. May have been better if there had been enough time for more advertising, though it may not have been the right event for a food drive. The committee will revisit again next year on whether it is the appropriate venue. Committee discussed an MGCC banner to promote council events.

June Neighbor Rep Event Feedback

Good discussion. In the future, it should be stated that we must follow the agenda and additional questions and comments will be taken at the end.

Groveland Night Out

Staff will check with Parks & Rec. (Darcy Rivers) on details for the event in the case of rain to see what would be allowed inside of the school building if it is moved inside.

National Night Out

Staff will contact Board of Directors via email to promote event. Mary volunteered to act as “prize patrol” for block parties in the neighborhood. Jack volunteered to attend block parties on behalf of MGCC as well.

Crime Updates Policy

Committee discussed draft policy and gave feedback.

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council distributes crime notification updates which are based on news releases, tips, and information received from the St. Paul Police Department. As such, the content and timeliness of the information is based upon what information and when it is shared with MGCC. For those neighbors who would prefer to access weekly crime reports, please visit the City of St. Paul website here: <http://mn-stpaul.civicplus.com/index.asp?nid=2399>. In addition, the Western District Police Department (located at 389 N. Hamline Avenue, across from Super Target) holds informative community meetings the third Tuesday of every month at 9:30am and 6:30pm, and those meetings are open to the public for their input and questions about crime and crime prevention matters. The St. Paul Police Department also disseminates neighborhood-level public safety and community event notifications; you may wish to sign up for this service, Nixle, at www.nixle.com.

MGCC Event Owner List

Committee looked over the new MGCC Event Owner list as it related to the Community Outreach Committee.

Tutoring Program Proposal

Rosa Maria proposed her idea for the Community Outreach Committee to be involved in tutoring at St. Paul schools. The committee discussed the proposal with Rosa Maria and decided to support a pilot project headed by Rosa Maria, to be started in grid 5 of Mac-Groveland, and will discuss again at the September committee meeting for an update on how it is going.

Staff agreed to advertise the pilot program in the council's electronic newsletter.

JTSF Proposal

As the Religious Rep for the council, Mary agreed to approach religious institutions in the neighborhood to assess current job transition programs already in place. Jack also agreed to do more research. Mary will update the committee on her findings in August and Jack will give an update in October.

Next Neighbor Rep Event

This topic was tabled until the next committee meeting for lack of time.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 18 at 7:00PM at Edgcumbe Rec Center