

**Macalester - Groveland Community County  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, July 26, 2010 | 7:00 PM

Edgumbe Recreation Center | 320 South Griggs Street | Saint Paul

**Members in attendance:** Amber Dallman, Jay MacBride, Dave Pasiuk, Terry Casey, Andy Albrecht, Mike Kowski, Lauren Anderson (staff)

**Guests:** Jane McClure – Villager, Clare McCormick

**Meeting called to order:** 7:05pm

**Approval of June 2010 Minutes:** Mike made motion, Dave seconded - motion passes.

**Added to agenda under Other Business:** Cleveland-Jefferson Pedestrian Refuge

**Davern-Jefferson RSVP Area Ash Tree Removal:**

The Committee discussed the recent developments within the Davern-Jefferson RSVP area with regard to removal of ash trees. Parks & Recreation – Forestry currently has funding to preemptively remove boulevard ash trees as part of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) mitigation efforts. Boulevard ash trees slated for removal will be replaced by a mixture of tree species planted with wider spacing after the RSVP street construction is concluded. Certain blocks within the RSVP area has primarily ash trees on the boulevard, so it will be a drastic change. This preemptive removal is also happening in other RSVP areas that contain ash trees. A common misconception is that the ash tree removal is associated with the Bikeway and it's not. Jay brought up posting information on the MGCC website and on the E-Illuminator to inform residents. Residents should contact Forestry directly with questions about ash tree removal. Lauren will communicate with the City to request that the council be cced on future letters and see if a schedule for replanting has been determined.

**Paint-the-Pavement outside Edgumbe**

The paint-the-pavement project outside Edgumbe has weathered poorly and is fading more quickly than anticipated. The Council should be able to repaint in the same design, potentially with a few more highlights to increase the contrast of the design, but the Committee would like to wait, plan, and repaint next spring. Dave has tools, but we will need to buy new paint. Though the Council had researched the impact of painting new pavement, Mike Kowski found out that the oils in the new pavement may have prevented the paint from adhering as well and causing it to flake off more rapidly. Other paint-the-pavement projects around the city have also faded and some groups have been repainting as needed. The Committee will need to look for funding or have neighbors sponsor a bucket of paint or a painted object (like a leaf or daisy) and would like to advertise at the end of the year online, in the Illuminator, and in the E-Illuminator.

### **Pedestrian Safety Week Update**

The Council is included on the Pedestrian Safety Week brochure created by the Summit Hill Association and the Grand Avenue Business Association. The Committee plans to hand out brochures along with Share the Road materials at the MGCC table at Groveland Night Out. Dave brought up concerns with businesses losing customers due to the increased enforcement that is planned during Pedestrian Safety Week.

### **Groveland Night Out**

The Committee split the event into two shifts: Jay & Terry will staff the table from 5:45 – 7:00pm while Dave & Amber will work from 7:00 – 8:15pm. Committee members will have Share the Road and Pedestrian Safety Week materials and discuss transportation-related topics with neighbors during the event.

### **Jefferson & Cleveland Pedestrian Refuge Test**

The temporary pedestrian refuge will be installed in early August and will be in place through the start of the school year to obtain traffic counts on Cleveland, Jefferson, and surrounding streets while school is in session. There is some anticipation from neighbors on Jefferson Avenue who are looking forward to a decrease in thru traffic on their street. Letters to residents and stakeholders (including Nativity and Groveland Park schools) and Lauren will make sure information is included on the MGCC homepage and in the July 27<sup>th</sup> E-Illuminator. Concerns about winter plowing around the pedestrian refuge are anticipated – the City will collect feedback from neighbors and use that and traffic counts to make a decision about permanently implementing the refuge later this fall.

### **Central Corridor Presentation**

Robin Coffman from the Metropolitan Council can come to the October Transportation Committee meeting and give a presentation on the Central Corridor, which was requested by neighbors who attended the brief session at MGCC's Annual Meeting in April. Topics for the upcoming presentation include station designs, rerouting of buses to connect to the light rail (including circulators that would pick up at the local colleges). The Committee would like the presentation to last approximately 30 minutes. We plan to publicize the presentation as "Macalester-Groveland and the Central Corridor" once we have finalized topics.

### **Other**

A motion was made to cancel the August Transportation Committee meeting, which was seconded and passed.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:04pm.