

**MINUTES**  
**Macalester-Groveland Community Council (MGCC)**  
July 8, 2010

President Gena Berglund called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

**Attendance:**

Quorum reached. See Attendance Sheet for details.

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the June 2010 Minutes was moved, seconded, and passed.

**Board Member Profile – Kellie Connor:**

Grew up in NE Ohio, near Youngstown. HS goal to become a public defender after seeing To Kill a Mockinbird. Went to University of Miami, now works for Hennepin County. Also married to a public defender, 2 children. Just moved to corner of Berkely and Howell in November, 2009.

**President's Report – Gena Berglund**

- Special Election:  
Grid 3: Still open

Grid 5:

- Sarah Cledwyn
- Angela Geidd
- Caucus for 10 minutes, Angela was decided for Grid 5 representative

Educational Institution Representative:

- Bob Schumacher (endorsed by John Hersey Neighborhood Liason from University of St. Thomas)
- Bob welcomed to the Board as he ran unopposed

- Consultant:

Gena covered staffing/work responsibility issues stemming from losing a staff member last year (from 3 down to 2). Funding for Job Connection was lost in 09. MGCC has lost 20 hours of paid staff time but the workload has not decreased. Executive Committee has decided to be proactive and hire consultant Roger Meyer to help Board audit MGCC programs. Mr. Meyer has experience working with community councils in this regard. Consultant will facilitate decision making process regarding reallocating responsibility or cutting unsupported (unfunded) programs. Need Board decision to approve expenditure to hire consultant for Board Retreat.

Board discussed past retreats, urgency, and current situation including staff hours and decision-making process.

Todd Curtis moved to approve the expenditure to hire Roger Meyer Consulting Inc. according for to the proposal of services as presented.

Steve seconded

Jack – FA: proposal for services as covered in proposal

Lou-seconded

Discussion: Expenditure capped at \$2,750.00 strongly encouraged all Board to attend

Approved Unanimously

- August Meeting:

Lou – move to not meet in August, 2010.

Todd – seconded

Discussion: Provisions for calling special meetings in bylaws.

Approved Unanimously

## **Q2 Financials – Bethany Gladhill**

- City reimbursement money contract has been returned.
- Kids Park tuition is going well/Blue Sky guide is successful, Event fundraising not good KP is looking at other alternatives
- MGCC Salaries and health insurance – salary and health insurance cutbacks have saved money
- Programming – still waiting on Home improvement fair money
- KP salary and health insurance cutbacks have saved money
- CDs are doing well, secured by FDIC
- Core budget – expect a surplus
- KP budget – loss expected, but a lesser amount
- MGCC overall financial health is good

## **Executive Director Report: Afton Martens**

- High Winds Funding Request : - Request in
- St. Thomas Funding Request: - Funding in, with a little more than expected!
- KidsPark Carndival: Fundraiser less than stellar
- New resident welcome packets: Ready to take to new neighbors and welcome them to Macalester Groveland
- Groveland Night Out (August 11): Need volunteers to help with event, Board members strongly encouraged to volunteer
- National Night Out (August 3): Permits due July 27<sup>th</sup>

## **Recycling & Environmental Coordinator Report: Lauren Anderson**

- Public Art Update: Transportation Committee delivered survey within RSVP area to determine what types of art facilities neighbors preferred. 10% response-rate. Bike racks, sidewalk poetry, planters were the top three choices sent to the city.
- Composting Update: Sarah Cledwyn hosted media event and gather feedback from residents in pilot area (High Winds area).

- Alley Garden Awards, Native Garden Awards Updates: Judges are out judging gardens. Nomination period this year have helped the process greatly. Native Garden award nominations still open. Tour for both set later in July.

**Recommendation from the Environment Committee:**

*Statement of Support for Strong Clean Energy Jobs Legislation, to Senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken*  
(per board materials)

Mary – Move to approve resolution as submitted

Jack – seconded

Discussion: Board discussed Sierra Club’s original proposal and using the Environment Committee to re-work proposal language to reflect neighborhood’s voice. Discussion about bylaws regarding political influence and the role of MGCC in approving resolution.

Calling for the question – Lou

Closing Debate

Yea: 13

Nay: 1

Yea: 9

Nay: 6

Abstain: 1

**Other Business:**

- Summit Cretin Interchange – intersection update will begin next week, new facilities installed by Labor Day
- Athletic Center – 250-300 construction workers, August 6 to receive certificate of occupancy
- Student Center- foundations being poured
- Neighbor Fest to be held July 29, residents encouraged to attend

**Meeting Adjourned** at 8:08 pm

Moved - Lou

Seconded - Mary

Respectfully submitted,  
Jay MacBride

**Attendance:**

<b>First</b>	<b>Last</b>	<b>July</b>
Jane	Amberg	<b>x</b>
Matt	Beaver	<b>x</b>
Gena	Berglund	<b>x</b>
Richard	Broderick	<b>No</b>
Joel	Clemmer	<b>x</b>
Kellie	Connor	<b>x</b>
Michelle	Crain	<b>No</b>
Susan	Crumb	<b>No</b>
Gregg	Curtis	<b>x</b>
Todd	Curtis	<b>x</b>
Mary	Davis	<b>x</b>
Mike	DeCourcy, Jr.	<b>x</b>
Jack	Fei	<b>x</b>
John	Haggenmiller	<b>x</b>
Mike	Kowski	<b>x</b>
Joyce	Krech	<b>No</b>
Jay	MacBride	<b>x</b>
Steve	Matysik	<b>x</b>
Lou	Michaels	<b>x</b>
Melanie	Peterson-Nafziger	<b>No</b>
Lorin	Velikonja	<b>No</b>
Leo	Viktora	<b>No</b>