

**Macalester-Groveland Community Council
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**

May 23, 2011 | 7:00 PM

Edgcombe Recreation Center | 320 Griggs Street | Saint Paul

Attending: Joel Clemmer, Michelle Crain (minutes), Amber Dallman, Mary Davis, Ben Hartberg, Mike Kowski, Jay MacBride, Milton Papageorge, Dave Pasiuk, David Redmond

Staff: Lauren Anderson

Guest: Sarah Paul, Grand Avenue Business Association

Minutes: Motion and second to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2011 meeting with no changes or additions. Passed.

Recap of Summit Avenue Traffic Event

On May 16, 2011, approximately 20 people attended the Summit Avenue Residential Preservation Association's event. At the April MGCC Transportation Committee meeting, Bethany Gladhill of SARPA invited members to represent MGCC at the traffic event. MGCC transportation committee members Milton Papageorge and Dave Pasiuk attended and report this evening that the event allowed for brainstorming by the attendees. They heard concerns about noise, speeding and pedestrian safety, especially at the Dale Street intersection along with the association's ideal of historical preservation with regard to traffic on Summit Avenue.

2011 SHA & GABA Pedestrian Safety Campaign – Summit Hill Association Pedestrian Safety & Traffic Calming Committee

Sarah Paul notified the committee of the SHA and GABA plans in the works for pedestrian safety. The two organizations plan a pedestrian safety kick-off the weekend of June 4th. Grand Old Day is June 5th. Sarah reported that they have a mini poster to distribute and plan on using pop-ups for one week beginning on Grand Old Day between Macalester College and Milton Street, which is just east of Lexington Avenue. She offered partnering with MGCC on a safety brochure that was made available in 2010 in the community. There was further discussion on best ways to calm traffic and how to go about educating the citizens in our neighborhoods. Members of the Transportation Committee meeting suggested that improvements to the current brochure are due. Various suggestions included citing MN pedestrian law and replacing the photo on the front. Since it is going in for reprinting for distribution by Grand Old Day, a motion was made to appoint Amber, Jay, and Michelle to review the brochure and make a recommendation on behalf of the committee. There was a second and the motion was passed. Lastly, Sarah invited the committee to the next pedestrian safety meeting at Linwood Recreation Center, June 21st at 7 p.m.

2011 MGCC Pedestrian Safety Campaign

The committee discussed having safety information available Tuesday, August 2nd at National Night Out block parties and for MGCC's Groveland Night Out, Wednesday, August 10th.

Other Business

- The committee members share the task of reporting the minutes. A request for volunteers was made for each of the upcoming months and members were as follows: June: Dave Pasiuk, July: Milton Papageorge, August: no meeting, September: Mike Kowski.
- It was reported that a resident and her 3-year-old son repeatedly had difficulty crossing the street at Grand Avenue and Finn Street between the hours of 7 and 9 a.m. She said that she observed others having difficulty crossing as well. Mike Kowski will provide photos of this area so that the committee can review the streetscape near the crossing, the signage, sightlines, etc.
- The MGCC's new board president, Joel Clemmer paid a visit, inviting comments and requesting that members who bring them to the president to likewise share this communication with the committee chair and vice chair.
- NiceRide, a public bike sharing business, may be adding a bike station at or near Grand Avenue and Syndicate Street. The committee expressed concern about bicycle and pedestrian safety. Milton Papageorge moved that the committee appoint Jay MacBride in representing MGCC to talk to those involved in this right of way issue. Michelle Crain seconded. Motion passed.

The next meeting will be Monday, June 27, 2011. Please note: Earlier start time is 6:30 p.m.

Mary Davis made a motion to adjourn; Milton Papageorge seconded. Motion passed.