

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

President Gena Berglund called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Attendance:

Quorum reached. See Attendance Sheet for details.

Minutes: A motion to approve the October 2010 Minutes was moved, seconded, and passed with acclamation.

Additions or Changes to the Agenda?

- Jack Fei suggested that we remove Susan's motion from the agenda.
- Jay MacBride – Transportation Committee item
- Bob Shoemake – St. Thomas update

Board Member Profile

Andy Albrecht: Spent all of her life in St. Paul with a brief stint away at Washington University Architecture School. She taught Special Education, tried real estate, became the Community Organizer for Highland Park and then the Legislative Aide to the City Councilman from the third Ward in the 1980's. After her boss lost the election, she pursued a dream of working with dogs. Andy trained, showed, groomed and bred Border Terriers. Her special dog was National Champion Woodlawn's Tip Top Timothy R.O.M. He sired over 50 champion off-spring by the time of his death. All terriers are to be groomed by having their coats pulled out by hand. Andy did this, too, professionally. It's called stripping. Andy went on to become the first Neighborhood Liaison for the University of St. Thomas. She is the proud single mother of two very successful and fun daughters and two grandchildren. Hobbies and activities: tennis, drawing and painting, reading, bridge and love activities that involve being with people.

Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) 2012 - 2013 - Dave Pinto

Dave is a member of the CIB. He explained the budgeting process (which was distributed as part of the board information packet). There are three project types that will be considered.

1. Community Facilities
2. Streets & Utilities
3. Residential & Economic Development

Deadline for projects is January 10, 2011. Each District Council is expected to participate on the CIB. Please contact Afton if you are interested in participating on CIB or one of the three task forces.

District Councils Overview - Diane Wanner, District Council Coordinator

Diane provided an overview of her role and also of the District Council organization, specifically with regard to lobbying and advocacy. She provided us with three helpful handouts.

1. Presentation on Lobbying and Nonpartisanship (Diane's overview document)
2. District Council Citizen Participation Activities
3. CompassPoint (Nonprofit Services) – Board Café article titled "Yes or No: Lobbying by Nonprofits"

KidsPark Update - KPAC

- Erica and Carolyn Black presented a summary of current activities.
- Copies of the Parent Handbook and Policies & Staff Orientation Handbook were distributed. These have been in place since at least 2009.
- Enrollment stats are level.
- Transition plan is going well. More parents are participating.
- Interviewing additional individuals who can help participate in the process.
- Bethany will meet with KPAC individuals to help them understand the detailed finances.
- KidsPark had a table at BooBash (Grand Avenue). Have contacted a local business with a request to underwrite the cost of implementing a marketing plan. Verbal agreement.
- Fundraising – selling the Chinook Book - \$20 per book. Continuing to explore additional long-range financial commitment.

3rd Quarter Financials - Bethany Gladhill

Bethany reviewed the 3rd quarter financials. These were distributed in our Board Packet.

President's Report - Gena Berglund

Neighborhood Honor Roll Nominees

The Executive Committee would like to propose the following nominees:

1. Mary Davis – one of most active Board Members!
2. Composting Pilot Project: Sarah Cledwyn and Sheila Sweeney
3. Snelling Avenue Median: Terry Casey and Dave Pasiuk

A motion was made to approve the nominations. The motion passed; however Mary Davis abstained.

Annual Meeting – 2011

April 14th at Macalester College – Smail Gallery. Submit you ideas for theme and format to Afton.

December Board Meeting

There was a motion made to cancel the December 2010 Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Annual Fund

We will create an annual fund letter. Each Board member may be asked to distribute these letters to neighbors. Joel Clemmer suggested that we focus more on fundraising and feels this should be part of the long-range planning committee.

Community Outreach Committee

Joyce Krech will serve as the interim chair of the Community Outreach Committee.

Committee Work Plans

All plans are due by December 1. There was acknowledgement that the Committees need more guidance in preparing their workplans.

Jay made a motion that we extend the deadline for the Committee Work Plans to February 1, 2011. There was discussion and then a vote. The motion was approved unanimously.

Bylaws

Gena reviewed the attendance section of the bylaws (Article VI, Section 4). There was discussion about whether or not there is a difference between an excused versus unexcused absence? Also, do we notify new board members of this requirement? Generally, all those in attendance are in favor of the bylaws as written.

"Absence from three (3) consecutive board meetings or four (4) board meetings during any consecutive twelve-month period shall constitute grounds for removal from office or any officer or Director".

There was general agreement to "warn" any board member when they have 3 misses (absences) during any consecutive 12 month period.

Report of the Executive Director: Afton Martens

Neighborhood Honor Roll: January 21, University of St. Thomas: Great event! Please attend if at all possible.

City Contract: Continuing to work on it.

2010 Annual Fund: We have raised more than \$2,500 toward our goal of \$5,000. Will be contacting Board Members for assistance with the Annual Fund Drive Letter distribution. *Give to the Max Day* is November 16th.

High Winds Fund Mid-Year Report: Due in December.

Draft 2011 Budget: Expect to see this in January. A suggestion was made to move this process up to November of each year.

Chinook Book – KidsPark Fundraiser: \$20 – KidsPark keeps \$10 per book. Available through December 2010.

Holiday Party - O'Gara's on December 9th.

Welcome Packets – please pick up those for your grid.

Report of the Recycling & Environmental Coordinator: Lauren Anderson

Eco Forum: Energy efficiency workshop held on Thursday, November 4th at Edgcumbe. 60 individuals attended. The event was recorded and will be available soon.

Pumpkin Drop: This event took place on Saturday, November 6th at Immanuel Lutheran Church (10 to 1). Barthold Farms took the pumpkins. 20 students from Highland Park Senior High volunteered. There were 480 cars!

Post Clean Up Report: Lauren is working on pulling together all of this information.

Resolution to Set Aside MGCC Board Retreat Process and Findings - Susan Crumb

This resolution was not voted on.

Other business

Transportation – Jay MacBride. No data from the Jefferson diverter (the data is not available from the City yet). Will be addressing pedestrian safety concerns on Grand Avenue. Next meeting, Tuesday, November 23rd. Please attend if possible.

Bob Shoemake – St. Thomas Tennis Courts – no decision will be made until Spring 2011.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Krech, Secretary

Attendance:

First	Last	November
Andy	Albrecht	x
Jane	Amberg	x
Matt	Beaver	NO
Gena	Berglund	x
Joel	Clemmer	x
Kellie	Connor	x
Michelle	Crain	x
Gregg	Curtis	x
Todd	Curtis	x
Mary	Davis	x
Jack	Fei	x
Angela	Giedd	x
John	Haggenmiller	x
Mike	Kowski	x
Joyce	Krech	x
Jay	MacBride	x
Steve	Matysik	NO
Lou	Michaels	NO
Melanie	Peterson-Nafziger	NO
Bob	Shoemake	x
Leo	Viktora	x