

MINUTES
Macalester Groveland Community Council (MGCC)
November 10, 2011

President Joel Clemmer called the meeting to order at 6:45

ATTENDANCE

Present: Fei, Haggenmiller, G. Curtis, Gerhardstein, Shoemake, Davis, Allison, Clemmer, Redmond, T. Curtis, Cledwyn, Sweeney, MacBride, Viktora, Hartberg, Albrecht, Kowski, Krech, Wilcox, Papageorge

Absent: Belmares, Connor, Peterson-Nafziger

Minutes: The October Meeting Minutes were reviewed. The only correction was to change the month of the minutes approved in October to read September 2011 versus August 2011. A motion to approve the amended October 2011 minutes was moved, seconded and passed.

Proposed 2012 Budget. Leo Viktora, Treasurer, reviewed the proposed 2012 budget. The City will be providing us with information in the near future about any changes / reductions in expected City grants. Leo will share additional information with us as we near year-end. Todd moved to approve the budget, it was seconded. Some discussion ensued and a vote was taken. The 2012 budget was unanimously passed.

MGCC Fundraising: Joel Clemmer introduced the topic of fundraising. Bob Shoemake then discussed his experience with non-profits. A key indicator of the health of an organization is the support of those closest to it, specifically the Board of Directors. We would like to have 100% participation by all Board members.

KidsPark Report - Erica Kragerud-Smith

Erica reviewed the **Scope of Service** document that was shared with the Board via email. Both the license and the 501c3 filings were completed this week. KidsPark is confident the license will be issued by the 3/31/12. Jack Fei moved that we accept the Scope as drafted. The motion was seconded. Leo Viktora suggested we add a friendly amendment authorizing the Executive Committee to finalize / approve the **Scope of Service** before year-end. Discussion ensued, with clarification that what the Board will be approving is an outline of the Scope of Service. It was recommended that the Board authorize the Executive Committee to finalize the document with signatures, dates. A revised motion was offered as follows.

Revised Motion: The Executive Committee is authorized to negotiate a detailed Scope of Service document between MGCC and KidsPark consistent with the proposed Scope of Service document.

A vote was taken on the revised motion. It was passed unanimously.

Leo also mentioned that the discussions between the Executive Committee and KidsPark will include the allocation of the "Friends of KidsPark" funds of approximately \$13,000.

Presidents Report - Joel Clemmer

At-Large Business Rep - still open. If you have any suggestions, please reach out to them and encourage their participation.

Joel thanked the Board Members for attending the Retreat (held on 11/5). There will be a survey conducted very soon.

Neighborhood Honor Roll Vote - we voted for 3 nominees. Staff will count the ballots and report to the Board.

December Board Member - Joel made a motion to eliminate the December Board meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Report of the Recycling & Environmental Coordinator - Lauren Anderson

Lauren will begin her maternity leave in late November and plans to return to MGCC part-time starting in March in 2012.

The Organics Task Force has issued a RFP for a hauler. Additional information is posted on MGCC's website.

Report of the Executive Director - Afton Martens

MGCC will be posting a part time community organizer position. Please let Afton know if you would like to participate in the interviewing process.

District Council Collaborative - Jack Fei

The DCC's primary focus in 2011 was on construction issues related to the Central Corridor / Light Rail Transit (LRT). In 2012, the Met Council will conduct a transit study and provide recommendations about changes to existing bus routes in anticipation of the implementation of LRT in 2014. Jack plans to work with the Transportation Committee to gather and provide feedback.

Other Business

Joel mentioned the Ford Plant issue and will raise this in the Executive Committee / Board of Directors to ensure that we have proper representation.

Bob Shoemake - St. Thomas

New Student Center is scheduled to open in January 2012.
St. Thomas Football Team is in the playoffs (Division 3).

Chris Tolbert - newly elected Ward 3 City Council meeting expects to attend a future meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 7:59