

Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 09, 2017 – 6:30PM

Edgumbe Rec Center

MINUTES

1. Call to Order – Sheila Sweeney, President
2. Roll Call – Liz Boyer, Executive Director
3. Approval of January 2016 Minutes
 - Motion to approve – seconded – unanimously approved
4. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
 - None stated
5. Special Elections – No candidates present
6. Introduction of Proposed Bylaw Changes
 - Erik presenting – Not a ton of changes during the working group session; opted for second option for elections to start with a clean slate – bylaws take effect and everyone would be elected at the annual meeting, with different members serving different lengths of time to reestablish the staggered elections; Section 4, Article 4 was eliminated to eliminate need for proof of residency; Board of Directors, Section 3(d) was struck; Section 4 was changed to reflect the Exhibit B ; Article 7, section 5 – specification of edition v. most recent edition, most recent edition is what was landed on; Article 12 – did not come to agreement on this, so will need to talk about tonight;
 - Liz – correction to the timing was needed to prevent three elections in a row for Odd grid reps.
 - Sam, moved to strike A, Bob seconded, because discomfort with the presiding officer making a call about intent of an amendment.
 - Debate – Tom in favor of keeping Section A, to allow for clerical fixes, to prevent delay of a whole year for minor mixes; should have a little bit of trust in the presiding officer;

- Bob – speaking in support of motion to strike A; as the governing documents of the organization, and tweaks at the last minute is contrary to the seriousness of the document.
- Sam – the tweak can also have cascading effects and need to maintain deliberative concept
- Vote – majority passed the motion to strike A from the Article
- Bob, motion to delete B – seconded by Marc
- Bob – in support – in order for the bylaw changes to come to the annual meeting, a vote has already taken place. Mandating is inappropriate and not wise.
- Tom – prescription for amendments is laid out, practically speaking it doesn't make sense.
- Vote – Aye – 7; Nays – 6; passed to delete B;
- Sam – motion Article 4, section 2, subpart A to change “they” to “the Residential Member” and subpart b, “respective” to “category/categories to which the Organizational Member” accepted as a friendly amendment by Bob; Marc seconded
- Johanna – Section 5, Article 5 – missing “racial” from the list; Article 4, Section 1 – “ethnicity”
- Vote on Motion to accept the Bylaw Changes as presented and amended – unanimously approved
- Thanks to the Task Force members
- Rules and Procedures for Elections for the Community Members –
 - Sam – need to remove references to three year terms
 - John R. – asking about “official” representatives from Organizations; Liz explaining – that the language would be more clear as “authorized” as reflected in the Bylaws –
 - Sam – need to change the Organizational Member
 - Discussion about whether a letter is needed for Students and Renters – Bryce, John R., Bob, Tom, Kathy – consensus forming around needing a letter for these Organization Members; Bryce – concerned about creating a barrier; Bryan – need to be inclusive; Sam – businesses should be treated the same as the rest, consistency would demand no letter from them; Bob – counter argument – letter is not onerous; John R. – concurring with Sam, could the letter come from an employee at the business instead of a different business – in the end, not too much to ask for a letter. Marc – historical perspective, 10 signatures used to be

needed; Melanie – renters shouldn't be treated differently from residential members; Tom – letters are appropriate; Erik – proof of residency, verifying you are who you say you are – the election is the letter of recommendation; Tom – these rules are where we should put eligibility requirements; Kathy – letter is a real barrier, not everyone feels confident until you are in it, would prefer no letters, except for businesses;

- Melanie – offered grammatical changes
- Sam – need consistency with Bylaw Changes
- Sam – amendment to have language about the letters to conform (a) with (b) and (c) in the At-Large Elections, Organizational Membership category, not define who the letter would come from, and not requiring the letter before.
- John R., Bob, Sam, Tom – discussion about representation of constituents who are institutions
- Bob has accepted as a friendly amendment
- Tom – for renters and students, the language will be “may” provide a letter
- Bryan – discussion of fiduciary duty of organizational members to the board;
- Sam – motion to change the language of the Rules to be consistent – unanimously approved;
- Bob's motion – approved, unanimously

7. Event Updates – Sheila and Liz and Joyce, Frost Fest was a smashing success – had a sponsor, tons of volunteers,

- Liz – annual meeting planning is proceeding; the City Councilmembers have accepted invitations; Mayor has declined
- Home Improvement Fair is scheduled for April 22 – need volunteers
- MacGrove Fest, Sept 9 – need volunteers
- Alley Garden – will need judges

8. Mac-Grove Mini-Grant program update

- Tom, Britta, Jason, Liz – Liz presenting – worked up criteria for the grants, and worked up an application; CBC is going to review the applications and decide on the projects to be approved

9. WSNAC update – Marc presenting – focus on on-campus housing to work with the University for the next meeting; focus on off-campus housing at the following meeting; April, come up with an approach to go to the May Board of Trustees meeting – request for participation; 6:30 p.m. Tuesday;
 - Kathy – fun event tomorrow to become more familiar with campus with a scavenger hunt, on MGCC facebook page, starts at 6 p.m.
10. Grand Ave Business Assoc. – request for support for waiver from street closure petition for Grand Old Day 2017 – motion to support – John R. motion, seconded by Marc – unanimous vote passes
11. Housing and Land Use Committee Recommendation – “The Housing and Land Use Committee of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council supports the request for Liquor On Sale (100 seats or less) and Liquor On Sale (Sunday) licenses at 470 Cleveland Ave. S.” – presented by Sam – unanimous support from committee – unanimous from the Board
12. Adjourn – 8:11 p.m.