

Macalester-Groveland Community Council
Housing and Land Use Committee
April 26, 2017

Attendees: Jack Fei (secretary), Liz Boyer (MGCC staff), Tom Dietsche, Sam Walling (chair), Dave Pasiuk, Colin Fesser, Jim Mogen, Michelle Berg, Gena Bergland, Mike Moore, Cathy Plessner, Patrick Beedle, Zuza Pakula

New Introductions. Zuza Pakula and Patrick Beedle.

Minutes passed.

221 Mount Curve Blvd – Garage Height Variance Request

- Garage has been unused due to placement on lot and slope of the alley.
- Land / garage reconstruction necessary to provide straight back door access.
- Neighbors supported the request as a positive neighborhood change.
 - Motion to recommend approval of request (Tom Dietsche, 2nd Cathy Plessner) passed

South Snelling Zoning Study (Josh Williams, Tony Johnson, City of St Paul)

- Covers structures facing Snelling Avenue from Concordia to Highland, with Mac Groveland portion from Summit Avenue to Highland Avenue
- Also includes east-west blocks adjacent to Snelling at major cross-street nodes
- Started July 2015, study will be presented for formal public hearing with Zoning Commission May 19th. City Council will hold public hearing after Zoning.
- Study Recommendations
 - Change B2 and RM2 to T2
 - Change B3 and B2 to T3 at Grand, St Clair, and Randolph intersections
 - Change R4 to T1
 - Leave current zoning 'as is' in established neighborhoods
- Public Feedback was colored by recent experience with LeCesse proposal.
- Resolution: recommend approval of Snelling Zoning Study with strong encouragement the city better define the meaning of mixed use in Traditional Neighborhood Zoning. (Jack Fei, Gena Bergland-2nd and amendment by Tom Dietsche) passes.

Public Hearing Notice language revision discussion

- Tabled until May meeting due to absence of its main proponent

LeCesse Proposal Update

- T3 Rezoning Passed, Site Plan and Conditional Use Permit were rejected
- LeCesse intends submit a new proposal: timeframe and community involvement unknown.

Initiatives to be discussed (Sam Walling)

- Mac Groveland Variance Application Database
- Mac Groveland Teardown Study
- Mac Groveland Home Maintenance Endowment Fund