

**Community Building Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, October 9, 2017 – 6:30pm**  
**Edgumbe Recreation Center – 320 S Griggs Street**

**MINUTES**

**In Attendance:** Tom Dietsche, Craig Skone, Britta Sherrill, Joyce Krech, Anne LeDuc, Mitch Welborn (3<sup>rd</sup> meeting), Kathy Kelso, Leigh Benvenuti, Adam Backstrom, Liz Boyer

**Introductions /Additions or Deletions to Agenda**

- None

**Approval of September 2017 Minutes**

- The minutes from the September 2017 meeting were unanimously approved by voice vote.

**July Retreat Review**

- Strategic & Executing – most important (Strengthsfinder)
- Inclusivity Task Force (ITF) will need relationship building
- ITF will challenge us – it's a large scope
- Some common topics with HLU & Transportation
- Fill board seats – we have filled the renter (Leigh Benvenuti) & student (Adrianna Jereb) seats
- Expand Mac Grove Fest audience?
- Focus on student outreach

**Inclusivity Task Force – Student Outreach, Community Forums**

- How did the events go at St. Thomas and Macalester recently? There was a lot of “competition”, such as the St. Paul Public Library, Children’s Museum. Many organizations have a very specific program (x-number of hours) for students. What can we do to attract students? Some sort of “hook” based on a student’s major – communication, etc.?
- Thoughts about holding public forums?
  - *St. Paul Police – Livability Issues / Crime Prevention*, some topics:
    - Crime prevention 101 – homeowners, renters, students
    - Crime prevention through environmental design – lighting/landscaping
  - Panel presentations may be more interesting
  - Do we want to provide information or gather information?
  - *Aging in Mac Groveland* – what does it look like? What are the needs of the community?
  - *Dream Refugee* - Mohamed Malim, will attend our November meeting and present during the first 30 minutes
  - *How to live in an older home?*
  - Welcome letters – how to reach not only homeowners, but renters and students
  - *Garden Speaker* – host in a community forum versus the Alley Garden Awards Banquet

**Events**

- Alley Garden Awards Debrief – 25 attendees. Suggestion: add a welcome table, sign in, name tags. Speaker was very good. Other ideas, does this become a spring event? Part of the plant share? Or, do we move the speaker to a Community Forum (see above) versus holding this event in 2018?
- Frost Fest – January 20<sup>th</sup> is MN Hockey Day, January 27<sup>th</sup> is the St. Paul Winter Carnival Grand Day Parade. Britta is checking with Todd as his availability is most important!

**Updates/Announcements/Other Business**

- Next meeting will be on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 2017 @ 6:30 pm

**Upcoming Events:**

- Dine to Donate at Bottle Rocket on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm to 8 pm. Fundraiser for MGCC.

**Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Minutes submitted by Joyce Krech

10/10/2017