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Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, February 8, 2018 – 6:30PM  
Edgumbe Rec Center  
320 S. Griggs St

### **AGENDA**

- 6:30 I. Call to Order, *Tom Dietsche, President*
- 6:31 II. Roll Call, *John Zwier, Secretary*
- 6:33 III. Approval of the January 2017 Minutes
- 6:34 IV. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
- 6:35 V. Special Elections  
- Grid 5, Residential Landlord, Faith Representatives
- 6:45 VI. Police Civilian Internal Affairs Review Commission (PCIARC) update, *Libby Kantner, City of Saint Paul PCIARC Coordinator*
- 7:10 VII. Committee Recommendations  
*Housing and Land Use Committee recommendation*  
“The Housing and Land Use Committee of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council supports the UST proposal for the parking lot at the northwest corner of Grand and Cleveland Avenues as presented to the West Summit Neighbors Advisory Committee (WSNAC) on December 12, 2017”.  
*Executive Committee recommendation (see attached)*
- 7:30 VIII. Policy and Procedure Workgroup update
- 7:45 IX. Adjourn

*All times are approximate. Agenda is subject to change due to additions or deletions. Meetings of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council are open to the public. Community members are encouraged to attend. For more information about the Macalester-Groveland Community Council or its committees, please call 651-695-4000 or visit [www.macgrove.org](http://www.macgrove.org).*



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WHEREAS, there have been multiple pedestrian crashes at the intersection of **Grand/Syndicate**, including one tragic fatality in 2011;

WHEREAS, the intersection of **Grand/Syndicate** is a heavily used intersection with a current increase in pedestrian use due to the expansion of the Kowalski's grocery store at the northeast corner and a new mixed use development at the northwest corner;

WHEREAS, the intersection of **Grand/Syndicate** is heavily used by bicyclists due to a lack of convenient nearby north-south connection alternatives;

WHEREAS, the Macalester-Groveland Community Council, the Grand Ave Business Association and the Summit Hill Association jointly requested CIB funding for pedestrian safety improvements at **Grand/Syndicate** and Grand/Dunlap in 2010, 2012 and 2014;

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul applied for and received federal funding in 2015 for a project titled "Grand Avenue Pedestrian Safety Improvements" to augment CIB funding awarded in 2014 and expand the project to include six additional intersections (Hamline to Victoria);

WHEREAS, the need for pedestrian safety improvements at the **Grand/Syndicate** intersection was specifically noted in the application for federal funding including citing media reports of pedestrian crashes at the **Grand/Syndicate** intersection;

WHEREAS, the businesses located on the north side of the **Grand/Syndicate** intersection were prepared to incorporate bumpouts into a renovation project in 2015 and new construction in 2017 but were told by the City that construction of four bumpouts (one at each corner at the **Grand/Syndicate** intersection) would occur when the federally-funded project was implemented;

WHEREAS, the project was delayed until 2018 resulting in increased project costs;

WHEREAS, two intersections must be selected for reduced pedestrian safety improvements, likely two instead of four bumpouts, to cut project costs while three remaining intersections will receive four bumpouts;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Macalester-Groveland Community Council requests that bumpouts be preserved at all four corners of the **Grand/Syndicate** intersection in final plans for the "Grand Avenue Pedestrian Safety Improvements" project to be constructed in 2018.