

Macalester-Groveland Community Council
Housing and Land Use Committee
January 24, 2018

Attendees: Sam Walling (chair), Jack Fei (secretary), Liz Boyer (MGCC staff), Tom Dietsche, Mike Moore, Marc Manderscheid, Cathy Plessner, Anna Savelsberg, Timothy Schmidt, Kate Hebel, Kathy McGuire, Gena Berglund, Kateri Routh, Meg Arnosti, Patrick Beedle, Zuza Pakula

1. **Minutes** passed.

2. **UST – Grand – Cleveland Parking Lot Recommendation (Amy Gage)**
 - WSNAC has negotiated an agreement on the Grand – Cleveland Parking Lot Usage
 - Davanni’s and Coffee Bene will lease 16 dedicated spaces for \$15,000 per year
 - UST will donate the payment to a “Neighborhood Stabilization Fund”.
 - The agreement may be cancelled by either party.
 - The recommendation postpones action on an agreement with the city to construct student housing or convert the area to green space.
 - Motion to support the UST-Grand-Cleveland Parking Lot Recommendation passed.

3. **1524 Summit Ave – Center of Performing Arts (John Rupp)**
 - The vision is a building shared by performing Arts Groups.
 - A replacement religious institution has been identified as a tenant.
 - The building is in generally good condition despite recent neglect.
 - A Historic Use Variance could generate a revenue stream to maintain the structure.
 - No action at this time – information only

4. **Renters Discussion**
 - Expand focus from Student Renters to Renters (Sam Walling)
 - Focus on higher-end based on recent visits to Whole Foods and Finn Rentals
 - Demand from single professionals and seniors out of MGCC single family homes
 - Gina Berglund and Cathy Plessner will develop ideas.

5. **Working Group Updates (Liz Boyer)**
 - Update to Ward 3 Standards (Liz Boyer)
 - Blend Award (Michelle Berg)
 - Teardown Guide (Meg Arnosti)
 - Teardown Study (Tom Dietche)