

Macalester-Groveland Community Council
Housing and Land Use Committee
May 25, 2017

Attendees: Jack Fei (secretary), Liz Boyer (MGCC staff), Tom Dietsche, Sam Walling (chair), Dave Pasiuk, Jim Mogen, Michelle Berg, Mike Moore, Kieran Wells, Don Arnosti, Meg Arnosti, Anna Savelsberg

New Introductions. Eleanor Noble, Ben Mingo, Kathy McGuire, Wendy Merrell, Kate Hebel, Kateri Routh

Minutes passed.

1787 St Clair (The Wine Thief) – Liquor Off-Sale License Transfer Request

- New store owner requesting approval for License Transfer.
- Neighbor not satisfied with previous store owner compliance condition #4 of license.
- Motion to approve request with condition “property owner, store owner, and neighbor come to agreement on a privacy fence within 90 days of license transfer” passes.

Public Hearing Notice Language Change (Don Arnosti)

- Clarifies City notification message to Mac Groveland neighbors about variance requests.
- HLU members wordsmithed the final wording.
- Liz Boyer to follow-up with the City about implementing the change.

Variance database (Jack, Tom, Eleanor)

- spreadsheet of all variances that have occurred in Mac-Groveland, type of variance, record of action, date, GIS mapped location, property info, result of MGCC recommendation, BZA decision
- Goal to pull out examples of how we dealt with various situations that we are facing. How have we dealt with this in the past?
- How far back into the past?

Teardown database (Michelle, Meg, Anna)

- What is a teardown? Define it. How does that data exist?
- Qualitative info turned into data, frequency of teardowns, provide some way to measure difference between what was there and what is there now - lot coverage/height,
- Survey to ask neighbors of teardowns: rating scale, did you like what was there before, how about what is there now, what was your experience, how were the construction mgmt standards implemented.
- MLS could access previous listings?
- Foreclosed homes

- Compare resources used by homes of various sizes - when does our housing outstrip capacity of infrastructure?
- Identify developers? Corporate owned houses rented to temp employees?
- Cat 2, Cat 3, Split lots and lot sales
- Way to link families wanting to buy here to elderly sellers?

Home maintenance (Sam, Liz)

- Develop list of sources for help?
 - Rondo Community Land Trust
 - Western Bank
- Approach businesses to ask for donations?
- Create new program for 'first time buyers seeking starter homes'
 - Buyers "Able to pay and planning to stay" – no government subsidy.
 - Lowered equity & restrictions at purchase time
 - Full equity & no restrictions after xx years primary residence
 - Funding Sources: Macalester High Winds, UST, Developers retain equity?