

Macalester-Groveland Community Council
Housing and Land Use Committee
November 21, 2017

Attendees: Sam Walling (chair), Jack Fei (secretary), Liz Boyer (MGCC staff), Tom Dietsche, Mike Moore, Marc Manderscheid, Cathy Plessner, Kate Hebel, John Rozek, Mike Sonn, Dave Pausik, Michelle Berg

1. Finn Building Tour and Discussion

- 57 Units, Studio (1350 – 1650), 1 Bedroom (1875 – 2525), 2 Bedroom (2600 – 2800), Penthouse (4600).
- Reduced density to accommodate ‘no variances’ and within scale in the neighborhood
- Premium pricing to be financially viable, possible due to location near Highland Center
- High quality finishing used to attract wealthy renters
- Demand from Highland homeowners downsizing and remaining in the neighborhood

2. Minutes passed.

3. Macalester College Theatre Expansion (Deanna Seppanen)

- The theatre is being scraped, redesigned, and rebuilt.
- Planned structure footprint similar in mass to current structure
- New skyway connecting structure to Olin Hall
- Demolition to begin early December 2017.
- Construction timeframe Winter 2018 – Spring 2019.
- Parking is an issue during construction. Mitigations
 - Parking at Gloria Dei with A-Line or shuttle for construction workers
 - Promotion of Transit with Metro Transit passes

4. Updates

- Student Overlay Expansion resolution rejected by MGCC Board.

5. Teardown Working Group Areas

- Citizen Guide to Teardowns Document (Meg and Don Arnosti)
- Bungalow Club Affiliation (Anna Savelsberg)
- Update to Ward 3 Standards with Mike Richardson (Tom Dietsche and Liz Boyer)
- Blend Award Pilot (Michelle Berg)
- Teardown Study (Tom Dietche and Jack Fei)