

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

Attendees: Eric Riesenber (acting chair), Jack Fei (secretary), Liz Boyer (MGCC staff), Tom Dietsche, Mike Moore, Marc Manderscheid, Patrick Beedle, Zuza Pakula, Meg Arnosti, Cathy Plessner, Peter Vitko, John Rozek, Ben Mingo, Kateri Routh, Wendy Merrill, Kathryn McGuire, Gena Bergland, Anna Salvesberg, Mike Sonn,

1. **Minutes** passed.

2. **1662 James Variance (Josh Hanson & Bozidar Dujuranovic)**
 - Request for a .7 foot variance resulted from error in positioning stakes.
 - Requestors indicate a large cost would be incurred to create a conforming structure.
 - Neighbors opposed variance due to 'porch size' which is out of scale.
 - Resolution to approve variance subject to the condition the front porch not exceed the largest porch within 4 houses on each side of the subject property. (Tom Dietsche, Jack Fei 2nd) passes.

3. **Student Overlay Expansion (Sheila Sweeney)**
 - Issue has arisen due to six 'student rentals' on Osceola Avenue near Macalester College.
 - The existing Student Housing Overlay impact has had positive impact in the UST neighborhood.
 - But there was no support for expanding the Student Housing Overlay city-wide.
 - Resolution to request the City study establishing a Student Housing Overlay around Macalester College (Marc Manderscheid, Jack Fei 2nd) passes.

4. **UST Parking Lot - Cleveland and Grand Avenues (Cathy Plessner)**
 - The UST agreement to convert the parking lot to green space takes effect March 2018.
 - The change would negatively impact local businesses whose customers use the parking lot.
 - UST has a long history of breaking promises to construct on campus student housing.
 - Resolution to 'encourage UST and WSNAC to explore scenarios to keep the McNeely parking lot available for patrons of neighborhood businesses' (Tom Dietsche, Jack Fei 2nd) is tabled.