

Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, June 14, 2018 – 6:30 pm
Edgumbe Rec Center
Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order – Mike Sonn
2. Roll Call – Joyce Krech – 13 present of 20 members
3. Approval of May 2018 Minutes
 - Motion to approve the minutes, seconded. Correction of the spelling of Anna Savelsberg’s last name noted. Unanimous approval with this correction.
4. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda – none stated
5. Special Elections
 - Faith Representative position
 - Cindy (Cynthia) Radtke nominated herself; she is a member of Fairmount United Methodist Church. Cindy was elected.
6. Ramsey County Early Voting and Election Judge Recruitment, *Joshua Kiley, Ramsey County Elections Office*
 - Primary election is August 14th
 - Absentee voting begins on June 29th. Residents can vote via mail or appear in the Ramsey County Elections office in person.
 - August 7th – early voting begins (one week prior to the election)
 - 11 early voting locations (5 in St. Paul). Residents can vote at any Ramsey County location.
 - When early voting, you are required to complete an absentee ballot
 - Any impact on campaigning? Yes, candidates will likely start campaigning earlier. They do not have to stop campaigning any earlier. List of early voters who have is public information, not who you voted for – only if you cast a ballot.
 - Early voting is based on a change in campaign law (option to cast ballot in a ballot box).
 - If interested in participating as an Election Judge – please contact Joshua.
7. Policy and Procedures Workgroup Update
 - Operation Reserves Policy and Investment Strategy work continues

8. Inclusivity Task Force Update

- First meeting on June 6th, great participation
- Helping develop the July 12th Retreat agenda
- Survey similar to one completed in 2016 will be re-sent to see if/how our Board and Committee makeup has changed.

9. Committee Recommendations

Transportation Committee recommendation

“Request implementation of the most effective and practicable traffic calming and pedestrian safety measures for pedestrians crossing Lexington Ave at Juliet, Palace and James.”

- Brian Martinson presented the recommendation and provided some background.
- One abstention, all others in favor. Recommendation passed.

Housing and Land Use Committee recommendation

“Whereas, the Q&A section of The Democratic Rules of Order (under which MGCC operates) suggests that minutes should be as detailed as the secretary and/or the members wish, and should contain all motions exactly as passed and a very brief description of all major actions, and

Whereas, the HLU has previously discussed the appropriate level of detail in minutes, in a July 10, 2014 resolution stating that "HLU Committee recommends to the MGCC Board that a notation be added to the website stating that committee minutes are summaries of discussions, not transcriptions", and

Whereas, the role of committee secretary is a volunteer position that is often difficult enough to fill without adding the burden of keeping very detailed minutes of every discussion,

Now therefore be it resolved that:

“The minutes of HLU meetings shall contain a complete list of all voting members in attendance, a brief objective description of all agenda items and discussion topics and any related actions, and the exact wording of any motions passed. Any additional details shall be at the discretion of the committee secretary, or may be offered as amendments to the minutes at the next regular meeting of the HLU by any voting member who was in attendance at that meeting.”

- Tom Dietsche presented the motion and provided some background.
- Discussed how the vote is conducted and how the vote is recorded. Any member can request a division (how vote is conducted).
- Unanimous approval.

10. Upcoming Events and Reminders

- July Board Retreat – July 12th – Weyerhaeuser Board Room, Macalester College
- CBC reviewed the awarded Mac Grove Mini-Grants
- Blend Awards – incentivize homeowners, builders, architects to consider how additions, home construction blends with the existing neighborhood
- Alley Garden Award Judging period is June 21 – 28
- Citywide District Council Happy Hour on June 28th at Tiffany's in Highland Park from 5:30 to 7:30 pm
- Mac Grove Moves ends on June 29th
- July 18th – Candidate Forum for Ward 4 Candidate, UST – 7 pm
- July 24th – Environment Committee forum on Emerald Ash
- August – we generally don't meet at a Board or Committees during this month
- MN Pollution Control Agency EA Grants – applied for a grant 2 years ago, Climate Change Readiness – we are redrafting an application to submit by June 26th.

11. Cathy Plessner shared that the spring went well with year-end University of St. Thomas events.

Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.