

Community Building Committee

Monday, September 10, 2018 – 6:30 pm, Edgcumbe Rec Center

Those present: Tom, Britta, Liz, Jason, Meg, Jennie, Brian, Craig, Anne, Eleanor.

Minutes from last meeting were unanimously approved.

Mac-Grove Fest recap:

1. Beautiful weather
2. Attendance. There were about 1200 people, a slight increase from last year. It was steady throughout the day without any noticeable declines or gaps.
3. Scavenger Hunt and Prize Wheel were popular.
4. The food/entertainment layout was an improvement and seemed to promote good traffic flow.
5. Britta thanked all who volunteered. When asked if she felt she had enough help, she said the help she had was excellent, but there can always be more.
6. Macalester College students were sighted! The committee discussed ways to reach more college students about our events.
7. Waste Station. Craig reported that the vendors were not necessarily using recyclable and/or compostable materials. He suggested encouraging next year's vendors to participate in a zero waste concept.

Inclusivity Task Force update: Tom explained the effort and background of the committee. Two goals and three active steps have been written based on the work done at the July retreat. He cautioned that the goals and activities steps in are preliminary and in a draft stage.

Fall Plant Share: Saturday the 22nd at Craig's house.

Mini grants:

1. Crossing flags are complete. A final report has been submitted with a template on how to replicate the project.
2. Ramsey Middle School project is waiting to hear from the SPPS about permission to use the school grounds for the project.
3. Meet and Greet has an event scheduled for September 30 from 4-6 at Macalester College Weyerhaeuser room. Pot luck to network and interact. One future event will be planned.

Citywide Drop Off: September 29. Joint effort with Highland Community Council. Volunteers are needed.

Read Brave St Paul: the CBC agreed to explore the new program that Mayor Carter and the St. Paul Public Library is initiating. Along the theme of housing and homelessness, the library has selected several books that children, young adults and adults can read for Book Club type discussions throughout the city. The CBC felt there were a variety of ways to support the initiative.

Submitted by Anne LeDuc