

Community Building Committee Meeting
Monday, March 11, 2019 – 6:30pm
Edgumbe Recreation Center – 320 S Griggs Street

MINUTES

In Attendance: *Jason Bergum, Tom Dietsche, Craig Skone, Britta Sherrill, Anne LeDuc, Brian Wagner, Meggie Royer, Liz Dillon, Ruth DeFoster (City Life Church), Eleanor Noble, Alexa Golemo*

Introductions /Additions or Deletions to Agenda

- None

Approval of February 2019 Minutes

- The February 2019 minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

Garden Fest Planning

- Garden Fest is May 11th from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Edgumbe Rec Center
- Adding seed sharing and indoor house plants to share
- Continuing with plant share as we have in the past with identify native garden plants
- Planning on having information about rain barrel distribution, pollinator gardens and a Master Gardener present.
- We will continue with the \$2.00 per plant suggested donation. Last year we generated around \$400.00 in revenue.

Mac-Grove Fest Planning

- Date – Saturday, September 7, 2019
- Britta has been working on the MRAC grant is being reviewed on March 21st and we should hear news on funding on March 22nd. She has worked and collaborated with others on adding more cultural and inclusive entertainment including the Heart and Drum Academy Youth group with perhaps a 20-minute performance followed by an interactive workshop. Celtic Junction Art as they have better sound and stage equipment. Ann recommended reaching out to the Julian the Soccer organizer to engage younger crowds. The African Music Ensemble, Guild of Oriental Dance and Ballroom Dancing groups were also suggested by members.
- Anne suggested we continue the Scavenger Hunt activity to engage our younger visitors. The suggested them was perhaps what do you know about Community? Using the 2020 census as perhaps a theme idea
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Annual Meeting – Inclusivity/Activity Brainstorm

- Meeting date is Thursday, April 11th
- Location is Smail Gallery, Macalester College – Parking available in the West and South lots
- Make sure we post in Nextdoor, Meet-up, within our neighborhood newsletter and Facebook
- The Mayor and both Council persons Tolbert and Noecker have been invited as stated they will participate along with Russ Stark, former Councilperson and now the City's Chief Climate Resiliency Office for the Mayor's office of Saint Paul.
- Eleanor ensuring the space is ADA compliant for access with Macalester College

2019 T-shirt Design

- Consensus was formed to support Tshirt Design number two which was the map of the four borders of the MG neighborhood. Discussed the possibility of one screen on front and back with two color choices. Plan to purchase at Zimmerman's Dry Goods.
- Discussion involving how to process orders and suggestion was put forth to do a pre-order with board members to help determine how many of what size and what color to order for distribution at the annual meeting. Selling shirts will continue to generate revenue at our future events including the Plant Share and Mac Grove Fest.

Updates/Announcements/Other Business

- Ward 4 Renter's summit is being hosted at Hamline University on April 18th all are welcome and encouraged to attend
- We discussed a summary of the successful hosting of our book club conversation regarding the book "Evicted" by Matthew Desmond
- Anticipating discussions in May to review the Mini-Grant applications
- Planning on working on the Garden Ally Awards in June

Upcoming Events:

- Next CBC Meeting will be Monday, April 15th at 6:30 PM
- Home Improvement Fair, Saturday March 16th. Volunteers need to help setup, cleanup and tabling for MGCC.
- Mac-Grove Mini Grant applications deadline is Monday, April 29th

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Brian Wagner
05/13/2019