

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 9, 2019 – 6:30 pm**  
**Edgcumbe Recreation Center**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**I. Call to Order** – *Mike Sonn, President*

**II. Roll Call** – *Joyce Krech, Secretary*

**III. Approval of March 2019 Minutes**

- Motion to approve the March 2019 minutes, seconded. Unanimous approval.

**IV. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda**

- None

**V. Announce Annual Meeting Election Results**

**Special Elections:** *Grid 2 Residential, Grid 5 Residential, At-Large Business*

- Grid 2 – no one present
- Grid 5 – Gene Johnson, resident of Wilder Park, was elected. Welcome!
- At-Large Business – no one present

**VI. Officer Elections**

- President – Mike Sonn was elected
- Treasurer – Tom Dietsche was elected
- Secretary – Joyce Krech was elected
- Vice President – Anna Savelsberg was elected

**VII. 2018 Preliminary Financials,** *Tom Dietsche, Treasurer*

Tom reviewed the financial materials that were distributed. There are no big surprises. Income is within 3% of budget and expenses are within 4% of our budget. John Baxter, CPA, has completed a preliminary review. Overall, there is an expected \$1,891 surplus.

**Income Comments**

Even though we did not receive a planned project grant of \$9,000, we did receive additional funds from the Innovation Fund and additional COPP funds.

Home Improvement Fair and Mac Grove Fest both yielded additional income.

**Expenses Comments**

Newsletter – some discussion about the newsletter. We've reduced the total number of newsletters from 4 to 2 over the past few years. The newsletter reaches all neighbors, while the electronic newsletter only reaches those individuals who have signed up.

Certain expenses were not spent.

## VIII. Administrative Updates

- *MGCC Office Lease.* The cost is increasing about \$4 to \$5 per month. Move approval of lease, seconded. The new lease was unanimously approved.
- *New Bookkeeper:* Rebecca Foss has been hired to replace Jordan Thomas. She will also be providing bookkeeping services to Union Park and Hamline Midway Coalition.
- *403(b):* Our current provider (Winter Associates) asked us to find another resource; MGCC is considered too small. Tom reached out to Vanguard. MGCC need to create a written Plan and also submit specific IRS forms (5500). This is a record keeping issue. Our CPA will assist Rebecca with filing the IRS forms. Once this is established, Alexa can be enrolled and Britta can be moved to the new plan.
  - Should we implement any sort of vesting period before an employee is eligible? The Executive Committee will discuss at a future meeting.
- *2018 Audit and 990.* Anderson & Baxter will complete our audit. John Baxter, CPA, was in the office today to complete the onsite visit. Anderson & Baxter will also file the 990. The Board will review the 990 and approve prior to filing.
  - Motion to approve Anderson & Baxter as our auditor was moved & seconded; then unanimously approved. *Note:* the audit contract was signed by Tom Dietsche in good faith prior to tonight's vote.

## IX. Committee Updates & Recommendations

### Transportation Recommendations

*March 2019:*

“Whereas: St. Paul has committed to increasing the bicycle mode share to 2% by 2020 and 5% by 2025 and the bicycling commuter share from 0.6% to 2.5% by 2025.

Whereas: Most of the city's bike lanes are unusable and unsafe during the winter as a result of motor-vehicles and snow blocking the lanes.

Be it resolved: That the City of St. Paul must ensure the safety and navigability of bike lanes year round. Accordingly, the City should consider additional snow removal and parking bans to make our bike lanes clear of obstruction.”

Comments: Union Park has passed this recommendation.

Resolution moved and seconded. Added “s” to motor-vehicles. Passed unanimously.

*April 2019:*

“The Transportation Committee of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council requests that the City of Saint Paul implement permanent marking changes to indicate pedestrian crossings at the intersections of St. Clair Avenue & Brimhall Street and W Jefferson Avenue & Mississippi River Boulevard.”

Comments: The owner of Roots Roasting has expressed concern and came to MGCC regarding the St. Clair and Brimhall intersection. A citizen came to MGCC with concern about the W Jefferson & Mississippi River Boulevard. Marc M. noted the City might object to this request at St. Clair and Brimhall due to the existence of a marked crosswalk at Snelling & St. Clair.

Resolution moved and seconded. Passed unanimously.

#### **X. GABA Representative Update**

- MGCC has been invited to pour beer at Grand Old Day, must attend training on May 22<sup>nd</sup> or May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We need 10 to 12 volunteers. It's possible we could participate with Union Park and share the donation amount.
- The Grand Avenue Task Force is still meeting. Deanna Seppanen, Macalester High Winds Fund, has agreed to represent MGCC on the Task Force. Tom moved to nominate Deanna to represent MGCC. Approved. Tom then amended his motion to include both Deanna Seppanen & Brian Wagner as representatives of MGCC on the Task Force. Approved unanimously. Thank you, Deanna and Brian!

#### **XI: Upcoming Events and Reminders**

- Grand Old Day – June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- BZA Zoning Presentation
- Garden Fest – this Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>
- WSNAC – has been talking about crosswalks, add zebra striping to match the striping found on Cleveland
- Kate Baxter-Kauf – the Transportation Committee has been researching speed limits near schools. St. Paul doesn't have school zones. The Committee has been working with several schools in our neighborhood (Randolph Heights, Ramsey and Groveland) to add signage and lower speed limits during specified times.
- Several Stop for Me events have been added.

#### **XII. Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.**

Submitted by Joyce Krech on 05/14/2019