

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 12th, 2019 – 6:30PM

6:30 I. Call to Order, *Mike Sonn, President*

6:31 II. Live-Streaming Announcement – we are unable to live-stream the meeting. It will be recorded and made available later.

6:33 III. Roll Call, *Joyce Krech, Secretary*

All board members present with the exception of Brian Baird, Tim Schmidt and Cathy Plessner.

6:36 IV. Approval of the June 2019 Minutes

- **Motion:** “The Board of Directors of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council approves the July 2019 Board Minutes” was moved by Marc Manderscheid. Seconded by Nathan Zacharias. The motion was approved with unanimous consent.

6:38 V. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda - none

6:40 VI. Special Elections: *At-Large Renter, At-Large Student and At-Large Business Representative*

No one present for any of these open seats

6:50 VII. Treasurer’s Financial Report – Tom Dietsche

Overall, our MGCC finances are strong and stable. Our year-to-date income and expenses are in line with our budget. We are expecting a year-end surplus between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Tom reviewed the following documents:

- Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2019
- Profit & Loss January through July 2019
- MGCC 2019 Budget as of July 31, 2019

7:05 VIII. Review Draft of *Part 2 of the MGCC Inclusivity and Equity Strategic Action Plan*

Alexa Golemo and Kate Baxter-Kauf reviewed the Phase 2 Draft.

- **Motion:** “The Board of Directors of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council approves the *Inclusivity and Equity Strategic Action Plan, Phase 2 Draft* with a change to the report back date in Goal 2, Action Step 1 from August 2020 to July 2020 moved by Cindy Radtke. Seconded by Brian Wagner. The motion was approved with unanimous consent.

7:30 IX. Committee Updates & Recommendations

*“The Housing and Land Use of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council recommends approval of a waiver of the 45-day waiting period for the liquor license for the proposed new restaurant at 1806 St Clair Avenue.”*

- **Motion:** “The Board of Directors of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council approves the Housing and Land Use Recommendation as written moved by Anna Savelsberg. Seconded by Brian Martinson. The motion was approved with unanimous consent.
- Marc provided a high level summary of the variance requests that came before HLU at their last meeting. In all cases, the homeowners presented the requests.
- Mike Richardson, Senior City Planner with the City of St. Paul, will be attending the next HLU meeting (9/25/19) and will be leading a discussion of the Ward 3 Design Standards.

7:45 X. Staff Report

- Mac-Grove Fest, held on 9/7/19, was a success. Thanks to Britta for all her hard work to make this event so successful!
- Alexa reviewed the September 2019 Staff Report.
- Faith Roundtable – Economic Justice, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Pilgrim Lutheran Church from 5 pm to 6 pm.
- WSNAC (West Summit Neighborhood Advisory Committee) – Cathy Plessner will not seek reappointment as one of our MGCC representatives to WSNAC. Thanks to Cathy for her contributions! Please feel free to reach out to Marc if you’d like to learn more about WSNAC.
- Grand Avenue Task Force – How to use feedback received from business owners. What recommendations will be brought to the Community Council? Also moving to Phase 2 of the community survey to encourage additional participation.
- GABA – New leadership: Bob Lawrence, President; Scott Fares, Vice President; Holly Weinkauff, Treasurer; Brian Wagner, Secretary. (<https://grandave.com/>)

7:55 XI. Upcoming Events and Reminders

- Saint Paul School Board Candidates Forum: Wed., Sept 11, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, McNeely Hall 100, University of St. Thomas
- Mac-Grove Renter Happy Hour: Wed., Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, 5 – 6 pm, Grand Catch
- Citywide Drop-Off Event @ Shepard Road: Sat., Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, 8 am – 1 pm
- Business Roundtable: Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8 am – 9:30 am at Macalester College, Room 215.
- Ward 3 & Ward 4 City Council Candidate Forums

7:45 XII. Adjourn

Submitted on 9/13/2019 by Joyce Krech