



The Macalester-Groveland Community Council fosters citizen participation in government and community decisions that make our neighborhood a great place to live, work, learn, and play.

Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, May 14, 2020 – 6:30 pm
<https://zoom.us/join> | Email alexa@macgrove.org for Meeting ID # and password

This meeting is being held remotely online via Zoom

AGENDA

(6:15 – 6:30 Tech Check)

- 6:30 I. Call to Order, *Mike Sonn, President*
- 6:31 II. Zoom Recording Announcement
- 6:33 III. Roll Call, *Joyce Krech, Secretary*
- 6:36 IV. Approval of the April 2020 Minutes
- 6:38 V. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
- 6:40 VI. Special Elections: At-Large Student, At-Large Business & At-Large Renter Reps.
- 6:50 VII. Committee Updates & Recommendations

Transportation Committee, *Update*

Housing and Land Use Committee, *Update*

Inclusivity Task Force

Potential Online Elections & Annual Meeting Timeline & Process

Draft By-Law Change (On page 2), *Potential Action*

Community Building Committee, *Update*

Grand Avenue Business Association (GABA), *Update*

West Summit Neighborhood Advisory Committee (WSNAC), *Update*

Southwest Business Coalition (SWBC), *Update*

- 7:30 VIII. Tenant Protections Ordinance, *Discussion*

Draft Ordinance Language and Public Comments:

<https://stpaul.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4386792&GUID=CAC11254-88C1-4CE0-BBF5-FE35D52366E8>

- 7:50 IX. Staff Report/Updates

- 8:00 X. Adjourn

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DRAFT BYLAW CHANGE TO GRANT THE BOARD CERTAIN EMERGENCY POWERS

Whereas, various safety concerns and legal restrictions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic have prevented MGCC from (a) holding any in-person meetings at a physical location since 3/12/2020 and (b) holding its Annual Membership Meeting in March or April (as required by Article VII of its bylaws), and

Whereas, in order to continue its ongoing operations in fulfillment of its mission and goals, MGCC's board (at its 4/14/20 online meeting) voted to allow all MGCC meetings to be held via electronic means such as video-conferencing software and email, and to seek retroactive approval for this action at the next Annual Membership Meeting, and

Whereas, it is unclear if MGCC already has the authority to do so, since (a) its bylaws neither explicitly allow nor prohibit holding meetings via electronic means, and (b) the Democratic Rules of Order (adopted in 2017) may already implicitly allow them, and

Whereas, MGCC staff, board and committee members spent considerable extra and possibly unnecessary time discussing, drafting and approving motions to provide additional retroactive legal support for the decisions already made to take these actions, and

Whereas, these events have shown that MGCC's current bylaws lack the flexibility and contingency planning that would have allowed the Board to act more quickly and decisively in making emergency decisions such as holding online meetings and rescheduling the annual meeting,

Therefore, be it resolved that MGCC's bylaws shall be amended as follows (changes in bold italics):

1) The first paragraph of Article VII, Section I(a) shall be replaced with the following:

(a) Annual Membership Meetings. The MGCC shall hold its Annual Membership Meeting in March or April of each year, ***unless postponed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of seated board members***. The date, time, and place of the meeting shall be set by the Board of Directors. ***The "place" may be either a physical or online venue***. Public notice shall be published at least one (1) month prior to each annual meeting.

2) The following second paragraph shall be added to Article XII (Amendments and Changes):

In addition, the Board of Directors shall have an emergency power to enact any temporary amendments and changes to these Articles that it deems critical and urgent, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of seated board members. Any such temporary amendments and changes shall expire on the date of the next Annual Membership meeting or Special Membership meeting, unless approved at such meeting in accordance with the procedures specified by this Article.

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