

**Community Building Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, January 11, 2021 – 6:30pm**  
**Zoom**

**MINUTES**

**In Attendance:** Britta Sherrill, Meggie Royer, Brian Wagner, Craig Skone, Joyce Krech, Cathy Plessner, Dave Gries, Yuzuha Shibata, Kensey Lipstreuer

**Introductions/Additions or Deletions to Agenda**

- None.

**Approval of November 2020 Minutes**

- The November 2020 minutes were approved by voice vote.

**Frost Fest 2021 Discussion and Planning**

- Potential partnership with Wet Paint to decorate pucks, but could also possibly pull off a safely distanced event such as a Golden Puck Hunt (hide three pucks, maybe with clues and limit search area to that block).
- Could invite children if they are back in school. Students will start returning on February 1st - pre-K through second grade. On February 16th, grades 3-5 will begin returning. Need to look into this further.
- Should look into dates no later than mid-February or early March.
- Britta will reach out to Todd about puck orders. A dozen new pucks cost \$19.99 at Play It Again Sports. Brian will reach out to Wet Paint to figure out timeline for puck orders.
- Craig will set up Zoom subgroup meeting to move Frost Fest planning forward.
- Britta checking on dates of February 27th and 28th and March 6th and 7th for the Groveland Ice Rink.

**Mac-Grove Webinar Series Promotion & Planning**

- [St. Paul's Climate Action and Resilience Plan Webinar](#) with Russ Stark scheduled for January 19th from 7:00-8:00pm.
- Chris Tolbert suggested several webinar ideas: property tax webinar, snow plowing, renters rights, fireside chat with Chris. Brian will reach out to Chris again to take a look at his calendar.
- Other ideas: webinar with Excel explaining electric bills.
- Mapping Prejudice webinar may occur in first quarter of 2021; Housing and Land Use Committee may also be involved.

**CBC in 2021 Discussion**

- "Community Building Team" was a common renaming suggestion.
- Even if the committee is renamed, it would still function similarly to the other MGCC committees.
- How do we engage more with diverse communities? Need to reach out to more voices. We could host joint meetings with other district councils.
- Returning to what we are all about: making the neighborhood a great place to live, work, play, learn. Doing well on the "live" part but may be falling short of the "learning, playing, and working" parts.
- Redefining what "community" means and what the committee does for the community. The more productive we are and the more community outreach we do, the more interested the community will be in participating.
- A motion to rename the Community Building Committee to Community Building Team was unanimously approved by voice vote.
- Potential focus on addressing monocultures and emerald ash borers.

- In 2018, an emerald ash borer forum was hosted and forestry staff came out to talk. Not a lot of wiggle room in the city's process at the moment, although individuals can ask about individual treatment of trees and/or choose to purchase a tree.
- Can discuss whether this is something the team wants to take on in the future, along with a greater focus on environmentalism.

#### **Updates/Announcements/Other Business**

- [Taste of Ward 3](#) currently happening from January 9-23.
- Frost Fest subgroup, environmentalism subgroup, and team structure subgroups will meet in the months in between the January and April full group meetings.
- Britta leaving MGCC in the next few months.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- Monday, April 12th at 6:30pm via Zoom - Next full group Community Building Team meeting.

#### **Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:35p.m.

Minutes submitted by Meggie Royer  
1/11/2021