

Macalester-Groveland Community Council
Transportation Committee
June 28, 2021

Attendees: Hugo Bruggeman (chair), Spencer Ludtke, Jack Fei (Secretary), Dave Pasiuk, Kensey Lipstreuer, Alyssa Mitchell (staff), Zak Yudhishtu, Colin Fesser, Regina Purins, Brian Martinson, Patty Hartmann, Cindy Radke, Deanna Seppanen

1. New Introductions: .

2. 5:30 May 2021 minutes approval passes.

3. 5:50 Brooklyn Center Resolution (Hugo Bruggeman)

- 6:30 Jack – Events moving at state level that may influence our resolution.
- 7:30 Community First Public Safety Commission contains an April 21 Memorandum covering pre-textual stops. May want to call attention to this.
- 9:00 Police Department has Transportation Functions in two areas: Patrol and Community Engagement with large numbers of staff in each areas.
- 12:30 Regina – worked for police and able to describe functions within police department.
- 15:00 Cindy – need to narrow scope and focus on current community impacts.
- 19:00 Spencer – complex issue, what are obstacles to implementation.
- 23:00 Jack – resolution needs to focus on policing as it pertains to Transportation.
- 26:00 Colin – narrow the focus of a resolution to contextual stops to keep the scope within the purview of the Transportation committee.
- 30:30 Zak – endorses a motion against contextual stops.
- 32:20 Colin – crafted motion opposing contextual stops from an earlier draft motion.
- 35:50 Regina – concerned about citizen initiated traffic stops.
- 39:30 Dave – concerned about persistent driver violation of traffic laws.
- 44:00 Colin – does not want to hold up action for police feedback. Formally moves the draft resolution. Jack Fei seconds.
- 48:00 Motion rewording and clarification by Colin, Cindy, Jack, Brian, Dave.
- 1:06:00 Regina – maybe obtain feedback from police before voting on resolution. Jack suggests re-inviting Mitra Jalali. But several do not want to postpone a vote.
- Resolution:

Whereas the practice of pre-textual and other traffic stops is documentably enacted in a racially inequitable manner in Saint Paul.

Whereas the practice of pre-textual and other traffic stops is unsafe for St Paul's citizens and police officers.

RESOLVED, except for flagrant and dangerous moving violations,

- Amber Alerts
- Unsafe speed

- DWI
- Hit and Run
- Reckless Driving

The TC requests the MGCC Board of Directors requests the City of Saint Paul to cease pre-textual and other traffic stops. This should last until the City completes the updates recommended by the Saint Paul Community-First Public Safety Commission and the St Paul Police department can demonstrate a more equitable policing practice. (Colin Fesser, Jack Fei 2nd)

1:18:30 resolution passes 11 – 0, 1 abstention.

4. **New Business**

- Invite Josh Lego (Police) and Mitra Jalali (City Council) to a future committee meeting.

5. 1:21:30 **Updates**

- **CDBG and CIB Process Update** (Jack). Earlier CDBG/ CIB recommendations passed without modification. They're incorporated into the Mayor's City Wide 2022 – 2023 Budget.
- **Rethinking I-94** (Cindy & Hugo). High level discussions are taking place. MDOT is interested in engaging with the community, possibly a Transportation Public Meeting and / or a Mac Grove Fest Table this fall.
- **Macalester Mid-Block Crossing** (Deanna Seppanen). Grand Avenue between Fairview & Snelling Avenue will be reconstructed in the 2024 - 2025 timeframe. An added mid-block raised crosswalk would increase safety and provide ADA access. Planning to start in 2022.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 26th 6:30 pm.