

Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, February 13, 2020 – 6:30 pm
Edgcombe Rec Center, 320 Griggs Street S.

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order, *Mike Sonn, President*

Live-Streaming Announcement, Mike noted the meeting is being live streamed on Facebook.

Roll Call, *Alexa Golemo, Executive Director.*

Present: Kate Baxter-Kauf, Brian Baird, Dave Pasiuk, Brian Wagner, Tim Schmidt, Cindy Radtke, Lauren Nielsen, Cathy Plessner, Marc Manderscheid, Tom Dietsche, Brian Martinson, Saura Jost, Mike Sonn, Art Punyko, Gene Johnson.

Absent: Colin Fesser, Joyce Krech, Athena Adkins, Nathan Zacharias.

Approval of the January 2019 Minutes

Motion: “The Board of Directors of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council approves the January 2019 Board Minutes” moved. Seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Addition to Item 9, *Update from WSNAC Representatives.*

Special Elections: *At-Large Student and At-Large Business Representatives.*

No one present for either special election.

GABA Grand Old Day Letter, *Potential Action*

Motion: “The Board of Directors of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council recommends approval of the request of the Grand Old Day Committee for a waiver of the required petition in order to close Grand Avenue for Grand Old Day on June 7, 2020” moved by Marc M. Seconded. Brian W. abstains. Approved.

Committee Updates & Recommendations

Community Building: Mac Grove Fest is scheduled for September 12th. MGCC has applied for a grant from MRAC for the event. CBC has created a Mac Grove Fest Task Force that will meet before CBC on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 pm and they are looking for board and community volunteers. The Home Improvement Fair is coming up and there’s still a few slot for volunteers.

Transportation Committee: Committee is focusing on bicycle and pedestrian safety in their 2020 work plan.

Housing and Land Use: The February 2020 meeting will have two agenda items: Mike Richardson will present on the Ward 3 Design Standards and Bill Dermody will present on the RM Zoning Study.

Inclusivity Task Force: Discussion of revision to MGCC Bylaws.

Motion: “The Board of Directors of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council approves the addition of points (h) and (i) to Article V, Section 3 of the MGCC Bylaws.” Motion. Seconded. Motion passed 14-1.
Section 3. The Board of Directors shall have power:

(h) to establish, and revise from time to time, such policies and procedures as it deems appropriate regarding remote participation at meetings of the Board of Directors and its committees, via electronic or other methods. Such policies and procedures shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

(i) to establish, and revise from time to time, such policies and procedures as it deems appropriate regarding actions without a meeting of the Board of Directors and its committees, via electronic or other methods. Such policies and procedures shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

Motion: "The Board of Directors of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council approves the revision to Article V, Section 3 of the MGCC Bylaws which changes "eighteen (18) years of age" to "sixteen (16) years of age" in the definition of Residential Member and Organization Member." Moved by Brian M. Seconded. Unanimous approval.

The addition to Article V, Section 3 and the revision to Article IV, Section 2 will be voted upon by Macalester-Groveland Community Members at the Annual Meeting on April 14th.

WSNAC: If the University of St. Thomas joins a Division I football league, they would be a non-scholarship team. The University Hockey team may need a new ice area; it would most likely not be on campus. The new dormitories being constructed at St. Thomas should be occupied by students by September 2020. By 2021-2022, St. Thomas is hoping to have a mandatory living on-campus requirement. The Tommie Shelf Food Mobile is available for all Macalester-Groveland residents and students.

Southwest Business Coalition: Alexa presented on the creation of SWBC, a coalition of local business associations, district councils, chambers of commerce, and other community stakeholders. Board discussion concerning commitment to SWBC; commitment does not include any financial support and term for representative would be 1 year.

Motion: "The Board of Directors of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council approves MGCC's membership in the Southwest Business Coalition and will annually appoint one representative for a one-year, with the Executive Director as the default representative if a board volunteer is not available." Motion by Tom. Seconded. Approved. Brian W. abstains.

Motion: "The Board of Directors of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council appoints Brian Wagner as the representative for MGCC on the Southwest Business Coalition for one-year." moved by Brian M. Seconded by Dave P. Passed unanimously.

2020-2021 Budget, 2020 Census & Ramsey County Updates, Commissioner Toni Carter, Ramsey County Board of Commissioners & District 4 Representative (Item moved later in the agenda)

- Commissioner Carter's background and history on the Board of Commissioners
- Overview of 2020-2021 County Budget
- Discussion of 2020 Census: They are still looking for census takers in Ramsey County.
- Board members asked questions concerning Boys totem town closure, lighting on Randolph and Cleveland Avenues, and Ayd Mill Road.

Staff Report/Upcoming Events and Reminders

- Prospective Board Member Gatherings
 - Saturday, Feb. 29th, 2 – 4 pm, Roots Roasting
 - Thursday, Mar. 5th, 5 – 7 pm, Sweet Peas
- Home Improvement Fair, Saturday, Mar. 7th, 8:30 am – 1 pm, Cretin-Derham
- Annual Meeting, Thursday, April 16th**, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Location TBD
 - ** Annual Meeting date was changed April 14th after the February Board Meeting.
 - **Elections: Grid 2 Res. (2), Grid 4 Res. (2) & At-Large Res. (2) Representatives**
- Read Brave Event, April 22nd, Location TBD
- Mini-Grant Deadline, April 30th

Grand Avenue Task Force Priorities: Board members were given six dots and asked to place them next to the "small wins" (projects, initiatives, etc.) that they were most interested in MGCC, SHA, GABA and the City pursuing in 2020.

Meeting Adjourned.