

MGCC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 10, 2020 – 6:30 pm
Meeting Held Remotely via Zoom

I. Call to Order, Kate Baxter-Kauf, Vice President

II. Zoom Recording Announcement

III. Roll Call, Joyce Krech, Secretary

Present: Athena Adkins, Kate Baxter-Kauf, Hugo Bruggeman, Katie Chin, Tom Dietsche, Colin Fesser, Gene Johnson, Saura Jost, Joyce Krech, Kensey Lipstreuer, Marc Manderscheid, Kathy McGuire, Drew Nelson, Dave Pasiuk, Cathy Plessner, Art Punyko, Tim Schmidt

Absent: Cindy Radtke, Colin Voerding, Brian Wagner & Nathan Zacharias

IV. Approval of the July 2020 Minutes

Motion to approve the July 2020 Minutes made by Cathy Plessner and seconded by Tom Dietsche. The minutes were approved unanimously.

V. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Item IX will be removed, no longer requested. The order of election of the officers was reordered.

VI. Officer Elections:

President

Tom Dietsche nominated Joyce Krech as President. Art Punyko seconded. Joyce was elected unanimously.

Treasurer

Joyce Krech nominated Tom as Dietsche as Treasurer. Saura Jost seconded. Tom was elected unanimously.

Secretary

Gene Johnson self-nominated himself as Secretary. Tom Dietsche nominated Art Punyko, but Art declined the nomination. Art Punyko seconded Gene Johnson's nomination. Gene was elected unanimously.

Vice President

Art Punyko nominated Kate Baxter-Kauf as Vice President. Tom Dietsche seconded. Kate was elected unanimously.

President: Joyce Krech, VP: Kate Baxter-Kauf, Treasurer: Tom Dietsche, Secretary: Gene Johnson

VII. **Special Elections: At-Large Student Representative**

Katie Chin self-nominated herself as the At-Large Student Representative. Kate Baxter-Kauf seconded. Katie was elected with three total student votes. Katie is a Junior at Macalester College and has been involved in Minnesota politics during the past several years. Congrats and welcome to the board!

VIII. **Board Member, Staff & Intern Introductions**

Thank you everyone for taking time to introduce yourself and share information about yourself, family, career and your desire to serve on the Macalester Groveland Community Council.

Yuzuha Shibata was introduced as our student intern from Macalester College. She will be focused on Social Media and also creating a database of all MGCC's various spreadsheets.

IX. **Request for Socially-Distanced Outdoor Movie Night Sponsorship, Office of Student Leadership and Engagement, Macalester College**

This item was removed from the agenda.

X. **Committee Updates & Recommendations**

*Transportation Committee – Hugo Bruggeman, Chair, **Recommendation***

Recommendation 1:

This recommendation is to "Pause our involvement in the City of Saint Paul's Stop for Me Campaign". Hugo provided background on the recommendation and how the campaign operates. POC means people of color.

Alexa shared the concern about the campaign was raised to all District Councils. Kensey stated there was a Live Facebook meeting held with the SPPD which was recorded discussing the campaign. She will share a link to this meeting.

There was significant discussion by Board members regarding the Stop for Me Campaign, including how the campaign/program could be modernized or re-imagined to include many of the items discussed by the Board.

Revised Language: The Macalester-Groveland Community Council recommends pausing involvement in the Stop for Me Campaign until the City of Saint Paul ensures it is implemented in an equitable manner that does not put people of color at risk.

Motion to adopt the recommendation made by Hugo Bruggeman and seconded by Tim Schmidt.

Motion carries: 16-0-1

Recommendation 2:

The recommendation is "Reducing Motor-Vehicle Traffic and Increasing Pedestrian and Bicyclist Access to Mississippi River Boulevard".

Hugo provided background about the recommendation. There was significant discussion among Board Members and meeting attendees.

1. 1st motion is to approve the recommendation made by Hugo Bruggeman and seconded by Tim Schmidt. This second came after the 2nd motion had been made.
2. 2nd motion is to postpone the vote on the recommendation until a later time, made by Kathy McGuire. *Secretary's Note:* This motion was not seconded.

There was discussion about which motion should be voted on first. It was determined that we would vote on the 1st Motion to approve the resolution as written.

Motion carries. 16-1-2

Kathy McGuire stated that she strenuously objected to the passing of this motion because she felt the process had not met conditions of the by-laws under Article III, Sections 3, 4 and 6.

Post Meeting Secretary's Note: On 9/11/2020 Tom Dietsche notified all Board Members via email that we should have voted on the 2nd motion first, to table or postpone the primary motion. As noted above, Motion #2 was not seconded during the meeting.

XI. Staff Updates

MGCC 2020 Elections/Bylaw Changes: How to Review the Process

The election went very well, we had a very high turnout. We will continue to discuss this topic at Inclusivity Task Force meetings; we want to welcome everyone's participation in the election process.

October Agenda Items, Q3 Financial Reports, 990 Form and 2019 Audit

Alexa will provide Board Directors with all financial documents prior to the October Board Meeting.

MGCC 2020 Fundraising: Give to the Max Day (November 19, 2020)

We would like Board Directors to donate or pledge to donate by October 8th. Our Board Match goal is \$1,500. Alexa will be sending an email in the near future.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30