

## Community Building Committee Meeting

Monday, October 12, 2020 – 6:30pm

Zoom

### MINUTES

**In Attendance:** Britta Sherrill, Craig Skone, Meggie Royer, Eric Thompson, Brian Wagner, Jim Johnson, Joyce Krech, Dave Gries, Patty Hartmann, Seth Fine, Kensey Lipstreuer, Yuzuha Shibata, Ann Dolan, Tom Dietsche, Kate Baxter-Kauf, Cathy Plessner

#### Introductions/Additions or Deletions to Agenda

- None.

#### Approval of September 2020 Minutes

- The September 2020 minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

#### 2020 Halloween Discussion

- Many favorite neighborhood Halloween activities are in high-risk categories according to the MN Department of Health (MDH) and the CDC.
- [MDH Halloween Guidance](#)
- [CDC Halloween Guidance](#)
- [St. Paul Parks and Rec Safe Fall Events](#)
- City of St. Paul has been sending some communications via newsletter in which they refer to the MDH guidance and St. Paul Parks and Rec events.
- Seth Fine: The City is waiting on the state for guidance. Our neighborhood is not doing trick-or-treating in an organized fashion; it's simply not safe. Our neighborhood is creating a draft plan to decorate only, and close off the street as much as possible.
- Brian Wagner: I sponsored [my decorating contest](#) sponsored by my real estate office in part due to COVID - hoping in an effort to just encourage folks to decorate and have folks look at lights much like they do during the December holidays.
- Eric Thompson from St. Paul Parks and Rec: Starting to do scary movies in the parks events. Looking at doing trunk-or-treat events on the 25th, 28th and 30th. These are all on the city website. Will ask if St. Paul Parks and Rec can add a site at Groveland and Edgcumbe Rec Centers.
- MGCC will share existing state, CDC, and/or St. Paul Parks and Rec Halloween guidance via social media and newsletter.
- Majority of the committee voted yes on backing the St. Paul Parks and Rec events and guidance.

#### Frost Fest 2021 Discussion and Potential Planning

- Jim Johnson from Groveland Ice Rinks and Eric Thompson from St. Paul Parks and Rec presented.
- Groveland Ice Rinks and warming house are painted.
- No definite plans at this point for Frost Fest, but there is a significant likelihood that the warming house will not be open this winter. Looking at running skate rentals out of the back window.
- Event organizers have to submit a COVID Preparedness Plan in order to do Frost Fest.
- Brian Wagner: Maybe instead of treating Frost Fest as an event day, we treat it as event days so participants are spread out.
- Groveland Ice Rinks will be busy this year so they won't have many available hands to help.
- A virtual puck decorating contest is one idea.
- MGCC will move forward with partnering with Groveland Ice Rinks for Frost Fest 2021.

#### Mac-Grove Webinar Series

- [2020 webinar planning spreadsheet](#)

- [All upcoming and past webinars are posted here..](#)
- First webinars might occur in December or January.
- We should consider prioritizing mental health and overdose topics as we move into winter.
- Ann Dolan: Willing to host a webinar on starting gardening in the spring.
- Dave Gries: Interested in hosting a webinar on social conditions for public safety.
- Committee members can start reaching out to possible webinar presenters.
- MGCC will consider recording all committee meetings to reach more participants.

#### **Mac-Grove Fest 2021 Discussion and Planning**

- MGCC will need to develop a COVID Preparedness Plan and begin planning activities.
- It would be best to get Edgcumbe staff involved early on.
- MGCC will make clear that the event is tentative due to COVID and will devise a final date by which the event needs to either move forward or be canceled.

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

- Craig Skone is now the full Chair of the Committee.
- Blood drive through Memorial Blood Centers will likely be happening in November.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- Saturday, October 24th from 10:00am-2:00pm - [Halloween in Highland 2020](#) hosted by Highland District Council, Friends of Highland Arts, and St. Paul Parks and Rec
- Thursday, October 29th from 7:00-8:00pm - [Visual Storytelling: Climate Change and Environmental Justice webinar](#) co-hosted by MGCC and St. Thomas
- Monday, November 9th at 6:30pm via Zoom - Next CBC meeting

#### **Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:44p.m.

Minutes submitted by Meggie Royer  
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