

Community Building Committee Meeting

Monday, September 14, 2020 – 6:30pm

Zoom

MINUTES

In Attendance: Britta Sherrill, Patty, Dave Gries, Alexa Golemo, Meggie Royer, Craig Skone, Kate Baxter-Kauf, Jim Johnson, Hugo Bruggeman, Tom Dietsche, Brian Wagner, Gene Johnson, Cathy Plessner, Anne LeDuc

Introductions/Additions or Deletions to Agenda

- None

Approval of July 2020 Minutes

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

Community Partnership - Groveland Ice Rinks

- Jim Johnson from Groveland Ice Rinks presented.
- Groveland Ice Rinks programming includes weekend free hot chocolate, Open House Days, Rink Rat program, Frost Fest, Groveland Elementary Year End Party, Spirit Wear, learn to skate program, Hockey Day Minnesota Tournament, Skate, Stick, Puck free rental, etc.
- Annual expenses are shared with the city of St. Paul. City expenses include water - flooding, fuel for equipment, sideboards, lights, warming house salaries, and warming house maintenance.
- Groveland Ice Rinks expenses include endboard repair and replacement, Zamboni, bobcat, plow truck, skate trainers, Rink Rat program, hot chocolate, and cleats.
- They are a non-profit working on 501(c)(3) status. Current source of revenue includes donations, Hockey Day Minnesota donations, spirit wear, and volunteer donations. Desired additions include tax deductible donations and a Business Sponsorship Program.
- Current projects include: painting of the warming house to be completed by mid-October, as well as the painting of city hockey boards to be completed by mid-October. They are waiting to hear back from the city on this. Another possible project includes a signage proposal which would involve partnerships with businesses advertising inside the rinks, to be completed by mid-December. This would provide a modest source of revenue for the Volunteer Organization.
- Social media and contact information: www.grovelandicerinks.org and www.facebook.com/grovelandicerinks
- We will discuss a possible partnered event with Groveland Ice Rinks during the October CBC meeting.

Halloween Activities/Event

- Kate Baxter-Kauf led the discussion. Potential ideas include MGCC playing a role with guidance for a safe Halloween during COVID, encouraging socially distanced activities, and coordinating with the city and with other councils to provide information on specific Halloween hours.
- CBC will defer discussion on this until two weeks from now via email at the end of September.

Webinars: Reflection and What's Next?

- Be SMART webinar on August 5th was postponed due to low attendance.
- Possible webinar topics: education, mental health.
- The committee will go back to the [collaborative Google spreadsheet](#) and input webinar ideas as they arise.
- We could reach out to specific organizations that already deal with certain topics (such as a mental health organization) and work with them on the webinars.

Programs: Recap of Native Garden Awards, Planning for Mac-Grove Fest 2021

- Six nominations for Native Garden Awards.
- We had previously discussed holding Mac-Grove Fest in late May 2021 at Edgcumbe Rec Center. Budget might be smaller next year.

CBC Structure

- How would voting rights be handled? Would the word “committee” or having to reach certain attendance in order to vote be a barrier for new members? We could still seek input from everyone regardless of voting status.
- The committee will pick this topic back up during the October meeting.

Updates/Announcements/Other Business

- None

Upcoming Events:

- Next CBC meeting will be Monday, October 12th at 6:30pm via Zoom.
- Wednesday, September 30th from 7:00-8:00pm - [Read Brave Climate Justice webinar](#)
- Thursday, October 29th from 7:00-8:00pm - [Visual Storytelling: Climate Change and Environmental Justice webinar](#) co-hosted by MGCC and St. Thomas

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 7:46p.m.

Minutes submitted by Meggie Royer
9/14/2020

Feedback Received from 2020 Native Garden Awards Program

From Margaret Berrisford:

Thanks so much for all the work you put into this! It is so important to educate people by showing them what pollinator gardens can look like. And the certificate that you gave me is so pretty!!

In gratitude,
Margaret Berrisford
357 Stonebridge Blvd.

From Dagmar Romano:

Thank you, Craig, for the lovely certificate! Even personalized: nice! Thanks for doing that.
Dagmar Romano

From Mary Ritzer:

Thanks Craig! That's a good one! If you rang the bell today, I didn't mean to ignore you. The bell doesn't work and I didn't hear the storm door open! Thanks again - this is such a great program!

Mary,
I stopped by this afternoon. I am really amazed what you have done with that small space in between garages! I placed a certificate in between your front doors. I have to tell you something a bit funny. When I first pulled up to your garden, I just looked and thought "what the heck happened here?" before realizing that I was in the alley in back of 1423 James.
Thanks for gardening!

Craig Skone

From Kirsten Ingerson:

Thank you, Craig! I'm really thrilled! Also happy that our alley has gone from one alley garden award to six in the last few years! My alley garden is really in transition to native garden and I thought it might be on the line as to whether it deserved an award or not. But the fact that I have my native garden award just encourages me for next year!

Kirsten

From Katie Ganfield:

Craig,
Thank you so much! We love all the pollinators that visit our yard and look forward to expanding the garden

in the coming years. It's so nice that the community council encourages gardening.

All the best, Katie