

Community Building Team Meeting
Monday, October 11, 2021 – 6:30pm
Zoom

MINUTES

In Attendance: Dave Gries, Alyssa Mitchell, Catherine Plessner, Regina Purins, Tom Dietsche, Brian Wagner, Cathy Petersen, Thomas Lucy, Andrew Rockwood, Patti Schwartz

Introductions/Deletions to Agenda:

- None

Approval of the July 2021 Minutes

- Deferred to the subsequent CBT meeting

Tom Lucy, SPPS Solar Initiative Presentation

- Tom is a St. Paul Resident, social worker in the St. Paul Public Schools, and a member of the Saint Paul Federation of Educators.
- Discussed the issues of climate change and how it impacts our communities and future generations. Working to gather support to push SPPS on the issue of solar through their Solar for SPPS petition.
- Encouraged MGCC members to sign the petition as well as collaborate with MGCC in pushing climate action throughout St. Paul. Inquired if MGCC would send a letter of support for the Solar initiative in St. Paul Public Schools to the superintendent
- Allowed time for questions and engaged in dialogue post presentation

Cathy Petersen, Neighborhood Tree Planting and Pollinator Kit Initiative

- Cathy is a resident of Mac-Grove who reached out to MGCC to discuss a neighborhood boulevard and pollinator kit initiative in collaboration with the community council
- She has been working on growing her own Native garden and would love to see others around the neighborhood. Contacted MNL Corp to inquire about order pocket prairie gardens in bulk. Each pocket prairie garden costs around \$125.
- CBT is interested in partnering with Cathy to create an initiative around the neighborhood
 - Will be meeting at the environmental committee in November to discuss further
 - Establish 3 obtainable goals for this initiative
- Possibility for grants
- Putting posters up near established native gardens in the community with a QR code for individuals to learn more or order a pocket prairie garden

Community Cleanup

- Takes place on Saturday, October 16 from 9-11:30
- Cleaning along Snelling and Grand
- Waiting for more signups

Frost Fest

- Discussed with Patti Schwartz and Andy Rockwood from St. Paul Parks and Recs – want to partner for event. Event will take place last weekend of January from 3-5pm at Groveland.
- Patti is contacting St. Paul Skating Club to confirm date and see if they are wanting to participate
- Activity Ideas:
 - S'mores/hot chocolate
 - Bonfire
 - Food Trucks?
 - Snowman building contest
 - Skating, puck decorating contest, hockey puck shooting contest
- Potential for sponsors
- Will wait to hear back from SPSC before proceeding with the planning of the event

Adjourn – 8:05pm