

## Community Building Team Meeting

Monday, July 12, 2021 – 6:00pm

Zoom

### MINUTES

**In Attendance:** Craig Skone, Tom Dietsche, Alyssa Mitchell, Brian Wagner, Meggie Royer, Dave Gries, Regina Purins, Cathy Plessner, Kensey Lipstreuer

#### Introductions/Additions or Deletions to Agenda

- None

#### Approval of April 2021 Meeting Minutes

- The April 2021 meeting minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

#### Update on Alley Garden Awards

- Three judges have bowed out.
- All flags have been assembled; there are 85 extra flags.
- Alyssa will send out another reminder to judges to pick up judging packets.
- Judge training session will be held via Zoom on July 12.

#### Update on Mac-Grove Fest

- Marketplace will be down the middle at Edgcombe with chalk art around the perimeter.
  - Ideas: quotes from movies to guess.
- We need to submit quotes and questions for the chalk.
- Twenty-five vendors are currently signed up for the marketplace.
- Alyssa has a hearing in early August to shut down Griggs for the event.
- Performance lineup is confirmed.
- Chaplain will be holding a moment of silence to commemorate 9/11.
- Art and blow-up archery range are confirmed, along with ballroom dancing, gaga pit, bean bag toss, and potentially other Parks and Rec activities.
- Craig has a new contact with Cub Scout Pack 13 who are interested in helping out with food waste, recycling, and composting. A table was offered to them for recruitment.
- Ramsey County Master Gardeners are interested in possibly having a table.
- Plant share will be very minimal; Master Gardeners will have info on native plants and jumping worm infestation.
- Additional ideas:
  - Include block ambassadors posters
  - Include neighborhood map with sticky notes for improvements

#### Invite Tom Lucy from SPSS to Speak at October Meeting?

- Tom wants us to potentially sign a petition or formal statement and be introduced to the team to discuss collaboration.
- Alyssa will invite him to the October 11 CBT meeting.
- After the meeting, we will consider doing a webinar with him.

#### Additional Upcoming Events and Programs

- Antiracism Action Sessions (Every Thursday at 5pm starting July 8th - August 12th)
  - Most recent session was with a guest speaking on the Mapping Prejudice project; recording is posted on MGCC website. About 30 people attended.
- Summer Block Party Planning Discussion (July 14th @ 6:30pm via Zoom)
  - Will be discussing National Night Out, providing resources, answering questions.

- The Great Macalester-Groveland Garage Sale, August 28th, 8 am – 3 pm (registration open now)
  - So far only 8 people are registered.
  - Will determine a threshold at which to cancel the event in terms of number of registrants. If number is under 20 at August 6, an email chain will circulate about whether to cancel or hold the event.
- 2021 National Night Out, August 3rd
  - MGCC won't sponsor shutting down blocks, but individual groups can decide to do so.
- Paws on Grand on August 8 from 10am-2pm.

#### **Potential Events & Programs**

- Fall Community Clean-Up?
  - Two existing cleanup events that are being held this year are extremely limited in terms of items that will be taken - only recyclables, electronics, and appliances.
  - Want to hit business districts and bus stops.
  - Consider scheduling October 2nd. This will be discussed during Environmental Subteam Committee meeting.
- State Fairground Drop-Off Event – Senior Pick-Ups (September 18th)
  - Items will be picked up by seniors who've signed up ahead of time.
  - Volunteers can sign up. Signup sheet is on Mac Grove Fest spreadsheet.
- Any other events we would like to plan?
  - Potentially a version of Mac Grove Moves.

#### **Elect New Secretary**

- Let Alyssa know if interested in CBT secretary position.

#### **Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourned at 6:55p.m.

Minutes submitted by Meggie Royer

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