



The Macalester-Groveland Community Council fosters citizen participation in government and community decisions that make our neighborhood a great place to live, work, learn, and play.

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, January 12th, 2023 – 6:30 pm

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This meeting is being held remotely online via Zoom.

AGENDA

(6:20 – 6:30 Tech Check)

- 6:30 I. Call to Order, *Art Punyko, President*
- 6:31 II. Roll Call, *Gene Johnson, Secretary*
- 6:32 III. Approval of the November 2022 Minutes
(Please get your comments/corrections to the Executive Director before the meeting)
- 6:34 IV. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
- 6:35 V. Transportation Committee Recommendation, *Hugo Bruggeman, Transportation Chair*

See Recommendation on Page 2
- 6:45 VI. Grand Avenue Business Association Grand Old Day Waiver Request, *Brian Wagner, MGCC Representative to GABA*

See GABA Request Letter on Page 3
- 6:55 VII. Adjourn

The January Board and Committee Retreat will start at 7:00 pm.

All current MGCC Board and Committee members are invited to attend.



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Transportation Committee Draft Resolution

Whereas residents of the City of St. Paul make upwards of 2000 traffic-calming requests every year by various means and ways (for example, via their District Council, letter to elected city officials or St. Paul municipal staff, or Capital Improvement Budget request);

Whereas data sets and advanced data analysis accruing from a transparent and accessible traffic calming-request process ([such as the “Neighborhood Traffic Calming” program and portal rolled out by the City of Minneapolis in August 2022](#)) provide valuable, actionable information about traffic safety on St. Paul streets;

Whereas the funding available from the [federal Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\) Grant Program](#) requires an Action Plan, which includes community engagement, data analysis, a culture of safety, and a vision to equitably direct its funding;

Whereas the [City of St. Paul is in the process of developing a Transportation Safety Action Plan](#) for 2023, it is prudent for the City of St. Paul to align the existing process by which residents make traffic calming requests with the SS4A requirements before the September 2023 deadline;

Therefore, the Macalester-Groveland Community Council board requests that the [Transportation Committee of the St. Paul Planning Commission](#) form a working group to review and improve St. Paul’s existing traffic calming-request process and propose a new program that meets the SS4A requirements that such a program be equitable, data-driven, transparent, and easily accessible. We furthermore request that a proposal for a traffic-calming-request program in St. Paul be developed in some form by August 2023, so it can be included in the City’s application for SS4A funding by the mid-September 2023 deadline.

Motion passed by Transportation Committee by 8-0 on 11/28/2022.



GRAND AVE
Experience the Tradition

January 5, 2023

Executive Directors of Macalester Groveland Community Council and Summit Hill Association, The Grand Avenue Business Association has hosted Grand Old Day since 1973. In 2023 it is our intent to host a celebration of our 50th year of a kick-off to Summer for our community. The one-day celebration has attracted up to 200 thousand people which has enhanced our commercial corridor and helps solidify the Grand Avenue brand of a corridor which brings unique dining, retail and experiences. We are hopeful to plan and implement a Grand Old Day which is reminiscent of past events while making the event more family friendly. We intend to bring back some aspects of the event which have been absent from our more recent activations including, a fun run, a high school stage (battle of the bands/talent show, a pride stage, a car show, along with a maker's market and non-profit corridor which will serve as a service-learning corridor for residents and their families.

Schedule June 4, 2023:

8:00 a.m. Fun run – to begin at Patagonia parking lot ending at Dale

9:30 a.m. Parade from Dale to Fairview 11:00 a.m. street Festival and tentative stages at the same spaces as 2019; Billy's, Red Rabbit, Kenton House, Iron Ranger. We will also have GABA stages at additional locations in past they have included the Walgreens, Grand Experience, US Bank parking lots, additional stages may be placed within the Dunn Brothers and Patagonia lots in 2023. Gardens sponsored by businesses will close at 7:00 p.m. GABA stages plan to close at 5:00 p.m. All vendors west of Victoria to Fairview cease business at 6:00 p.m.

Safety is one of our greatest concerns for Grand Old Day. A meeting with the police department has requested GABA to add safety equipment that would reduce the potential of a high-speed vehicle impacting the event. The safety equipment will take a considerable amount of time to install and remove. There may be some intersections closing earlier and open later due to the installation and removal of safety barriers due to the request of the Saint Paul Police Department.

Funds collected from Grand Old Day have always been the primary funding source for the Grand Avenue Business Association budget. Funds will be allocated to advance the interests of this vital and important corridor. We plan on increasing our investment in the beatification of our corridor and increasing the collaboration and marketing of our member businesses.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Jensen

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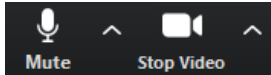
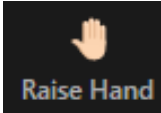
Grand Avenue Business Association President



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