

Board of Directors Meeting Thursday,
May 11th, 2023 – 6:30 pm

This meeting was held remotely online via Zoom.

A copy of that recording is available on the Mac-Grove Website at <https://macgrove.org/meeting-archive/>

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order, *Art Punyko, President (18:30:00)* This timestamp indicates where the item begins on the recording. The timestamp can be found in the lower right-hand corner of the Zoom recording.
- II. Roll Call with 1-minute Board Member Introductions, *Gene Johnson, Secretary (18:34:00)*
All Members were present except: *Zak Y, Andrea P, Bethany L, Hugo B, Athena A.*
- III. Approval of the March and April (Special) 2023 Meeting Minutes *(18:46:00)*
MOTION to Approve March 2023 BOD Minutes APPROVED (Catherine P, Nora P, 13-0)
MOTION to Approve April (Special) 2023 BOD Minutes APPROVED (Catherine P, Katherine C 11-0-2)
- IV. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda *(18:48:00)*
- V. **Executive Committee Appointments (18:50:00)**

President: Art P. Nominated by Catherine P, Accepted and APPROVED Unanimously
Treasurer: Lynn I. Nominated by Colin F, Accepted and APPROVED Unanimously
Secretary: Gene J. Nominated by Catherine P, Accepted and APPROVED Unanimously
Vice Pres.: Colin F. Nominated by Catherine P, Accepted and APPROVED Unanimously
- VI. **WSNAC Working Group Proposal, Recommendation from WSNAC and UPDC (18:57:00)**

Recommendation: Motion to form a working group of WSNAC members, MGCC Board members, and UPDC Board members focused on creating a proposal to bring WSNAC into closer coordination and partnership with MGCC and UPDC (*WSNAC Vote: 6 ayes, 5 nays; UPDC Vote: Unanimous approval*).

Resource: <http://wsnac.net/home/>

See attachment for draft resolution for MGCC's consideration.

MOTION to Approve the WSNAC Working Group Draft Resolution as found on page 2 of the May 2023 Board Meeting Agenda Version 2 (Catherine P., Kensey L. APPROVED 12-2-0)

MOTION to Amend the WSNAC Working Group Resolution on the table to include a delay of one year until May 2024 (Katherine C, Patty H. FAILED 2-11-1)

- VII. **Review Board Documents**, Alexa Golemo, Exec. Dir. (19:50:00)
- Expectations of MGCC Board Members
 - MGCC Conflict of Interest Policy, *Board Member Agreement Needed (All members present signified agreement to this policy in the Zoom Chat)*
- VIII. **MGCC Financial Overview**, Alexa Golemo, Exec. Director *TABLED*
- IX. FY 2022 Letter of Intent from Anderson & Baxter, LTD (19:55:00)
MOTION to Approve Anderson & Baxter Letter of Intent for FY 2022 (Dave P., Katherine C. PASSED 13-0-0)
- X. **Updates/Announcements**, Alexa Golemo, Exec. Director (19:58:00)
- XI. **Adjourn** (20:00:00)

WSNAC Working Group Draft Resolution

Whereas the West Summit Neighborhood Advisory Council (formerly "Committee") (WSNAC) was formed in 2004 as part of legal settlement that involved the University of St. Thomas, the city of St. Paul, and Summit Avenue Residential Preservation Association (SARPA). Also included in the settlement were Neighbors United, MGCC, and Union Park (Merriam Park) District Council,

Whereas its membership is as a legal "University/Community Advisory Council", governed by the City of St. Paul's Conditional Use Permit (CUP) under which UST operates, and its representation includes 2 members each from SARPA, Neighbors United, MGCC and UPDC, and 4 members from UST, including senior management and the board of trustees, neighborhood relations, student affairs and students,

Whereas WSNAC is "advisory council charged with resolving university/community problems, and providing a channel for communications on campus master planning and development, and to enhance university/community relations." (Note: from UST CUP document, August 2004)

Whereas the work of WSNAC is in some cases duplicative of the work and scope of its neighboring district councils and respective community participants (e.g., housing, student relations, development projects, university relations, environmental concerns, transportation safety and improvements)

Whereas UPDC and MGCC function as community-based non-profit organizations whose paid staff work focus on community outreach to develop equitable, community-led outcomes, and communicate recommendations to city staff and elected officials,

Whereas WSNAC members voted in March 2023 in favor (by a 6-5 vote) of forming a working group with MGCC and Union Park District Council (UPDC),

Whereas UPDC recently voted in favor of forming a working group in partnership with MGCC and WSNAC members to discuss a new structure for WSNAC,

Therefore, be it resolved that the MGCC supports the WSNAC and UPDC motions and approves the formation of a working group in partnership with WSNAC and UPDC to do the following:

- a) Establish a process, facilitator(s), a timeline, and the membership of the working group with WSNAC and UPDC and submit those items for approval to the respective organizations,
- b) Identify opportunities for the district councils and WSNAC to improve interactions in these areas:
 - i. Shared resolutions between the community councils and WSNAC
 - ii. WSNAC communications to the City Council and Planning Commission,
 - iii. Inclusive representation on broader community topics (5-year student housing overlay, transportation, housing, environment, student relations, etc)
 - iv. Collaboration with UST (inclusive of students, employees, and events) and the surrounding communities
 - v. Reducing duplicative work and meetings
 - vi. Meeting WSNAC's mission under the CUP
- c) Recommend one or more ideas from the above topics that would result in a stronger, more vibrant community and offer those for consideration by the respective organizations by the end of 2023,
- d) Identify any legal risks and organizational costs to the city, UST and district councils associated with any proposed structural changes to WSNAC.

Reference information

- 1) WSNAC website: <http://wsnac.net/home/> (Information is not up to date for May 2023) 2) UST Conditional Use Permit, Aug 11 2004. See separate PDF in email.
- 3) WSNAC Bylaws May 2021. See separate PDF in email.