HOUSING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, March 25th, 2025 | 6:30pm

*This is a **Hybrid** meeting with opportunities to attend in-person and remotely via Zoom. Community members can sign-up to receive meeting agendas and attendance options at **macgrove.org/participate**.*

https://macgrove.org/committees/hlu/

Chair: Art Punyko – Temporary Chair
Secretary: Karen Wahmanholm
Staff: Laura Wallace, Tori Miller

AGENDA

6:30 **I.** Welcome guests & new members and HLU introduction, *Mike Moore, Committee Chair*

6:35 **II.** Agenda additions/deletions

6:37 **III.** Approve February 2026 HLU Meeting Minutes

6:40 **IV.** **Action Item**: Poll the HLU Committee to come up with 3-4 Housing & Land Use topics for our city council members for the Q & A period at the MGCC Annual Meeting in April.

7:05 **V.** **Action Item:** Macalester College Letter of Support - Macalester College is requesting MGCC's support for the geothermal heating and cooling project, which is currently before the Minnesota Legislature for the third time. *Deanna Seppanen – Director The High Winds Fund*

7:30 **VI.** Review Meeting Action Items & Adjourn

Housing and Land Use Committee Mission Statement:

The Housing and Land Use Committee provides an open forum for citizen participation in civil dialogue that applies City guidelines for land use in a way that recognizes the unique nature of our Macalester-Groveland residences, businesses and institutions and enhances the livability of our neighborhood.

Mac-Grove Guide to Inclusive Decision Making:

Housing and Land Use Resources:

Mac-Grove 10-Year Community Plan: In July of 2016, the Community Council's latest Comprehensive Neighborhood Plan was approved by the City of Saint Paul City Council. This document serves as a blueprint for future development and community improvements in Macalester-Groveland over the next 10 years.

City of Saint Paul 2040 Comprehensive Plan: The 2040 Comprehensive Plan is Saint Paul's "blueprint" for guiding development in the city over the next 20 years. On November 18, 2020, after Metropolitan Council review and approval, the City Council adopted the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Its Transportation Chapter was amended (Policy T-31 only) in 2022.

Thrive MSP 2040 (Long-range plan): Under state law, the Met Council prepares a long-range plan for the Twin Cities region every 10 years. Thrive MSP 2040 was adopted by the Met Council on May 28, 2014.

Meeting Resources:

Macalester-Groveland Community Council Bylaws

Macalester-Groveland Public Meeting E-mail Sign-ups

MGCC Housing and Land Use Committee Website

Democratic Rules of Order: Summary of the Rules

A physical copy of the full Democratic Rules of Order can be checked out by any community member from the MGCC Office.

Committee e-Meetings via Zoom

Zoom Protocol

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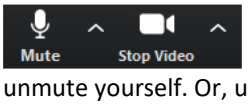

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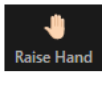

- **Raising your Hand** – If you would like to provide feedback or ask a question, please click the "raise your hand" icon. If for some reason you do not see an icon labeled "raise hand", you can also send a message in the chat. You can take yourself off mute to speak, once you have been recognized by the Chair. (See *Committee Meeting Protocol* below)

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Committee Meeting Protocol

- MGCC meetings are **recorded** and made available at www.macgrove.org for one month. Please reach out to staff if you have concerns about being recorded.

- **If you would like to comment**, please raise your hand and wait to be recognized. (See *Raising your Hand* above) When recognized, please first state your name and residential cross-streets.

- **This is a place for civil and respectful dialogue**. It does not mean everyone has to agree, but it means we have to treat one another well. Please keep your comments brief and to the point. At about the two-minute mark, the Chair will let you know that your time is almost up.

- After receiving public comments and inquiries, the Committee members will have the opportunity to ask final questions and to discuss the issues at hand. Only voting members of a committee may vote on a motion. If you are not sure whether you are currently a voting member of a committee, please ask the staff member in attendance.