

Maple Grove Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2015

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by CAC Member Bob Joiner. The meeting started at 7:01 p.m.
Members Present	John Beacham Bob Joiner Steven Maas Don Skoglund
	Leslie Bender Harry Kennedy Joan Masberg
	Lorraine Gresser Tim Klevar Kevin Rebman
Members Absent	Stephen Gill, Joe Picket
Others Present	Councilmember Phil Leith, CAC City Staff Liaison Mike Opatz and Maple Grove resident Adam Bedard.
Oath of Office	<p>The following CAC members took the oath of office for another two-year term to expire on December 31, 2016. John Beacham, Bob Joiner, Harry Kennedy, Tim Klevar, Steven Maas, Joan Masberg, and Kevin Rebman.</p> <p>Members Gill and Picket were reappointed to CAC but not in attendance to take the oath.</p>
Minutes	<p>The minutes for the April 9, 2014 meeting were approved.</p> <p>The minutes for the October 8, 2014 meeting were approved subject to clarification regarding the percentage of contribution to the sports dome by the soccer and baseball organizations.</p>
Area Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fire hydrant in area of 82nd Place and Vagabond Lane, cast iron cover hit by plow is next to fire hydrant.• Question asked if there is a way to acknowledge those who are diligent about keeping the fire hydrants clear of snow.• “Phishing” phone calls received regarding son at police department/jail and need to bring money to get him out. Phone call was received on December 29th from a 651 area code.• Inquiry about status on burglaries in Boundary Creek Area.• Encounters w/skate park users on the West Arbor Lake trail, Town Green bandshell, Farmers Market. Disrespectful of users/visitors in these areas. Skateboarding, etc. is not appropriate use of areas, risk of injuries to patrons as well as skateboarders.
Youth Sports Discussion	Bob Joiner stated he had a conversation with Mayor Steffenson regarding how involved the Citizens Advisory Committee should be in reviewing youth sports. He stated the Mayor said that CAC should not make any inquiries or ask about financial matters such as how an association spends

money or about their costs but was comfortable with the CAC reviewing where the various organizations are now and how they are doing. Mayor is fine in and having the individual sports associations provide an update to the CAC at their meetings.

Don Skoglund said he spoke to a former board member of Maplebrook Soccer Association who stated he thought that organization would welcome an opportunity to present to the CAC.

If such presentations were requested/made, possible topics might be: use of facilities, overall operations, growth, how their organization benefits Maple Grove, and generally how things are going. The recommendation was to have one or two athletic organizations present per CAC meeting.

The group then reviewed CAC member questions related to the youth sports with the intent of selecting ones that may be asked of the organizations presenting. Detailed discussion ensued on the questions. The suggestion was made to have Parks and Recreation make a presentation as well as to have a representative, possibly Mark Saari, in attendance at the organization's presentations to CAC.

It was stated that the presentations would be a learning process/educational opportunity for CAC and provide overall awareness of the organizations.

The suggestion was made to send the same letter to the sports organizations inviting them to provide an update on how their group is doing and to offer topics to address as part of their presentation. A further suggestion was made to look at past CAC agendas when the sports organizations presented for wording on the presentation structure.

It was decided the letter would come from the chair of the CAC on City of Maple Grove letterhead. The letter would state that presentations would be 30-45 minutes including question/answer session. The organizations would be provided with CAC meeting dates from which to choose. Dates selected would be on a first come/first serve basis.

Sports organizations considered for making presentations are: Maple Grove and Osseo Football, hockey, basketball, baseball, soccer, lacrosse, as well as Maple Grove Parks and Recreation. Again, mention was made to have Parks and Recreation invited to observe all association presentations. And, the suggestion was made to have CAC and Parks and Recreation have a discussion at a separate meeting after all the youth sports organizations presentations are completed.

Motion made to draft a letter to the sports organizations that includes topics to address in a presentation and solicits their attendance at a future CAC meeting. Motion seconded. Motion approved. Dates for the

presentation could range anywhere from February through October, with possibly skipping one month.

**Work Plan
Topics for 2015**

Various ideas included:

Mike Opatz making a presentation on the Maple Grove Transit program.

Presentation by Chief of Police Werner on timely issues such as body cameras, racial diversity/population/ethnicity, awareness of various terrorist activity groups in Minnesota. Possibly at the February 11th CAC meeting.

Discussion took place on the recently imposed moratorium on indoor tobacco sampling which includes hookah bars and similar products. This moratorium provides Maple Grove the opportunity to review what other communities are doing and their policy.

The suggestion was made to have City Administrator Al Madsen or Dick Edwards provide a development update if the Police Chief is not available in February.

Brief discussion took place on medical marijuana. Maple Grove has been selected as a site for a distribution facility, but an actual building/location has not been determined. The City Attorney is currently reviewing.

**Boards and
Commission
Attendance
Policy**

Mike Opatz reviewed the new boards and commissions attendance policy. There would be one policy to address attendance/absenteeism for all the City committees.

**Other Business
and Updates**

Elm Road closure/opening was mentioned as there had been issues with traffic in that area. Open house for the new Community Gymnasiums will be held on Saturday, January 31, at 10:30 a.m. at Maple Grove Junior High. The City of Maple Grove rolled out a Facebook page at the beginning of the year; everyone is invited to follow.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Morris
Minute Secretary