

Maple Grove Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2016

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by CAC member Bob Joiner at 7:05 p.m.		
Members Present	Nkechi Anyamele Katie Cohen Tim Klevar Meg Miller Kevin Rebman	Leslie Bender Lorraine Gresser Steven Maas Karen Nickolauson Don Skoglund	Jon Burgard Bob Joiner Joan Masberg Joe Piket
Members Absent	John Beacham, Adam Bedard, Stephen Gill, Harry Kennedy, Stephanie Walvatne		
Others Present	CAC Staff Liaison Mike Opatz and Parks and Recreation Senior Program Coordinator Kris Orluck		
Minutes	Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2016 meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee. Motion passed. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2016, meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee Subcommittee on Youth Sports. Motion passed.		
Area Reports	Crosswalks Need Repainting - Joan Masberg: Crosswalks in and around the streets surrounding Central Park are in need of re-painting to ensure pedestrian safety for all the pedestrians in the area. Cut through traffic on Jonquil Lane / Forestview Lane Extension – John Burgard: Can anything be done to limit all the cut-through traffic on Jonquil between 85th Avenue and 89th Avenue? It may get worse doing the local street reconstruction projects this summer. Also, Forestview Lane between County Road 30 and 89th appears to have been design as more of a through traffic street, why was it not extended all the way to 85th Avenue? Added Stop Signs at Fernbrook Lane and 99th Avenue – Meg Miller: Why were stops signs at Fernbrook and 99th Avenue? Are they temporary? The congestion is quite bad at time with significant back-ups. Can temporary traffic lights be installed or can traffic control officers direct traffic during peak times?		
Community For A Lifetime Update	Parks and Recreation Senior Program Coordinator Kris Orluck provided an overview and update on the Community For A Lifetime group's initiative. She provided a handout and stated the committee was formed two years ago. The group conducted a survey in the summer of 2015 through the City website and summer newsletter, but disappointingly only received 82 responses.		

The group is working through the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities which provides resources and support throughout the process. There are also connections with the World Health Organization and federal government recognitions.

Currently the Maple Grove group is at Step 1: Entering the Network as outlined in the handout provided. They would appreciate getting verbal support from the Citizens Advisory Committee. In addition, volunteers from CAC are encouraged.

Community For A Lifetime hopes to have a formal application submitted for the AARP Age Friendly Community Network by early summer.

They are hoping to promote their efforts through the Farmers Market and Maple Grove Days. An assessment of the age-friendliness of the city will be used to develop a plan. Items that will be taken into consideration are: What we are already doing; what can be implemented; how can we change our focus. They plan to have a town gathering to present their findings.

The question was asked if the survey is still available online – it is not. Also asked was the types of questions that were on the survey – transportation, walkability, businesses, parks and many other areas.

Discussion took place about possibility incorporating some aspects of the Community For A Lifetime into the Community Survey which is conducted every five years. The next survey would be 2018 but that date might be adjusted in light of the comprehensive plan update that will be conducted in 2017. However, this has not been reviewed or discussed formally.

Kris stated she would like to look at the last community survey results to see what information might be helpful.

The statement was made to keep in mind there is only so much the City / community can do. The question was asked about Welcome Wagon status.

When asked, Kris provided background on how the project got started. Maple Grove resident Goytree Hakim presented the idea to former City Administrator Al Madsen who enlisted Kris's involvement. Then a call was put out to form a committee.

CAC can consider what type of role they could play in this initiative. It was stated that, since CAC members represent neighborhoods, they could provide their insights. It was asked that Community For A Lifetime provide CAC with an outline in ways they can help.

Discussion took place on public transit and that it would be nice to have within the community. CAC member Anyamele provided her insights and experience in England.

Kris stated that now is a good time to talk about making changes as changes take time. It is good to have conversations and start to gather ideas for future consideration and to incorporate/plan for in budgets.

A formal letter of support will be done to accompany the World Health Organization application. It might be good to have CAC review and provide input.

Kris stated that as part of the City's senior programs, they average 280 people per day in senior programs and mail the newsletter to 1,400 households and three senior living facilities.

Youth Sports Final Report Discussion

The CAC Youth Sports Subcommittee needs to meet one more time. There are no recommendations at this time. The subcommittee did not make much process in drafting the final report given some members missed the last subcommittee meeting.

The question was asked about being able to provide subcommittee member Harry Kennedy with the subcommittee's input for his review. Mike Opatz stated he will see if there is any conflict in doing so related to open meeting requirements.

They will attempt to meet again before the next full CAC meeting of May 11. They will look at date options but may have to wait until legislative session is done so Harry Kennedy can be involved. It was stated that Harry probably wouldn't have anything ready before the May CAC meeting. The Legislature goes no later than May 23rd.

CAC members will be notified of when the next subcommittee meeting is should they wish to attend. When asked, the subcommittee members stated that in general they were available for a May meeting. CAC members were asked if they had any questions for the subcommittee. There were none.

Other Business

It was stated that it would be beneficial for new members to have updates from various City departments—what they do, key updates and future direction. Scheduling them can be taken into consideration as the CAC makes their work plan. Emergency management, finance and transportation would be good topics.

Mike Opatz will put together a list of previous presentation and dates. This will be a good tie-in to the upcoming goals presentation by City Administrator Heidi Nelson. CAC can then review and determine which presentations they would like to schedule and when. A brief background was provided on CA Nelson's goals presentation.

Discussion turned to the Economic Development Director the City is proposing to add to staff, what role CAC might play and if there could be ongoing involvement with this person. The suggestion was made that a development update be a standing CAC agenda item. In addition, would it be possible for CAC to make recommendations for businesses, suppliers, etc. that they would like to see and maybe play some role in economic development. Mention was made of the former Economic Development Commission, not sure if that will be brought back or how that might be handled. The idea was brought up about a CAC subcommittee on economic development that could be chaired by the Economic Development Director.

The question was asked if there is a place/tie-in for CAC with the Community For A Lifetime Project.

Question asked /answered about how residents can provide input on development. CAC can ask for status on development and updates are provided at meeting. Everyone is encouraged to watch/attend Planning Commission meetings and review the agenda.

CAC would like to address the potential for the Community Survey to be moved up to 2017. It was stated this will be brought up at the May meeting since CA Nelson will be in attendance.

There was discussion about returning back to Maple Grove Days to have a booth at the Business Expo on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Background was provided for new members' benefit about past CAC participation. The question was asked about most recent aerial maps, and Mike Opatz stated he would find out the status. In the past CAC provided general city information, project updates, had a large aerial map of the city on hand, and allowed residents to submit questions and comments. This has not been done since 2010 due to declining interest.

Question was asked about Hy-Vee -- expected in fall of 2017 at Bass Lake Road/101. The proposed Hy-Vee in The Grove development was tabled indefinitely.

The comment was made about the promotion of prescription drop-off in Police. The suggestion was made to get pharmacies to promote the drop-off location.

The statement/question was made about how does the City increase communications with residents.

Discussion took place on the City considering a drone ordinance which included the topic of FAA jurisdiction.

Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the April 13, 2016 Citizens Advisory Committee. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Morris
Minute Secretary