



AGENDA

Citizens' Advisory Committee

7:00 P.M.

Wednesday August 12, 2015

**Mayor's Conference Room
Maple Grove Government Center**

- A. Call to Order by Chair
- B. Minutes: Approve Minutes from July 8, 2015
- C. Area Reports (Forms in Packet)
- D. Presentation by Osseo Maple Grove Basketball Association
- E. Other Business and Updates
- F. Adjournment

Minutes

Maple Grove Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2015

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| Call to Order | The meeting was called to order by CAC Member Bob Joiner at 7:01 p.m. |
| Members Present | John Beacham Leslie Bender Lorraine Gresser Robert Joiner Steven Maas Joan Masberg Joe Piket Kevin Rebman Don Skoglund |
| Members Absent | Stephen Gill, Harry Kennedy, Tim Klevar |
| Others Present | Councilmember Phil Leith, CAC City Staff Liaison Mike Opatz, Mark Saari, Recreation Superintendent and Chris Morrow, Temporary Program Specialist of the Parks and Recreation Department; and two representatives from the Maple Grove Lacrosse Association: Mike Urquhart and Hugh Wells. |
| Minutes | The minutes for the May 13, 2015 meeting were approved. CAC members were encouraged to review the June 10, 2015 meeting summary. |
| Area Reports | One written area report was submitted by Member Rebman regarding illegal parking on Fernbrook Lane during youth sports events. Chair Joiner mentioned that he has been in contact with the City regarding homes in his neighborhood that are in need of grass mowing and pot holes along 82 nd Place North. |
| Presentation by Maple Grove Lacrosse Association | <p>Mike Urquhart and Hugh Wells were in attendance as representatives of the Maple Grove Lacrosse Association (MGLAX). A handout was provided that include a variety of information about their organization to supplement their powerpoint presentation.</p> <p>Mr. Urquhart stated that CAC gave them specific topics to discuss during the presentation. He continued by showing the powerpoint presentation and gave information regarding each topic.</p> <p><u>Developing quality opportunities for all children</u></p> <p>MGLAX has about 350 youth ages 5-18 participating in their program. They offer programs throughout the year. Last year, MGLAX started a four on four league for Kindergarten through 4th grade. This program is continuing this year.</p> <p>The organization offers in-house and traveling options for U9-U15. Teams at each level have the same amount of practices, tournaments, and games.</p> |

Providing skill development opportunities for athletes of all ages

Mr. Urquhart stated that Lacrosse is a sport where the general starting age is 11 years old. The association strives to have everyone play and have the same experience regardless of ability.

The coaching staff includes at least one person who played Lacrosse at either the high school or college level. The high school coaching staff directly coaches youth players and provided training sessions and coaching handbooks.

Ensuring equality in access to facilities for practice and competition for athletes of all abilities

Mr. Urquhart said that all teams are scheduled for same amount of practices within a given level regardless if they are an A or B team. Teams play in all 4 seasons of the year and the games are with the surrounding communities.

Field space is the largest issue at this time. A majority of the participants live in the western part of Maple Grove while the fields allocated to MGLAX are geographically located in the eastern part of Maple Grove.

The MGLAX continues to grow. The younger teams are becoming more populated. Lacrosse competes with baseball for participants since both sports are in the same season.

Procedures for impartial judging for team placement

Mr. Urquhart continued by stating that the evaluations are only done at the high school, U15 and U13 levels. The try outs are done by the same 4 gentlemen. The process includes scoring in the following areas:

- Individual skills
- Field vision
- Effort
- Game awareness

The players move up and down in consecutive evaluations. MGLAX feels confident that they evaluate the participants fairly, objectively, and accurately.

Background checks for coaches, assistant coaches, and other staff

NCSI (National Center for Safety Initiatives) gold standard background checks are done for all coaches. NCSI is recommended by the National Council of Youth Sports.

Implementing a code of conduct for parents, players, and coaches

Mr. Urquhart said MGLAX has a code of conduct in place. All

participants have to register with US Lacrosse which also has a code of conduct.

Lacrosse has what is called Chill Managers. This is a parent assigned to keep other parents from getting out of hand during the games. There are penalties if parent(s) become unruly.

Questions

Mr. Piket asked where do the officials for the games come from. Mr. Urquhart stated they come from a referee association. Players ages 15 and over can officiate also.

A question was asked regarding scholarships. Mr. Urquhart stated that there are scholarships available along with fundraising.

Does MGLAX offer seminars to learn about the game? The association does have a coach come to a game to answer any questions a parent may have regarding Lacrosse.

Mr. Joiner thanked Mr. Urquhart and Mr. Wells for coming.

Recruitment of New CAC Members

Mr. Joiner stated that at previous meetings there was dialogue regarding adding more members.

Mr. Opatz stated that City Administrator Al Madsen gave approval to add up to 4 new members. Mr. Opatz added that the recruitment of new members can be done by putting information in the Fall City Newsletter, Osseo/Maple Grove Press newspaper, City website and Facebook, and Cable 12 news and Northwest Cities Report.

Discussion took place regarding the applications and a deadline to receive applications by October 1, 2015 with the review of the applications by the CAC members to take place at the October 14th meeting.

Other Business / Updates

Mr. Skoglund discussed the festivities happening July 9-12 during Maple Grove Days.

Mr. Joiner stated that after the CAC hears from all sports associations, the CAC will put together a list of the issues and key points to discuss with Maple Grove Parks and Recreation staff.

Councilmember Leith stated that the interviews for the vacant City Council seat and Planning Commission seat will be conducted this month. The plan is to have the new City Council and Planning Commission members in place in early August.

Councilmember Leith also stated that the City Administrator position has

been posted through the end of July.

Further updates from Councilmember Leith are:

- Brewpub opening in September
- City changed ordinance to sell growlers on Sunday
- Old Alleygators site will be a day care center
- Maple Tavern: withdrew license and submitted new application

Adjournment

CAC member Bob Joiner adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Greninger
Minute Secretary

Area Reports

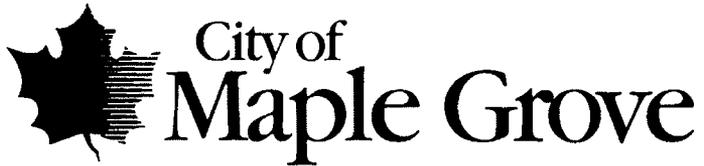
Area Report – July 8, 2015:

- There continues to be a parking issue on Fernbrook Lane at the sports fields. At almost every event there are between 10-30 cars parked along Fernbrook in violation of the 10 no parking signs posted. This is a huge safety issue. At each opportunity, when driving by, kids and others are standing between cars and dash across the street to the Fairview parking lot. Police need to clear Fernbrook or tow, please. This just gets worse each weekend. Please! Submitted by CAC Member Kevin Rebman

Response:

- *I have notified our patrol officers and community service officers about this. They will start taking more aggressive enforcement action, when time allows, beginning this weekend. Please let us know if this issue persists. Thank you! Dan Wills, Police Captain*
- *The Parks and Recreation Department will research options to help alleviate this problem. Terry Just, Director, Parks and Recreation Department*

Presentation by Osseo Maple Grove Basketball Association



MEMORANDUM

TO: CAC Members

FROM: Mike Opatz, CAC Staff Liaison

DATE: July 28, 2015

SUBJECT: Presentation by Osseo Maple Grove Basketball Association

Members from the Osseo Maple Grove Basketball Association will be present at the August 12 meeting to discuss youth sports based on the attached invite letter. CAC is asking them to provide a general update on association activities and to learn their philosophy and approach to:

- developing quality opportunities for all children
- providing skill development opportunities for athletes of all abilities
- ensuring equality in access to facilities for practice and competition for athletes of all abilities
- procedures for impartial judging for team placement
- background checks for coaches, assistant coaches, and other staff
- implementing a code of conduct for parents, players, and coaches



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Maple Grove Citizens Advisory Committee

February 23, 2015

Dear Jim Davison, President, Osseo-Maple Grove Basketball Association;

The Maple Grove Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) has been studying the topic of youth sports for the past year. The CAC is a City advisory board whose mission is to support the decision-making process of the City Council, staff, and citizens by providing additional perspective through recommendations on a wide range of community interests.

The City of Maple Grove is strongly committed to supporting youth athletic organizations. Youth sports are an important community resource that serve a vital role in establishing healthy and supportive community relationships and fostering good health and sportsmanship in our children. The City has a long history of serving as a major partner with athletic associations for the construction of youth sports facilities. The CAC has been involved in studying many of these facilities.

The City's commitment to establishing appropriate athletic opportunities for our youth, and the partnerships that have been forged with youth athletic associations, is something we should all take pride in and continue to develop and improve upon. Recognizing this important partnership, the CAC would like to invite you to attend a CAC meeting to provide a general update and to learn your philosophy and approach to:

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The following dates at 7:00 p.m. are available to meet with CAC: April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 1, and September 9. Please contact Mike Opatz, CAC Staff Liaison, at 763-494-6005 or mopatz@maplegrovmn.gov to select a meeting date and/or to discuss any questions or concerns you may have. We look forward to hearing from you in the very near future.

With warm regards,

Bob Joiner

Bob Joiner
CAC Chair

Other Business and Updates

Citizens' Advisory Committee Seeks New Member Applications

Several City Council-appointed boards, committees and commissions serve the City of Maple Grove. These citizen commissions advise the City Council on a variety of issues. One of these, the Citizens' Advisory Committee, is seeking applications to add up to four new members.

Known by its acronym, CAC, the Citizens' Advisory Committee's mission is to support the decision-making process of the Maple Grove City Council, staff, and citizens by providing additional perspective through recommendations on a wide range of community interests. Each member serves a two-year term. The CAC meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. Staff support is provided by the Department of Administration.

To apply, go to the City's website to download the City's standard boards and commissions application or contact Mike Opatz at 763-494-6005 or mopatz@maplegrovmn.gov to receive an application via mail or e-mail. The deadline to submit the application is October 1, 2015. Applications can be mailed or e-mailed to:

Mike Opatz
City of Maple Grove
12800 Arbor Lakes Parkway
P.O. Box 1180
Maple Grove, MN 55311

mopatz@maplegrovmn.gov

AREA REPORT
Maple Grove Citizens Advisory Committee

Please use this form to express your concerns, suggestions, and positive comments on things you see taking place in Maple Grove!

Name: _____ (Required)

Date: _____

Phone: _____ (Please include if responding party has any questions)

Comment: _____

Comment: _____

Comment: _____

Submit your completed form to Mike Opatz at the monthly CAC meeting. Area Reports will be submitted to the appropriate City staff/department, and a response will be in a future CAC agenda packet.