

Maple Grove Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2012

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by CAC Co-Chair Bob Joiner at the Maple Grove Government Center		
Members Present	Leslie Bender Harry Kennedy Joan Masberg	Lorraine Gresser Tim Klevar Joe Piket	Bob Joiner Steven Maas Don Skoglund
Members Absent	John Beacham, Linda Furst, Stephen Gill, Greg Hulne, Pam Larson, Kevin Rebman. Katie Rodriguez has resigned.		
Others Present	Traffic Operations Engineer Marc Culver, Utility Supervisor Jim Sadler, and CAC City Staff Liaison Mike Opatz.		
Minutes	The minutes for the February 8, 2012 regular CAC meeting were approved.		
Area Reports	Marc Culver provided updates on the current Bass Lake Road construction, stating it would be completed by November 1 st . He also discussed that future roundabouts are being considered for Weaver Lake Road in 2016 or 2017.		
Tour of Public Works Facility	<p>Marc Culver provided an overview of the Public Works Facility from when it was first built and how the building and the area around it has expanded and changed, including the surrounding residential and industrial developments.</p> <p>He stated that in 2006 a space needs analysis was conducted. In addition, the old facility has been refurbished and repurposed. The facility has been built for the future and for the Streets, Utility, Parks and Recreation and Central Equipment to grow into. He stated there is also a new salt storage shed as well as a brine mixing facility.</p> <p>Mr. Culver reviewed the various users of the facility and stated the expansion has brought the facility to 190,000 square feet. He also provided an overview of the water system—treatment plant and sanitary and storm sewer systems. He also provided statistics on the park system which maintains miles of trails and about 70 parks in addition to the transportation system which hundreds of miles streets, manholes, storm sewer, etc. He also provided an extensive listing of other assets such as trees, median landscaping, street lights, trails and fleet management.</p> <p>Mr. Culver provided a tour to the Committee of the Public Works Facility—highlighting the office/meeting/training spaces, equipment storage, and vehicle maintenance. He stated that an open house of the</p>		

facility would be held for the public on Saturday, September 22, from 9 a.m. to noon.

**Other Business/
Updates**

Discussion took place on the future of the Citizens Advisory Committee. The Committee would like someone from the City Council in attendance at either the October or November CAC meeting for discussion.

The following statements were made:

- Important to keep volunteers on board.
- Possibly reframe CAC and discuss how to do so.
- City Council should address CAC's future.
- There is a disconnect between the City Council and CAC. Council appears to be a dictatorship.
- At this time brick and mortar projects are done and established.
- CAC does not have a defined worked program. City Administrator Madsen would rather see CAC have meaningful projects rather than just having staff updates, to which it seems the committee agrees.
- Look at larger cities and their citizen groups such as Minneapolis and/or Duluth.
- CAC may be able to lay groundwork/foundation for future growth.
- Important to keep citizens involved.
- Would like to see additional youth City sponsored programs/facility.
- The City Council feels that Maple Grove is a well run city.
- City Council missing input from residents. Council is not easy to approach or bring concerns to.
- City/City Council is losing a valuable asset if they let the Citizens Advisory Committee disband.
- A number of Councilmembers and Planning Commissioners have come from CAC.
- CAC doesn't cost City any money.
- Is there anything CAC can do to bring businesses into vacant spaces/be ambassadors for development, maybe a revised economic development committee.
- City shouldn't get too comfortable.

The suggestion was made that the CAC think of what they have done in the past, showcase those items and sell themselves to the City Council.

The suggestion was made to bring questions to the upcoming Council candidate forum; email questions to CAC member Joe Picket who is helping to organize the forum. CAC members are encouraged to come to the candidate forum.

The statement was made that Al Madsen is consistent. In addition, Councilmember Phil Leith (the Council liaison to the CAC) is good at keeping in touch and coming to meetings. Councilmember Leith is seen as an advisor/resource.

The decision was made for CAC to have an October meeting (October 10) and then meet with Al Madsen and Phil Leith in November (November 14).

Mike Opatz distributed an update on businesses/City projects with a brief discussion ensuing on some of the items.

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Morris
Minute Secretary