

Maple Grove Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2016

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by CAC member Bob Joiner at 7:00 p.m.		
Members Present	Nkechi Anyamele Jon Burgard Bob Joiner Steven Maas Karen Nickolauson Stephanie Walvatne	Adam Bedard Katie Cohen Harry Kennedy Joan Masberg Joe Piket	Leslie Bender Lorraine Gresser Tim Klevar Meg Miller Don Skoglund
Members Absent	John Beacham, Stephen Gill, and Kevin Rebman		
Others Present	Maple Grove Councilmember Erik Johnson and CAC Staff Liaison Mike Opatz		
Minutes	Minutes from the January 13, 2016, meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee were approved.		
Oaths of Office	The Oath of Office was administered by Councilmember Johnson for new member Nkechi Anyamele with a term expiring December 31, 2017.		
Introduction	As the other new CAC members did at the January 2016 meeting, newly appointed CAC member Anyamele introduced herself and provided a brief background.		
Area Reports	Area reports submitted: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Continued discussion took place on Total Wines and the impact on traffic in that area. Mike Opatz referenced the previous area report and response from John Hagen, the City's Transportation Operations Engineer. Mike said that he would forward CAC's concerns/discussion from this February CAC meeting to Police Chief Werner via email, which is as follows: <i>Email from Mike Opatz to Police Chief Werner:</i> Please see below the previous CAC Area Report response provided by John Hagen regarding Traffic flow in and around Total Wine. The matter received some additional discussion last night at the CAC meeting. The CAC understands it will take some time for city staff and the property owner to come up with and implement a traffic solution. In the meantime, the CAC is asking can the Police Department either anticipate or respond to days when the traffic is gridlocked along Main Street at the 4-way at Nordstrom's Rack to direct traffic? They state that the issue is particularly bad just prior to major events like the Super Bowl, holidays, and wine sales. They are focusing this question on the public street portion not the		

parking lots. The question was posed to Council Member Johnson who has in attendance, but he suggested it would be more appropriate for the Police to respond as an Area Report. He did explain the options for the property owners to do contract traffic control with the Police Department. Thank you for your assistance with this matter, and please respond by March 7th as our next meeting is March 16.

- Potholes on 73rd Avenue near Hemlock, going toward 63rd Avenue, just up to North Eagle Lake Boulevard. (Katie Cohen)
- Follow up on past area report inquiry regarding solicitors/peddlers. Mike Opatz provided a copy of an article on the subject that will be coming in the spring 2016 City Focus newsletter.
- A neighbor in the Highpoint Hill neighborhood expressed concern about not having sidewalks in the area. This causes people to walk on the roads, which especially in winter is more dangerous. She is wondering if there are any plans to put in sidewalks as there are sidewalks in Rosemary Woods, but they stop at Highpoint Hill. (Stephanie Walvatne)
- On the trails (Rosemary Woods/Highpoint Hills) that connect with Three Rivers a man has been using his own four-wheeler to plow the trail area. 1) It does not get plowed, so who is responsible? 2) Would it be possible to have trash cans and dog waste stations? 3) Would it be possible to have solar-powered trail lights for those walk earlier/later in the day? These trails are connected with Three Rivers & Medicine Lake Regional Trails. (Stephanie Walvatne)
- The yellow flashing left turn signal on Bass Lake Road and Sycamore is greatly appreciated!! Thank you!! (Stephanie Walvatne)
- Concerning the closure of 101st Avenue (west of 94) Lawndale is the posted detour route for the closed section of 101st Avenue. This road is in horrible condition and probably the cause for many drivers to avoid this road and use the neighborhood roads to the west of Lawndale. The traffic in this neighborhood (97th Place – Vagabond – 99th Place – Troy – to 101st has increased since the 101st Closure and speeds are well in excess of limited. I'm told the Police Department has been called at times but the problem is not resolved. There are many families with young children along this route (including my nephew and family). The apparent destination for much of this traffic is the temple on Try north of 101st. Map was included with the paper copy of the area report submitted. (Karen Nickolauson)
- Comment on when there is a house fire, the neighborhood suffers, such as people coming to gawk and take pictures of the home,

trespassing on property. In addition to the house standing there burned for several months. (Karen Nickolauson). The question was asked about the City's trespassing ordinance. Councilmember Johnson stated that trespassing is generally the presence continues after being asked to leave.

- Inquiry about Hy-Vee coming to the area of Bass Lake Road and 101. There is excitement about this addition, but residents in the area have questions about the development and are planning on attending an upcoming Planning Commission meeting. Councilmember Johnson stated the public hearing for this project would be held at the Planning Commission meeting. The City Council receives the recommendation from the Planning Commission, and public comment is accepted. Mike Opatz stated he would check on the Planning Commission meeting date to review the Hy-Vee/development proposal and share with the Committee.

**CAC Member
Guidelines**

It is hoped that the CAC members reviewed the guidelines provided in their packet. The guidelines need to be updated to match the Board and Commissions attendance policy.

CAC member Joiner stated that he had a conversation with Mayor Steffenson, particularly related to co-chair selection. CAC member Joiner said that he is putting a report together for the Mayor and is requesting any input/recommendations from CAC members be forwarded to Mike Opatz. Mike will then forward that input to Bob for inclusion in the report.

With regard to item #6 of the CAC guidelines, the suggestion was made to broaden the language related to the word "feelings". The words "ideas" or "issues" were suggested.

The statement was made for CAC to take a broader scope, be different than in the past, additional interactions, and bring other items to the table.

Discussion took place regarding membership voting on items, motions, etc. either by roll call, voice or the raising of hands. The idea was raised that the number of votes could be recorded if the vote was not unanimous.

With regard to item #8 of the CAC guidelines, the question was asked about what CAC's future focus would be -- possibly ideas from the City Council and/or committee member input.

With regard to item #9 of the CAC guidelines, the request was made from CAC to the City Council to interview CAC candidates.

As mentioned previously, Mike Opatz will collect via email CAC member input on the guidelines. The statement was made that CAC is looking forward to having a larger role/involvement in various degrees.

**Report from
Youth Sports
Subcommittee**

The CAC Youth Sports Subcommittee met on February 3, 2016. At that meeting everyone on the subcommittee shared their experiences and concerns. CAC member Harry Kennedy is working on a report, but there will be one more meeting of the subcommittee to finalize it.

At CAC's request, Parks and Recreation representatives will make a presentation to the Committee regarding various aspects of Parks and Recreation programming as it relates to youth sports. At Parks and Recreation's request, the CAC Youth Sports Subcommittee drafted questions for Parks and Recreation to craft their presentation around. The subcommittee needs answers from Parks and Recreation to those questions which will impact some of the subcommittee's report recommendations. Therefore, the subcommittee will meet again.

The committee reviewed the proposed questions for Parks and Recreation and the subcommittee's thinking behind each, which generated brief discussions. The question was asked if the City/Parks and Recreation should have authority or even want authority over youth sports associations.

The youth sports questions will be emailed to Terry Just to help him prepare for the March meeting and to come have a dialogue with the CAC members.

With regard to Question #4, the comment was made by some of the associations about not being able to use a field because it was set aside for a specific use.

With regard to Question #6, there are challenges in scheduling of teams/fields.

The statement was made that the Parks and Recreation Board operates somewhat independently and has its own budget.

For the March dialogue, CAC would prefer that Parks and Recreation provide 2-3 bullet points for each question, not a lot of detail. CAC is looking for a collaborative, open discussion with Parks and Recreation in March. Terry Just will be provided with a recaps of the CAC youths sports presentations. Councilmember Johnson was asked if he had any thoughts or concerns. He stated that this is a good direction and thought provoking.

Motion made and seconded to forward the CAC Youth Sports questions to Terry Just with the request for his responses to be in the form of bullet

points for inclusion in the March CAC packet. Motion passed unanimously.

CAC member Harry Kennedy was thanked for his work on the questions and coordinating the report.

The question was asked about what CAC's end goal is in this youth sports review. The statement was made that the City is a strong partner with several youth athletic associations for sports facilities. A brief synopsis and background was provided on how the youth sports review came about with the hope of understanding how the associations operate.

Several goals were attained in the review 1) making sure associations have a code of conduct and that it is enforced; 2) Parks and Recreation is an authoritative figure to oversee associations; 3) the associations know that someone is watching. The CAC is compiling the observations and creating a report for the Council which may result in a better experience for youth in sports and provide for equity between house and travel leagues.

Other Business

Councilmember Johnson was asked about traffic at Total Wine. He stated that traffic in the lot is on private property. Businesses can hire off-duty police or private security for which they themselves pay. He also stated there is the ability to hire police officers for private parties and events. The City's Transportation Operations Engineer is working with the property management company to mitigate the issues. The question was asked if the City can do anything in the interim and when there are special events. As mentioned previously, the Transportation Operations Engineer's area report response would be provided to the Police Chief.

The following items were also briefly reviewed:

- Pending submission of pending proposal for Hy-Vee/mixed use development in the area of Bass Lake Road and County Road 101.
- Discussions continue with Doran for development of the northeast corner of Elm Creek Boulevard and Hemlock Lane.
- Don Pablo's restaurant is closed.
- Mongo's Grill restaurant is closing.
- The question was asked if there has been any interest in the former IHOP location – there hasn't.
- There is no evident activity at the Paradise Car Wash.
- There will be active lobbying efforts at the state legislature this year for funding to complete Highway 610.

The March 16th CAC meeting will be held in the Emergency Operations Center.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Morris
Minute Secretary