



AGENDA

Citizens' Advisory Committee

7:00 P.M.

Wednesday May 13, 2015

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

- A. Call to Order by Chair
- B. Minutes: Approve Minutes from March 11, 2015
- C. Meeting Summary: April 8, 2015 (*No Quorum*)
- D. Area Reports (Forms in Packet)
- E. Update on City Development
- F. Presentation by Osseo Football Association
- G. Other Business and Updates
- H. Adjournment

Minutes

Maple Grove Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 11, 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	Leslie Bender Tim Klevar Joe Piket	Lorraine Gresser Steven Maas Kevin Rebman	Bob Joiner Joan Masberg Don Skoglund
Members Absent	John Beacham, Stephen Gill, Harry Kennedy		
Others Present	CAC City Staff Liaison Mike Opatz, Maple Grove Police Chief Eric Werner, and Maple Grove resident Adam Bedard.		
Oath of Office	CAC member Joe Piket took the oath of office for another two-year term to expire on December 31, 2016.		
Minutes	The minutes for the January 14, 2015 meeting were approved.		
Area Reports	Replacement of water service lines in the Boundary Creek Area. Leslie Bender mentioned an acquaintance spending \$2,000 to replace theirs as was told it was defective. Question asked if the City is aware of any issues.		
Police Department Update	<p>At the request of the CAC, Police Chief Eric Werner was in attendance to provide an update on the Police Department.</p> <p>Chief Werner provided two handouts--one related to Community Policing, the other was his PowerPoint presentation.</p> <p>Chief Werner provided an overview of his background and reviewed the varied roles in his law enforcement career. He talked about his leadership and policing philosophy, stating he places an emphasis on relationships, leadership and education.</p> <p>He stated that leadership is important for all levels of his department's staff. He stated they are in it together and need to work together to figure out what's next as change is coming.</p> <p>Chief Werner reviewed statistics, calls for service and budget. He also reviewed with the group various aspects of the Community Policing handout.</p> <p>He talked about Part 1 and 2 crimes and associated statistics. Chief Werner also reviewed and provided an update on the four areas of Maple</p>		

Grove that have most recently been impacted by burglaries. He stated the Maple Grove Police Department uses and has a lot of resources to solve crimes.

Q&A: home video/security cameras; interagency cooperation; drug crimes/Mexican drug cartel; service provider partners; how to get to know police officers; terrorism, specifically Mall of America threat.

Discussion took place on various drug related topics and issues.

Chief Werner reviewed service provider partners from local to federal levels and the different ways they provide resources, services and support. He provided examples of incidents that show there is strength in communications and working together.

Chief Werner discussed retail crimes, such as shoplifting and related challenges, such as store policies. He stated it is a combination of prevention and prosecution.

Chief Werner reviewed the Police Department organization chart and various changes made within the department for development.

Q&A: gun permits, fingerprinting service, staffing for gun range.

Chief Werner continued his review of the department's organization and staff including various retirements as well as the staff's education and experience. This also included a breakdown diversity within the department, some of which he is working for more of.

Q&A: multi-lingual capabilities of officers with the Chief stating there are resources for language/interpreters. Breakdown of the age of the Police staff particularly relating to a growing older population in Maple Grove. The Chief stated it was a matter of teaching officers how to engage with citizens rather than hiring older staff. Salary of a starting officer, which Chief Werner stated was around \$52,000.

A brief discussion took place on of the characteristics of different generations. Chief Werner talked about service and a message has been relayed to staff about connecting with the community.

Chief Werner reviewed traffic accidents and traffic citations as well as various statistics. He also provided an overview of 2015 priorities.

Q&A: staffing for crisis intervention

Chief Werner talked about current events and community relations. He reviewed various safety aspects from the 2013 citizens' survey and policies for the department to continue to ensure resident safety. CAC members told the Chief that they are the ones who put the community

survey together and would welcome questions from him during the next survey process.

Chief Werner stated he reviews a number of reports from national organizations for ideas, growth and planning.

Q&A: revenues for citations

Chief Werner reviewed technology related to data and privacy of data. He reviewed the types and numbers of vehicles, cameras in squad cars and provided statistics.

Q&A: security of the Council Chambers. Chief Werner stated it has been reviewed and minor adjustments made.

CAC members thanked Chief Werner for his presentation.

**Youth Sports
Update**

Mike Opatz provided an update. Maplebrook Soccer is confirmed for the April 8th meeting; Osseo Football for May 13: and basketball and baseball set for June. Lacrosse has been in contact but not confirmed. The hockey association is asking for more information. No response yet from Maple Grove football.

**Other Business /
Updates**

The development update from City Administrator Al Madsen and Community Development Director may be set for the May 13th meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Morris
Minute Secretary

Meeting Summary
April 8, 2015

Maple Grove Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary (No Quorum)

April 8, 2015

Call to Order No quorum was present. CAC Chair Bob Joiner started the meeting at 7:11 p.m., but noted no official action would take place.

Members Present

Leslie Bender	Lorraine Gresser	Bob Joiner
Don Skoglund	Steven Maas	Joan Masberg
John Beacham		

Note: Beacham arrived at 7:40 p.m. and Gresser left at 8:45 p.m.

Members Absent Stephen Gill, Harry Kennedy, Tim Klevar, Joseph Picket, Kevin Rebman

Others Present CAC City Staff Liaison Mike Opatz, Maple Grove resident Adam Bedard, MapleBrook Soccer President Ashraf Omar, Director of Soccer Operations Jean-Yves Viardin, and Club General Manager Ben Goettsche

Minutes The minutes for the March 11, 2015 meeting were not discussed or approved since there was no quorum.

Area Reports Mike Opatz stated that the street sweeping has been completed and repair to the pot holes has started. Joan Masberg stated that she sent a thank you note to Police Chief Werner for his update at the last meeting. Bob Joiner asked Mike Opatz to send the Police Chief a note inquiring if there is anything the CAC can do to support the Police Department regarding National Night Out or community outreach.

Maplebrook Soccer Association Update At the request of the CAC, staff from Maplebrook Soccer Association were in attendance to provide an update on their organization.

Bob Joiner stated that CAC is taking a look at all sports happening in Maple Grove. The CAC is looking for input on fairness opportunities for anyone who wants to learn and play in a variety of sports.

Mr. Omar started the PowerPoint Presentation by stating that he has been President of Maplebrook Soccer for the past 3 years. Mr. Omar introduced Mr. Viardin and Mr. Goettsche as the only full time staff.

About Maplebrook Soccer Mr. Omar went stated that Maplebrook Soccer was established in 1987 and serves the communities of Maple Grove, Osseo, Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park and outlying communities. The organization use to be called Maple Grove Blast.

Player Mr. Omar stated that the participants are trained by former soccer players

Development

and most of the trainers are licensed. Participants range in age from 5-19.

The player development is home grown and they use a holistic approach to training. Maplebrook Soccer is staffed by 100 head and assistant coaches.

Mr. Omar stated participants ages 5-8 participate in the Blast Junior Academy. This is a fun environment where they learn basic skills.

Starting at age 9, the participants are part of traveling soccer teams that participate in games in Maple Grove, Blaine, Coon Rapids, Forest Lake, Plymouth, and Eden Prairie.

Maplebrook Soccer currently has 57 traveling teams and they have 1,000 participants try out in August.

Mr. Omar mentioned the growth of the organization over the last few years. Graphs on the PowerPoint showed large increases in the number of participants over the last 4 years.

Objectivity for team selection

Mr. Viardin discussed how the team selection takes place. He stated that existing members of the club do player evaluations and player rankings.

Discussion took place with Mr. Joiner and Mr. Skoglund asking about the evaluators. Mr. Viardin stated that the evaluators do not know any specifics on the players. The club trainers and coaches do the evaluating during the entire previous season. Discussion took place regarding the number of players per team and how does everyone get fair playing time. Mr. Omar stated that every player plays 40% of the time except for the top levels. At the top level, not everyone plays the same amount of time.

The goal is that everyone plays.

The Future

Maplebrook Soccer Association would like to have the ability to own and administer the Park and Recreation Soccer program. Mr. Omar stated that they would take staff currently with the Park and Recreation program.

Mr. Omar stated that they would like access to all fields. At this time, Maplebrook Soccer is not permitted at all fields.

Discussion took place regarding the Sports Dome.

- Hours of availability: Currently, the soccer program uses 800 hours and would love to buy more hours.
- Parking issues: not enough space to for parents to pick up and drop off their children.
- Supporting another sports dome: Maplebrook Soccer is interested in another dome somewhere in the City.

**Area Reports,
Part 2**

John Beacham missed the beginning of the meeting.

He stated that he heard from a neighbor that on St. Patrick's day, the Maple Grove Police Department did random sobriety pull overs with Channel 12 camera staff person along with. Mr. Beacham asked Mike Opatz to find out if it is factual.

Mr. Beacham added that the Northeast side of Costco traffic light has cones to block off the left turn lane. He stated the turn lane should be open. Mike Opatz will follow up with this issue.

**Youth Sports
Update**

Discussion took place on what sports organizations are coming to present to CAC. Bob Joiner suggested that CAC meet with the groups individually.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Greninger
Minute Secretary

Area Reports

Mike Opatz

From: Jupe Hale
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2015 3:51 PM
To: Mike Opatz
Subject: RE: CAC Area Report for April 2015 - Left turn lane from Fountains

Mike –

Hopefully this will serve as my written response.

We are in the process of opening up that inside left turn lane. However, it is not as simple as removing the pylons that are currently there. The traffic signal detection must also be adjusted so that cars using the inside lane will be detected – otherwise cars in that lane will not receive a green light at any time. Second, dual left turn lanes require striping guidance through the turn so that the outer lane does not “pinch off” the inside lane on the turn. This will require hiring a striping contractor and partially closing the intersection, as it can’t be done with cars going through. Third, the signs we use to communicate lane assignments don’t reflect two left turn lanes – so new signs need to be ordered and installed (and the existing ones removed). Last, the north leg that goes into the gravel pits is still used by large trucks. We have to make sure that when they come out and want to turn left, that they don’t run into the two left turns that are coming from the south.

Hopefully that makes sense. I can’t give you a hard date at this time, but I am aggressively doing what I can to get this completed by mid-May.

From: Mike Opatz
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 3:37 PM
To: Jupe Hale
Cc: Mike Opatz
Subject: CAC Area Report for April 2015 - Left turn lane from Fountains

Jupe,

CAC member Beacham asked when the cones closing off the left turn lane from the Fountains (east side of Costco) to westbound Elm Creek Blvd are not removed now that traffic seems to be growing in the area?

Please send me a written response by May 1st. Thanks.

Thanks,

Mike

Mike Opatz

From: Eric Werner
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2015 4:58 PM
To: jmasberg@aol.com
Cc: bljoiner1@comcast.net; Mike Opatz
Subject: CAC Meeting - assistance to the Police Department

Good afternoon Joan,

It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to present about the police department to the CAC. In my presentation I mentioned police technology and this is one area CAC may be of help. Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) and body cameras for officers are two specific technology improvements I am interested in and spoke about. The Minnesota Legislature is currently working through a number of bills addressing the police use of each of these technologies. Data retention, data privacy, and agency cost are a few of the main concerns. Maple Grove Police Department, like many other agencies, is waiting to see what legislation is passed before purchasing and implementing the technology. Once the legislative decisions are made I am sure there will be a lot of information to learn and help inform the City Council on these topics.

Thank you for asking how CAC can help. I apologized for a delayed response for I don't know how your e-mail was missed. Please contact me with any questions you may have.

Chief Werner



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From: jmasberg@aol.com [mailto:jmasberg@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 9:29 AM
To: Eric Werner
Cc: Mike Opatz; bljoiner1@comcast.net
Subject: CAC Meeting

Hello Chief Werner,

Thanks again for a great review of the police department last night.

I appreciate the details you provided and the focus you have on the future development of the staff. You covered a lot of ground.

After I got home last night I realized I should have asked you how CAC could assist your department. I couldn't always hear the questions coming from the other end of the table, so maybe I missed it.

Is there anything we could be doing for the department? CCing Mike and Bob in the event they have info as well.

Joan Masberg

Update on City Development

Presentation by Osseo Football Association

TO: CAC Members

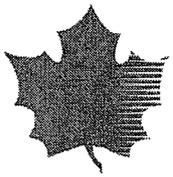
FROM: Mike Opatz, CAC Staff Liaison

DATE: May 4, 2015

SUBJECT: Presentation by Osseo Football Association

Members from the Osseo Football Association (OFA) will be present at the May 13 meeting to discuss youth sports based on the attached invite letter. CAC is asking OFA 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 John Plumhoff, President, Osseo Football 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:

- developing quality opportunities for all children
- providing skill development opportunities for athletes of all abilities
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- procedures for impartial judging for team placement
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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@maplegrovern.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

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Other Business and Updates

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.