

# Maple Grove Citizens Advisory Committee

## Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2021

<b>Call to Order</b>	The August 11, 2021, Citizens Advisory Committee meeting was held at the Maple Grove Government Center. Unofficial Chair Joiner called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
<b>Members Present</b>	Leslie Bender                      Bob Joiner                      Steven Maas Don Skoglund                      Karen Nickolauson
<b>Members Absent</b>	Lorraine Gresser, Stephanie Walvatne, Harry Kennedy Ted Lyons, Lee Newman
<b>Others Present</b>	Councilmember Kristy Barnett, CAC Staff Liaison Mike Opatz
<b>Minutes</b>	Since there was no quorum, the minutes from the June 16, 2021 meeting were not approved.
<b>Area Reports</b>	<p>Member Joiner stated that the curb and street rehabilitation ended in Appaloosa Woods this week. Discussion continued regarding storm drain lines.</p> <p>Member Joiner asked how the money that is available to the city through the American Rescue Plan will be used.</p> <p>Councilmember Barnett stated that requests from some of the non-profit organizations in Maple Grove has requested funds. She further stated that a survey and application will be sent to the all non-profits in the city. The non-profits will have the opportunity to complete the paperwork and return to the city for council consideration.</p> <p>Conversation took place between Member Joiner and Councilmember Barnett regarding the Maple Grove Community Center and the possibility of improvements. Councilmember Barnett discussed the possible improvements to the Community Center and that the city will be working on the Local Option Sales Tax to be on the November 2022 ballot for consideration.</p> <p>Member Skoglund asked about the Gleason Field project and what progress has been taking place. Councilmember Barnett stated that the project is on hold due to high costs and no decision has been made regarding when the project will continue.</p>
<b>Historical Societies Survey Response</b>	<p>Reports were received from the cities of White Bear Lakes, Hopkins, Cokato, and St. Louis Park.</p> <p>The members discussed the Historical Society survey responses. Member Skoglund suggested that a sub-committee be created to review the reports received and to come up with a final report. It was</p>

determined that a sub-committee will be created to review the reports and put together a spreadsheet to consolidate the information received. CAC Staff Liaison Opatz will send an email to the committee members.

Discussion took place regarding:

- Where will the artifacts be displayed and stored; Public Works building or define a space at new community center.
- Long term ownership of the artifacts.
- How to continue the Maple Grove Historical Society into the future.
- Do research into Native American background of Maple Grove
- City work with Maple Grove Historical Society with archiving photos and historical items. Create a catalog or book.

Councilmember Barnett requested that the report be done soon so that decisions can be made by end of this year.

## **Other Business and Updates**

Member Joiner asked about the current watering requirements and what is being done to ensure that Maple Grove has enough water.

Councilmember Barnett stated that the city is monitoring the water usage of homeowner associations and businesses. She stated that Maple Grove has never had watering restrictions until now. Member Joiner requested that a staff member from water management come and address the issue at a future meeting. CAC staff liaison Opatz stated he will get information and report back to the committee.

Discussion took place regarding adding new members. CAC Staff Liaison Mike Opatz stated that he will do the advertising in the social media platforms. Plan is to have the new members start in January, 2022.

Community survey work to begin early in year 2022.

Next meeting is Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Greninger  
Minute Secretary