

# meeting notes

## Minnetonka Beach Civic Committee Meeting

Date: February 28, 2024 @7pm (Combined Feb / March meeting)

Meeting called to order at 7:26pm (Maurel residence)

Attendees: Heidi Whitaker, Kirsten Haag, Patty Rezabek, Kyley Hade, Whitney Maurel, Tracey Breazeale, Kate Emmel, Tiffany Panait, Jennifer Johnson, Thressa Fritz & Kristin Ainsworth

### General Updates | Heidi / Kate

- Joann & Jerry Anderson's son passed away recently. Joann & Jerry have both been very active members of our MB community. MBCC will determine ways to help the family (meals, cleaning, etc.) and inform residents in the event they would like to contribute.

### Parks Update | Patty Rezabek

- Parks didn't meet in February, but the Committee continues to work on the 5-year plan.
- Continue to be mindful of the coyotes. As they are often found roaming public areas there is little residents can do but keep pets and small children safe (see prior month's meeting notes for other keep safe ideas).

### City Council Update | Tracey Breazeale

- An open public forum was conducted at the planning meeting Monday evening
- Discussion about whether a Conditional Use permit amendment should be required for the fence lining a resident's home and the Lafayette Club golf course; this is an active and ongoing discussion between the City and LC
- Planning/Council continues to comb through the reworking of our code and ordinances to keep up with the DNR and put into a format that is much clearer to understand
- Docks: CC is looking at the layout of the docks at the swim beach to identify ways we can open up the views in some fashion (we are also hoping to give kids more room to swim, ensure the park can be used by residents, etc.) while still maintaining the number of docks in that location
  - A resident with CAD design experience is stepping in to help brainstorm possible designs
- Dock prices were raised this year (note: they have been stagnant for over 10 years); we are facing a lot of expenses around the land where these docks reside (rip rap, maintenance, safety) and this was a necessary step
- Important head's up: In the spring water statement, Parks plans to send out a survey about park usage and amenities – please offer your feedback! If you are interested in seeing other amenities introduced (such as Pickleball) please make sure your voice is heard.

### **Treasury Report Update | Jennifer Johnson**

- In January, residents received a mailing which included our annual MBCC dues request. Thank you to those who have submitted dues thus far!
  - At the time of this meeting ~50 homes have submitted dues; our goal is 65% participation (146 houses), so we have a way to go
  - We are 42% of the way towards our goal of \$10,950 (currently \$4,685) as many homes have paid over the requested \$75 amount
- MBCC will send a reminder in the April utility mailing (Patty can help with 2<sup>nd</sup> mailing) + print names in June as another prompt; email JJ with questions about whether you have paid

### **Merchandise Update | Kirsten Haag**

- We are moving forward with MB hats and kitchen hand towels per resident request
- There is a list of other items under consideration – submit requests to Kirsten!

### **Skating Party Recap | Kate & Marnie**

- 11 families including new families attended this great event
- Although the weather was very warm, Jason did a great job getting the rink ready and the kids had fun (some even played basketball due the warm temps)
- Hot chocolate was a hit – keep that on the list for next year
- Thank you to the organizers and those who contributed

### **Newcomer Committee | Patty Rezabek**

- The pace of home listings (& sales) in MB has slowed this year compared to prior years, so we will consider the volume of newcomers going forward and adjust our welcome plans accordingly
  - There is one closing on March 1<sup>st</sup> (Enlow home); purchased then relisted and has now sold again
  - Several other new neighbors are not moving in until summer or later
- 2023 closings: 18 new families are moving into MB but 6 are in a remodel and not moved in yet so we will likely not hold a spring 2024 newcomer's party
  - Gift bags were distributed to MBCC members to personally deliver to 3 new families (already in residence)

## **EVENTS**

- **Newcomers Party: Date? Time?**
  - See above notes re: Newcomers
- **Summer Picnic:**
  - **Volunteers to plan / host:** We are looking for one MBCC member to lead this event and will ask other MBCC members at large to sign up for a task and/or item to bring (think: many hands make little work) to ensure this popular event continues. Please let Heidi W. know if you are interested in chairing knowing you will have lots of helpers to carry the load!!

- **Date & Time:** Looking at July 21<sup>st</sup> for the event. Time TBD. Need outreach to seasoned residents; Patty offered to participate in the committee and conduct outreach. Keep Bingo. Nice, universal event for families of all ages. Keep DJ/band. Food truck. Fire truck + police.
- **Other ideas suggested at the meeting and/or by residents in passing:**
  - Resident sing along (possibly at Thursday fun day?)
  - Dinner in the park (Whitney Maurel to Chair):
    - Families bring picnic and/or card tables and chairs to line up family style in RP park (consider contest for best dressed table)
    - Late May / early June or possibly conduct as family night out (early August)
    - Draw numbers to determine seating and sit/mingle with new friends and residents
    - Consider food trucks for ease with potluck dessert
    - Could serve as the spring version of the Progressive Dinner
  - Movie in the park (Kirsten Haag to Chair):
    - Scoot your golf carts and chairs on up to Ray Peters to enjoy a movie, bonfire, bevies and time with friends and neighbors
    - MBCC will provide the movie screen (resident owned)
    - Date/time TBD

**Special note:** Tracey Breazeale's spot on City Council will open up this year as she will be running for Minnesota House. Please speak with Tracey for details regarding her platform, *discuss your concerns, and ways to get involved.*

### **Next Civic Meeting: April 10<sup>th</sup>, Carrie Pinto to Host**

Meeting adjourned @9:04pm

***"There is nothing in the world so good as good neighbors."***

***~Laura Ingalls Wilder***