

Minnetonka Beach Civic Committee (CC) Meeting Notes

January 10, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:26pm

Attendees: Heidi Whitaker, Kirsten Haag, Jillian Moriarty, Tracey Breazeale, Kate Emmel, Marisa Chapman, Carrie Pinto, Jennifer Halverson, Tiffany Panait, Jennifer Johnson, Laura Raisbeck, Ashley Stoker & Kristin Ainsworth

General updates | Heidi

- We will be sending out our dues letter shortly
- We are maintaining the requested dues at \$75 for the year
- There will be a brief paragraph in the letter describing the wonderful MBCC events that will be offered to residents again this year (with Progressive Dinner moving to every 18th months per resident feedback; next event will be Spring 2025)

Parks Update | Kim & Patty did not attend so Tracey presented

- Parks met January 2nd to review MB plans for the year
- It was determined, based upon recent inspections and findings, that we would primarily maintain what's in existence
- The MB is in relatively good shape – not a lot of investment required vs other areas (such as the new water tower – treatment plant project)
- Looking at reforestation, the “greener” side of parks vs. amenities
- Please take note of April & July utility bill mailings (there will also be an online option) for a park usage survey for residents, asking about who is using which parks, which amenities are being used, what's missing, etc.
 - The Committee will review the survey results and determine ways to develop new amenities whenever it makes sense
- Jason began to flood the rink – he is aware the skating party is coming up and is doing a fantastic job trying to have this ready for the residents
- If you are interested in pickleball let the City know and make your interest known in the Parks surveys coming out

City Council Update | Tracey Breazeale

- Old business:
 - There is a residence on Hill Road facing lots of encroachment onto city property (fire pit, carport, deck, etc.) – city will work with new owners to make remedies
 - Planning Commission continues to work through zoning code amendments
 - Moving shoreline district code into new codes in MB
- There is a possibility that the Hennepin Energy Recovery Center (HERC), which incinerates trash, may close between 2040 and 2050. Note this does not impact recycling for MB.
 - MB trash would then go back to a landfill in Inver Grove Heights
 - MB as a city is joining others to voice our opposition to the potential closing and encouraging HERC to find another solution
 - This closing would affect 8 communities in total

- Consider using composting in the meantime in the event we have increasing trash prices because of this closure
- City Hall will continue to send materials promoting our Organic Recycling using our container located by Public Works and the water tower
 - Food organics, pizza boxes and other things recycled in this container are turned into fabulous compost in Shakopee
- Water treatment plant
 - Continues to move forward; debt offering coming soon
 - We are seeking State and Federal funding for the new water treatment plant; will know in February if we receive some Federal funding through Congressman Dean Phillips office
- Coyote situation
 - A pack of coyotes is traveling in a troop around the 'hood
 - Residents from Old Beach Road asked the city to investigate the situation
 - Determining how to get word out – what do you do if they are a threat on your property? Make noise and keep small dogs inside!!

Treasury report update | Jennifer Johnson

- Full report with suggested budgets for future events provided
- “Fall Fest Featuring Spooky Walk” Oct 13th suggested (tentative)
- Dues letter to be sent in January (print list of names of those who donated in April along with a reminder to those who haven’t paid)

Merchandise update | Kirsten

- We conducted a 20% off sale at City Hall in December to promote purchases of current inventory and are looking to assess the result of that sale
 - We need to keep merch flowing so we can bring in new merch; continue the sale to clear inventory?
- Hats are under consideration as are beach towels; also consider Christmas tree ornaments, trucker hat (4 letters similar to the club hats) and/or winter hat with centennial celebration logo/date
- Kirsten will bring samples + vendor suggestions + costs to the next meeting

Newcomer Committee | Patty Rezabek did not attend

Tea & Toddies recap | Tracey + Kirsten + Sheri

- Sunday 5-8pm works extremely well for this party; suggest keeping this format
- Very well attended (~80 ppl) and excellent location – fun with the SKOL theme
- Please turn in receipts for reimbursement – needed for planning and budgeting purposes (or at a minimum send a pic of the receipt to Jennifer)
- Determining ways to encourage dessert consumption

EVENTS:

Skating Party | Marnie + Kate

- The event will be held on February 4th | 2-4pm

- Sign up was distributed; skate rink should be ready per Jason! Thank you, Jason!!
- Please see the sign-up genius accompanying this email if you'd like to help

Misc: Carrie Pinto volunteered to host the April 10th meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm, next meeting February 28th (combining Feb/March mtgs)