

# MPCC meeting agenda

Start 6:05 PM

**Date:** October 5, 2021

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Location:** Good Fellowship Park

**Leadership Council:** Rachael Stigsell (minutes), Jonelle Olson, Amanda Podemski, Emma Haugen

**Board of Directors:** Cindy Hakala, Doug Keyport, Christi Sorvik, Nicole Pond, Ruby Berg

6:00pm	<p><b><u>Welcome</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Introductions</li> </ul>	Jonelle Olson
6:05 PM	<p><b><u>Council Updates</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● New Leadership Council and Board of Directors             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ See those listed above</li> <li>○ Motion to approve the Board of Directors and Leadership council approved</li> </ul> </li> <li>● New ByLaws             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Still a draft- need to finalize</li> <li>○ A copy will be shared. Feel free to provide input</li> <li>○ Jonelle will be meeting with Breakfast with Santa (BWS) group and will get their input</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Rachael Stigsell, Amanda Podemski
6:15 PM	<p><b><u>Treasury Report</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Switched Banking Establishments- account is now with Members Cooperative Credit Union             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Still need checks for reimbursement</li> <li>○ Garden Club: 3324.19</li> <li>○ BWS &amp; comm. Clean up - \$809.85</li> <li>○ MPCC - \$7781.92</li> <li>○ Total- \$11,915.96</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Costs for National Night Out that still need to be paid             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$71.68 for water and ice cream</li> <li>○ \$100 for DJ</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Reminders             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All requests for reimbursement go to MPCC email (see below)</li> <li>○ Need receipt attached</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Rachael Stigsell
6:20 PM	<p><b><u>Garden Club</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Amy was not in attendance</li> <li>● Will be putting the gardens to bed for the winter- always in need of other to help</li> </ul>	Amy Johnson
6:25 PM	<p><b><u>Parks and Rec</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● New Liaison - Abby             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Oversee Senior Programming</li> <li>○ If things come up with buildings, facilities (things that are wrong), programming, or ways we can see working together with parks and rec., email and let her know.</li> <li>○ She can help put up fliers around the building.</li> <li>○ Are there newsletters or a website for updates?                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ For recreation- they do pamphlets 3 times a year</li> <li>■ Website: <a href="https://duluthmn.gov/parks/programs-events/general-programs/">https://duluthmn.gov/parks/programs-events/general-programs/</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Abby Proulx aproulx@duluthmn.gov

	<p><b><u>Parks and Rec cont.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Building updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Back to opening things <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Park is available for rental</li> <li>■ Masks required for public meetings - not for private events</li> <li>■ Capacity- haven't received anything specific about capacities</li> <li>■ Follow CDC best practices</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Recent Break-in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No damage inside the building, just the door</li> <li>○ Parks and Rec as well as the DPD are looking for any info anyone has on the doors being busted</li> <li>○ Are we going to get video Cameras now that we have WiFi? Abby will check into it.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Will we be getting a new sign <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Still working on it</li> <li>○ <i>**update after meeting - scheduled for 2024 to get new sign</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>● How can we get Family Friendly events or things for kids to do around here? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Now fully staffed in Programing so hoping to get more up and running</li> <li>○ October 23 11:30-3:30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ grandparent and grandchild event</li> <li>■ Costume contest- kids individually OR with costumes together</li> <li>■ Games, activities, crafts, snacks</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● New Flier container in front of building on outside</li> <li>● Survey launching soon with questions about recreation needs and wants from the community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Survey will be open for 3-4 weeks</li> <li>○ It will be on the website and we can also request copies to hand out to staff.</li> <li>○ Abby will send us a link to survey for the club to share on FB and email</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Upgrade sidewalks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The sidewalks are cracked, holes, etc. It is difficult for those who use walkers or wheelchairs to use- Abby will look into fixing them.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
6:30 PM	<p><b><u>Neighborhood Church Updates</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● United Protestant - no rep present</li> <li>● Good Hope <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Was a location at the Community club but was shut down due to COVID. Unsure if will reopen a campus here or possibly West Duluth area. For now, can livestream service or attend at the Cloquet Campus.</li> <li>○ Nicole is heading up a bible study in the community next week. If you want to join, call Nicole @ 218-341-6853</li> </ul> </li> <li>● St. James/ St. Elizabeth - no rep present</li> </ul>	Nicole Pond Amy Johnson UP Pastor (new paster Rev. Mitchell Nelson)
6:45 PM	<p><b><u>Officer's Update</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Big event last week (Oct. 1) in West Duluth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1/2 the department on patrol that day was working that call</li> <li>○ Called in armored vehicle from Superior (Duluth does not have one)- these type of calls are increasing in number</li> <li>○ Q: concerned that all Officers are responding to</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Officer Jim Forsyth jforsyth@duluthmn.gov

something major- what happens if something else big happens?

- **A:** There are plans for those situations. There are still other officers, they just may be in other areas of the city. Also, if needed, other squads who may be off-duty will be called in to help.
- **Speedway**
  - Unsure if the Speedway hold up is connected to the MPCC break in. - Still under investigation
  - **Q:** Did these incidents prompt more patrol?
  - **A:** DPD is short staffed. When able, increase the driving by, however, being short staffed, the DPD is usually responding to 911 calls.
  - **Q:** What can we do?
  - **A:** Call City Councilor to say that we are concerned- we need more patrols.
    - Maybe a petition? Number, email?
  - **Q:** Some have gotten calls about doing a neighborhood watch. How does that work now?
  - **A:** Those are not sponsored by DPD and they don't do "training". But Officer Jim is more than willing to sit down and talk with people on what to look for, what to do when you see something, and areas to watch that are higher crime areas.
  - However, this can be as simple as driving your car around areas that you might not usually drive in. If you see something suspicious, call 911- give good description of what they look like, what they are wearing, where they are coming from, where they are going, exact vehicles they were trying to get into or windows they were looking in.
  - **NEVER** stop that person or try to stop them which will put yourself in harm. Call 911 if we see something suspicious.
- **New public information officer**
  - Has been doing great with posting on FB when something big is happening.
- **Officer Jim has been monitoring many of the community Facebook groups**
  - Remember that things can get blown out of proportion fast and there have definitely been things said that were lies and were dangerous for those the lies were told about. Take what you read with a grain of salt.
- **Shooting of the male on the 4-wheeler**
  - Started in Gary and then fled this way
  - Currently being investigated by MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension
- **Don't hesitate to call 911 if you notice things that don't seem to be ok or right.**
  - **Q:** If we call 911 for something that's not an emergency, do we have to say who it is? Is that public record?
  - **A:** You can say that it is anonymous. But will have to get a phone number
- **In the years to come, the DPD will be losing 1/3 of the department.**
  - We are on the bottom of pay in the state for police officers. City officials are working on hopefully increasing pay to entice officers here, as well as keep and maintain officers.

	<p><b><u>Officer's Update cont.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cameras around houses are helpful so if you see something on those, contact police.</li> </ul>	
7:00 PM	<p><b><u>Upcoming Activities</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Halloween decorating contest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit photos/videos and address by October 24</li> <li>A poll will be made on Facebook where people can vote.</li> <li>Vote for the winner by November 1st.</li> <li>Notify news outlets</li> <li>**prize - Speedway Gift Card?</li> </ul> </li> <li>Christmas Light Contest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do similarly to Halloween decorating contest</li> <li>Submit photos, Post to FB, whoever has the most likes wins.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Winter fest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>end of January, Beginning of February</li> <li>Ice rink- need to talk to DAHA about open weekends in January</li> <li>Hot chocolate, hotdogs, ice skating, games, crafts, maybe BINGO</li> </ul> </li> <li>Q: Are there any holiday bazaars or anything? Bake Sale? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UP church- has a christmas concert</li> <li>UP church is having a fall bazaar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Per flier-Fall Bazaar and Bake Sale</li> <li>Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 9:00-3:00</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
7:10 PM	<p><b><u>General Topics and Updates</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mobile Market/Community Food grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A food truck that is run by Community Action Duluth partners with UMD land Lab to bring free produce and other grocery items to MP once a month at GFCC</li> <li>Last outdoor stop is October 13th from 4-6PM - after that, trying to do something indoors.</li> <li>Open to anyone, but can also order ahead of time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Looking at having better advertising.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>Spirit lake Sediment project- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Outreach Team meets once a month with updates.</li> <li>Can also find updates at the kiosk on Idaho and 88th.</li> <li>Project is going well. Not running into problems. Thinking they are going to be done on time (some time into next year). Running a little over budget.</li> <li>There will be a week or so that they will be working 24 hours day- might be night noise</li> </ul> </li> <li>Q: Is the dining program back? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A:No right now, but is looking to get it back.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Bingo starts at GFCC for seniors October 9th - 12:30 PM</li> <li>Teresa Tomanek - from City Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roads- City is typically repairing 2.5 miles per year. However, with a 0.5% sales tax increase, will get to do 16.8miles this year.</li> <li>On city site, there is a list of roads- some from this side of the city</li> <li>Everyone in city will get new water meter- bronze can leak into water.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Crime has gone up and has been a big concern - proposing a 15% increase so they can retain officers of the PDP</li> <li>Community Gardens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With the limited interest in starting it, instead used grant money for the veggie giveaways that occur each</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Amanda Podemski, Rachael Stigsell, Doug Keyport

	<p>Monday. These have had a good turnout</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There is no grant to do it next year, but they are looking into ways to continue next year.</li> </ul> <p><b>Open floor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Breakfast with Santa (BWS) is canceled this year due to limited volunteers and facility restrictions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Still want to decorate the building so looking for volunteers to help decorate the building.- also watch the Facebook Group</li> <li>○ BWS group is meeting October 20th.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Seniors are doing their holiday party <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Be in contact about decorating before their holiday party</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Flag <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The pole at Baywest is gone. That was Baywest's choice.</li> <li>○ Possibility of a new flag on the pole that is at the GFCC. Need maintenance and lights on the pole.</li> <li>○ DAHA is planning to be put up a flag in the hockey area from the old MP school</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
7:31 PM	Adjournment Next meeting - January 4th	Emma Haugen

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