



**Windom Community Council 2024 Annual Meeting & Board Elections**  
**Meeting Minutes - Thursday, June 13, 2024**  
**(Hybrid Meeting held via ZOOM videoconferencing & In-Person at 5843 Wentworth)**

**Attending:** Michelle Hemingway Tatum (P), Becky McIntosh (T), Incha Krein, Dembo Darboe. Jaime Lieser, Mario Vargas (Executive Director).

Absent: George Hall

**Guests:** Catherine Abene (Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board). Emily Koski (Ward 11 Minneapolis City Council),

Windom Members: Pat Soulak (Resident), Doug Sweet (Resident), Robet Ley (Resident), Lecia Heinen (Resident), Chad Fallon (Resident), Cate McIntosh (Resident), PauPau Darboe (Resident), Maddie Tatum (Resident), Randy Tatum (Resident), Paula Conrad (Resident), Dean Anderson (Business Owner), Dave Krein (Resident), Louis Swartz (Resident), Patsy Monson (Resident), Mary Beth Groff (Resident), Morgan Jensen (MPRB staff), Abdi Omar (MPRB staff), Elizabeth Conrad (Resident), Roger Worm (SW Business Association).

### **Social Time – Refreshments**

**Welcome/Call to Order/Code of Conduct, Meeting Quorum:** Michelle called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting Quorum was accepted by the majority present with 23 Windom neighborhood members. two publicly elected officials and one business partner working in the Windom neighborhood.

### **Council Business**

- **Annual Programmatic & Financial Discussion - Michelle**
  - Michelle reported to the membership the WCC's accomplishments and year-end for 2023. Becky McIntosh, Board Treasurer reported WCC's year-end financial standing. She reported that the only source of revenue for WCC is its contract with the City of Minneapolis and the organization is in need of individual donations to meet its future obligations. WCC recently received a new grant from the city for environment-related work.
  - 2023 Neighborhood Association Highlights
    - Launched Windom's 1st Neighborhood Safety Initiative: Windom Neighborhood Safety Walking Group
    - Launched WCC's Recent 1st VEAP Canned Food Drive Event
    - Co-organized the 2023 City Council Ward 11 Candidate Forum
    - Co-organized Minneapolis SW Neighborhood's Collaborative Initiative
    - Launched 2nd WCC Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Board Training
    - Led in Hennepin County Housing Partnership & Neighborhood Engagement
    - WCC & PTO Collaborations: School Spring Festival & Halloween Fundraiser
    - WCC & Windom South Park Collaborations: Summer Ice Cream Social Event
    - WCC Neighborhood Engagement: Resident Variance Meeting Facilitation
  - Neighborhood Association Volunteer Highlights
    - Dedicated over 650 Board volunteer hours to the Windom neighborhood
    - Reached over 1,200 Windom Residents through social media
    - Reached over 350 homes through Canvassing and Door-knocking
    - Safety Walking Group Board Volunteers Walked over 92 blocks, picked-up Eight 32-gallon bins of trash & recycling, made 115 contacts with residents
    - Granted \$36,000 in Windom Home Improvement Loans to homeowners.
  - 2023 Financial Highlights
    - 2023 Total Expenses - \$36,121.40: Total Revenues - \$89,080.15
  - Motion: Move to approve the WCC 2023 Annual & Financial Standing Report by the Membership
    - Motion: Becky
    - Second: Dembo
    - All in favor by Members Present: Yes. Unanimous



- Motion approved: Michelle
- **Annual Board Elections - Michelle**
  - Elections were held to fill 4 seats on the Board to serve 2-year terms. All four seats are incumbent seats currently being held by Michelle Hemingway Tatum, Jamie Lieser, Incha Krein and George Hall. All four current Board members showed interest in returning to Board service. Only three incumbent candidates attended the meeting. The Board bylaws stipulate that candidates must be present at the annual meeting to qualify for a seat and thus only three qualify for a seat on the Board. This left 3 incumbent seats and 1 open seat. Self-nominated business-owner Dean Anderson was the only electronic ballot write-in candidate. Nominations from the floor at the meeting were taken for candidates but no one present showed interest in running for office.
  - Elections Results:
    - Michelle Hemingway Tatum (incumbent) is re-elected, Jamie Lieser (incumbent) is re-elected, Incha Krein (incumbent) is re-elected, George Hall vacated his seat by not attending the meeting, Dean Anderson was elected to fill George Hall's vacated seat. None of the four seats were contested prior to the annual meeting or during the annual meeting. All were unanimously voted-in by slate by a majority of the members attending the meeting.
- **Keynote Speaker MPD 5th Precinct Inspector Christie Nelson was not in attendance.**
- **Guest Speaker MN State Senator Zaynab Mohammed (63) was not in attendance.**
- **Guest Speaker – Minneapolis Ward 11 Councilmember Emily Koski**
  - CM Emily Koski provided an update on traffic calming measures affecting Windom on the east side of Diamond Lake Road. The city, MPD, family and friends are in mourning at the loss of Police Officer Jamal Mitchell. It's been a few weeks since his murder and the city and MPD have been organizing memorial activities for Officer Mitchell and his family. After 10 months of contract negotiations with MPD, a tentative 2023-2025 collective bargaining agreement between the City and the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis (POFM). The tentative agreement includes a historic boost in pay for Minneapolis Police Officers and significant reforms. The City Office of Community Safety (OCS) staff have completed the first round of engagement with the south Minneapolis community about the South Minneapolis Community Safety Center at 2633 Minnehaha Ave. The Safety Center will include the 3rd precinct police station. It will have other community services and resources as well. Minneapolis is proposing to redevelop the site of the former 3rd Police Precinct to house a new democracy center to expand access to the ballot box and provide a large space for community use. Residents are encouraged to submit their input via Minnehaha 3000 on the city's website.
- **Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Commissioner Cathy Abene**
  - MPRB Cathy Abene provided the neighborhood with an update on what the Board does and is responsible for including environmental and natural resource management and providing for essential park needs. Under current superintendent leadership, the parks facilities across the city have thrived. Windom suffers from a parks gap in the region. There is currently planning to happen to acquire land in Windom for parks use.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm