

Windom Board Meeting Minutes
12 November 2020
(Meeting held via ZOOM videoconferencing)

Attending: (Board) Veronica Walter (P), Michele Hemingway, Pete Johnson (VP), Patrick Barret, Sean Morgan, Katharine Kreuger, Becky McIntosh (T), Pat Soulak.

Absent: (Board) Micah Stevenson.

Guests: (Speakers) Jeremy Schroeder, (CCM), Jared Andersson (ReEntry House), Chad Greenwald, Rob Ley, Robyn Hanson, Steve Rawlins, Jacky Junek, Mario Vargas (Administrative Coordinator), other residents.

MEETING called to order at 7:03

Welcome/Call to Order

Veronica called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and she welcomed all neighbors, guests and participants to the meeting.

City Council Updates

- Jeremy provided the Council with an update on the Aqua City Motel, by stating the Motel is in negotiations with another buyer and the Motel still has citations from the City, but has not yet appealed these citations.
- A proposal to bring in extra officers from outside agencies to assist the Minneapolis Police Department.
- Becky asked Councilman Schroeder about the “violence interrupters” and ways the City can look for alternatives to combat crime.
- Councilman Schroeder informed the meeting attendees there are three upcoming online public hearings for people to share thoughts on Mayor Jacob Frey’s recommended 2021 City Budget. Mario asked for more detailed information regarding the City’s Assistance for past due housing costs.
- The City held a public hearing on the Neighborhoods 2020 draft program guidelines, and the Neighborhood & Community Relations Department (NCR) presented a summary to the Public Health and Safety Committee. On November 13th, Governor Walz will impose new statewide restrictions.

ReEntry House Program

Jared Andersson, Treatment Director, provided the Council an update of services provided at the ReEntry Program. Jared asked the community to call him directly if there is ever a problem with a client at 612-869-2411.

Update of Metro Inn Motel acquisition by Hennepin County

Michelle provided a summary of the Protective Housing Project by Hennepin County slated to be housed in the former Metro Inn Motel. Sean also informed the attendees Commissioner Greene was looking into how the County is vetting the clients who will be part of the program for anyone accused of sexual assaults, as well as what are the details of the Code of Conduct the County clients sign to be part of the Program. Another Public Meeting to review the Program for Windom with Commissioner Greene and other County Members will be held in late January or early February 2021.

Census 2020 Update

Michelle highlighted the City of Minneapolis’ efforts to promote the 2020 Census. October Minutes were approved.

GiveMN

- Veronica informed the group Mario added the Windom Community Council to be listed as a possible donation entity for Give to the Max Day November 19, 2020.

Additional Updates

- Veronica informed the group the official Windom email domain will change to include “mpls.org.”

- Mario mentioned that Katherine & Micah's email addresses were updated and Board members need to update their contact lists to include the correct addresses.
- Katharine would like to create an annual Excellence in Community Engagement award (to be administered by the Community Engagement portion of the Engagement & Outreach Committee) and which she volunteers to develop and run. She suggests Myra Woods as the first recipient of the award. Trudy & Patrick will provide Katharine the contact information for this nomination.
- Katharine would like to co-develop an ongoing anti-racism program, perhaps launching in February for Black History Month. The program would include anti-racism education and create safe spaces to dialogue about racism and anti-racism. She mentioned the Kenny neighborhood offered this type of meeting where good conversations took place. She seconded the idea of working with nearby neighborhoods on these issues.
- Mario also mentioned the need for more knowledge and education surrounding people living with disabilities.
- Sean will update the Board next month regarding building variances as part of the Community Development Committee.

Topics Postponed until December Meeting:

Windom Crime & Safety Update with Jennifer Waisanen

Committee Updates

Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.