

Windom Community Council Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 11, 2022
(Meeting held via ZOOM videoconferencing)

Attending: Michelle Hemingway Tatum (P), Rob Ley (S), Pat Soulak, Patrick Barrett, Dembo Darboe, Louisa Hext, Mario Vargas (Staff)

Absent: Becky McIntosh (T)

Guests: None.

Welcome/Call to Order. Pat on behalf of Michelle called the meeting to order.

City Updates—Councilmember Koski

- Councilmember Koski is out of town and unable to join today's board meeting.

Council Business

1. Door-Knocking Update

- Goal: 18%-24% of doors.
- Door-knocking sampling is random. Every other door will be selected.
- Number of board members that have completed door-knocking: three.
- Door-knocking experience:
 - Rob & Michelle: Meeting neighbors is very gratifying. Near Rob, there are roughly six households full of children. These households have created their own small community within Windom by sharing babysitters, resources, etc. Through observation, Rob has noticed that the primary concern of those he met was safety (nothing alarming). Positive observation: affection for the Windom community.
 - Pat: Very good feedback and response. People are eager to share their thoughts. 1-2 possible new board members. Concerns: speeding, lighting, and theft. Some individuals were interested in joining committees, specifically the gardening committee. Neighborhood watch needs to be reinstated.

2. Hybrid Meeting Interactive Technology (The Owl) – Update

- Concern from last meeting: accessibility of the technology.
- Mario spoke with individuals; the technology is more accessible than ZOOM. The technology is a more enhancing technology, meaning the audio is more superior than ZOOM. Next meeting, possibly reintroduce a motion.
 - Patrick feedback: Run it by blind users. He will accomplish this between now and the next board meeting. He would like to have hands on technology.

Committee Updates

1. Finance Committee—Mario

- **Advance Update:**
 - Requested an advance of \$10,000. The advance was approved by NCR and has been deposited. Becky is collaborating closely with the bookkeeper, Claire.

2. Safety & Health Cyber Security Committee—Patrick

- **Cyber Security Information Session—Update**
 - Not much of an attendance however, it was a great session. The information was important.
 - Pat: Have we thought of inviting other communities to join these meetings?
 - Concern: We have an issue with inviting others to our meetings, being that we were hacked the last time we did that.

3. Community Development—Dembo & Mario

- **Home Loan Program Mailer Update**
 - Mailer went out yesterday, August 10th. Sent to over 2,000 homes, excluded apartments and Windom Gables.

- Rob asked, “Remind me why we excluded the apartment complexes?”
- Mario: The mailer is for a home improvement, which does not apply to renters.
Target audience: homeowners and those living in side-by-side duplexes.
- Projected to generate a lot of interest.
- Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) is the administrator of the loan, but the voucher is through Windom.
- Dembo suggested to talk about the mailer while door-knocking. Great idea!
 - Mario suggested a social media blitz.

4. Environment & Land Use Committee—Mario

○ Technical Consultations Program—Update

- Hopeful that the mailer will generate more interest.
- Update on Metro Blooms: They have undergone leadership changes and staff changes.
- We have received one application from an individual within in the community that is interested.
- We also have Pat, Becky, and Patrick on the list.

5. Outreach and Engagement—Mario

○ Apartment Outreach Planning—Update

- Goal is to start to get into the three major apartment communities: Woodhaven, City Limits, and Windom Gables.
- All three communities have new management companies.
- Developing a new strategy. Surveying will require more people and will take more time.
- Update 2019 survey to convey questions related to renters and not homeowners.
- Goal is to be done surveying by the middle of September.

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- Patrick: Spell out acronyms. Example: Page 1, Minnesota Department of Human Rights (MDHR).
- Motioning process: Omission of nomination and seconding.
 - Mario will work with Michelle to create a plan to make the motioning process more methodical.
- Michelle emailed Marina and Mario updates that need to be completed.
- A few grammatical errors that will be fixed.
- Motion to approve the minutes: Pat
 - So moved: Rob
 - Second: Patrick
 - All in favor: Pat, Rob, Patrick, Michelle, and Louisa.

Meeting adjourned—Pat at 7:39.

- So moved: Patrick
- Second: Louisa
- All in favor: Pat, Rob, Patrick, Michelle, and Louisa.