

Windom Board Meeting Minutes
10 December 2020
(Meeting held via ZOOM videoconferencing)

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

Guests: (Speakers) Jeremy Schroeder, (CCM), Jennifer Waisanen (MPD), Mario Vargas (Administrative Coordinator)

Windom Residents: Andrew Bream, Trudy Barret, Steve Rawlins & other residents.

MEETING called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Welcome/Call to Order

Veronica called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and she welcomed all neighbors, guests and participants to the meeting.

City Council Updates

Jeremy provided the Council with an update for the City of Minneapolis:

- 1) Metro Inn Motel was sold to Hennepin County for its Senior Protective Housing program
- 2) Aqua City Motel paid the citations from the City Inspectors' visit in late 2020. The City Attorney and members of the Planning Committee will be meeting with the owners & motel's attorney later in December. City's preference is for the owners to sell the motel.
- 3) City budget was adopted with a focus on public safety, with a decrease in every department including snowplowing.
- 4) Mayor Frey plans to recruit additional police officers living in the City of Minneapolis, & funding for three MPD recruit classes and community safety officers. [Under the Safety For All framework, these resources will go farther – which means we'll all get a better return on our tax dollars at a time when our belts are tightest. Rather than relying on a one-size-fits-all approach that dispatches armed officers to virtually all calls, we will shift non-emergency and mental health response to other qualified responders. This frees up officers' time so they can efficiently respond to the most urgent calls and violent crime rather than dealing with theft reports and parking problems, for example. It will also unburden officers from responding to mental health calls that can be more appropriately addressed by trained mental health professionals.]
- 5) The City Council approved the Minneapolis Transportation Action Plan, which will guide the next 10 years of planning, design, and implementation of transportation projects for all people in all the ways they move around.
- 6) The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program has been fully restored including permitting first-time DACA applications.
- 7) Gov. Walz is convening a special session of the Minnesota Legislature to extend the peacetime emergency by 30 days (after Dec. 14) to ensure that the state can continue to quickly respond to the pandemic. He also intends to pass COVID-19 relief for families, workers and small businesses affected by the pandemic.
- 8) Whether you have symptoms or not, there are many free COVID-19 testing options available – no insurance required, including Home Saliva Testing & In-Person Saliva Testing.
- 9) COVID-19 resources available on Councilman Schroeder's website at jeremy.schroeder@minneapolismn.gov

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Crime & Safety Update

Jennifer Waisanen, Crime Prevention Specialist, provided the Council an update of latest area crime trends informed attendees of Minneapolis crime dashboard at <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/resident-services/public-safety/police-public-safety/crime-maps-dashboards/>

Jennifer's department is scheduled to be moved from the Mpls. Police Department to the Neighborhood Community Relations Department..

City offers Home Security Plan as part of its safety budget offering \$100 per resident to add items to keep home/property safe. Jennifer provided the group a listing of holiday tips to stay safe.

Update of Hennepin County's Senior Protective Housing Program

Thirty-four senior residents are slated to move in to the former motel building by December 31st. Maintenance crews will be working to update rooms with new carpeting, beds, painting, etc., until move-in date. Community members will deliver welcome baskets by the end of December as well.

Committee Updates

- Community Development – Sean:

Sean will be sending Board Members a draft of the Cmty Dev Charter plan in early January.

- Engagement & Outreach – Michelle & Katharine:

Michelle will develop a draft of the WCC newsletter & first edition content. Katharine will be working to create engagement opportunities for 2021.

- Health & Safety – Patrick:

Patrick is working to have Windom compliant with the City's initiative for side streets to have a 20-mile per hour speed limits and is investigating safety concerns at various intersections within Windom.

- Finance – Becky:

Becky reported the Give MN initiative raised \$173.23 for Windom, WCC budget includes \$20,000 for youth activities, the CPP funding contract is \$60,000 and NRP has \$50,000.

Becky made a motion to take \$2K from the Windom Business Fund and add that to add to the CD fund. Motion was approved.

- Events & Fundraising – Pat:

Nothing new to report.

- Environment – Pete:

Pete continues to work on data points within Windom & their relationship with auto body locations within the neighborhood.

November Minutes Update

Minutes were approved.

Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m.