



Windom Community Council Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 13, 2025

(Hybrid Meeting held via ZOOM videoconferencing & In-Person at 5843 Wentworth)

Attending: Becky McIntosh (T), Jamie Lieser, Chad Fallon, George Hall, Mario Vargas (Executive Director)

Absent: Dembo Darboe, Derek Goodman, Michelle Hemingway (P)

Guests: Cate McIntosh (Windom resident)

Welcome/Call to Order: Becky called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

Council Business

- **2025 3rd Quarter Financials Discussion and Vote: Review of the 3rd Quarter Financials.** As of November 13th, The total income for the quarter is \$23,944.48 versus \$21,816.21 leaving \$2,128.27 as a balance. A \$1,384.93 expense was for the technology and supplies purchased for the VISTA AmeriCorp worker.
 - a. **Motion: Move to approve the 2025 3rd Quarter WCC Financials.**
 - Motion: Chad
 - Second: George
 - All in favor: Unanimous
 - Motion approved: Becky
- **WCC Board of Directors Bylaws and Policies & Procedures Discussion**
 - a. **City of Minneapolis Contract; Annual mandatory review of bylaws and policies & procedures.** Per our Neighborhoods 2020 contract with the city all Board members must review the documents annually. Any changes made should be noted to NCR Staff. In 2025, WCC did not modify its bylaws or policies and procedures. Only. Becky, Jaime and Michelle have reviewed the bylaws, policies and procedures. All must review the documents by the December Monthly Board meeting.
 - b. **WCC Revisions & Updates: Organizational review in preparation for necessary updates.** WCC Board members are asked to review the paper copy of the bylaws, policies & procedures with comments and recommendations for changes. We would like to update the documents in 2026. In order to change the bylaws, WCC must follow the expectations of NCR and the city by allowing Windom residents and members to comment as well.
- **December 2025 Newsletter**
 - a. **Content Suggestions: Home Line Partnership Announcement, 2025 Accomplishments, Give to the Max Promotion.** The December 2025 newsletter will focus on our new partnership with Home Line AmeriCorps VISTA and will highlight our green programs and partnerships including the Green Cost Share Program. Please submit your ideas for articles.
- **EOC's Long-Term Recovery Framework Initiative – Response to the Annunciation Church/School Tragedy.** The city's Emergency Operations Center director proposed a new idea that's never been implemented in the past which is to open a resilience and recovery center. The purpose is to get ahead and help residents cope with various issues. The director has convened a steering group including Annunciation parents, EOC staff, NCR staff and others to create a core leadership group. SW neighborhood representatives and NCR staff met to brainstorm candidates to sit on a neighborhood representative committee.
 - a. **Resilience Services and Center Group – Becky Neighborhood Rep. Application.** The overall steering committee will coordinate all of the various groups including the new Resilience Services Center Group. Becky has been nominated as well as has volunteered to be a neighborhoods representative on this Group. More information to follow.

Committee Reports

- **Finance**

- a. **Final 2025 & 2026 Financial Projections Update.** Next year's projections are not ready. The projections for end of this year include for 3rd Quarter end of year expenses are an estimated \$22,000 and for the 4th Quarter about \$25,000 in expenses. Some end of year expenses includes mailings to the neighborhood via a newsletter and to renters. The funds that are left include \$15k under city contracts excluding the Green Cost Share Program which may bring in about \$5k. The next



Working Board meeting should be dedicated to discussing the overall financial picture of the organization as well as what the fundraising plan will be moving forward.

- **Environment & Land Use**
 - a. **Membership and Focus Update:** The committee is dwindled down to three individuals as members have gone off to college and some have moved on to other things in their lives. The committee's focus is native gardening and working on Zero Waste efforts in Minneapolis. The group has worked to support activities in promotion of the Green Cost Share Program.
 - b. **City of Minneapolis, Department of Health Climate Legacy Fund Update.**
 - c. **2026 New WCC Climate Legacy Fund 2025 3rd Quarter Financials Discussion and Vote**
 - 1) **Contract Update - 3rd Quarter Report on Outreach Activities (Green Cost Share Program)** The committee has implemented a lot of outreach activities including tabling events in the neighborhood, tabled at the Southwest and Kingfield farmers markets, mailed a direct to resident informational postcard and a tear-off cards poster for Windom and area businesses.
 - 2) **Motion: Move to approve the WCC 3rd Quarter Windom Neighborhood Quarterly Report for Residential Energy Efficiency Outreach (Green Cost Share Program) 3rd Quarter Report to the City of Minneapolis**
 - Motion: Chad
 - Second: George
 - All in favor: Unanimous
 - Motion approved: Becky
- **Community Development – Dembo**
 - a. **Façade Grant Applicant: Foxy Dogs Grooming.**
 - 1) Motion: To support their \$ 3,658.33 grant application for new outdoor signage.
 - Motion: George
 - Second: Jaime
 - All in favor: Three
 - Against: One
 - Motion approved: Becky
 - b. **Sign Variance – Foxy Dogs Grooming.** Foxy Dogs is proposing a large sign for a larger air-blue print to promote their business. Windom should organize a community input meeting with folks who are directly affected by the new sign.
 - c. **Minneapolis Housing Authority (MHA) Redevelopment Project on 5656 Blaisdell Ave S. Update.** Becky took lead in organizing a resident meeting with MHA around the redevelopment of this property. Over 27 local block residents attended the meeting which was held in-person and via ZOOM. MHA has torn down the property, and their goal is to have it cleared by January 2026 and rebuild into a triplex by the spring of 2026.
- **Safety & Health**
 - a. **Windom Neighborhood Safety Walking Group Changes and Updates.** The group has moved walking days from weekly Monday walks to once a month on Thursday. The group will refocus on the original intent which was on promoting safety and meeting and engaging with neighbors versus its current focus on recycling and litter pick-up. The group wants to start a walking group early in the morning once a week as well and explore other times during the week according to what residents have been recommending would encourage them to walk such as walking events after 8 pm.
 - b. **Outreach & Community Engagement – Michelle/Mario**
 - c. **Renter Engagement Update.** We will be sending out a renter postcard for surveying and engagement purposes. Josh is currently working on helping us to organize some winter renter engagement events. A reminder that he is furloughed.
- **Fundraising – Jamie/Mario**
 - None

Approve WCC Meeting Minutes

- **Motion: Move to approve July & August 2025 Meeting Minutes.** Tabled to next Working Board Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm