

Windom Community Council Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
10 March 2022
(Meeting held via ZOOM videoconferencing)

Attending: Michelle Hemingway Tatum (P), Patricia Soulak (VP), Rob Ley (S), Patrick Barrett, Veronica Walther (MAL), Sean Morgan, Mario Vargas (Executive Director), Louisa Hext, Dembo Darboe

Absent: Becky McIntosh (T),

Guests: Emily Koski (City of Minneapolis Council Member Ward 11)

Welcome/Call to Order

Michelle called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

City Council Ward 11 Updates, Councilmember (CM) Emily Koski

- **Labor Contract Between the City and Minneapolis Police Federation.** A tentative agreement has been reached. It is now with the Policy and Oversight Committee which will review it on March 22, 2022. The timeframe was moved up from March 7th to allow for more community input and transparency. Legislative matching system can be assessed to get details. **After Action Review.** The city contracted a third-party after-action review following the death of George Floyd in reference to the civil unrest that occurred. March 8th Presentation by the independent organization that conducted the review. **Hiawatha Expansion Project.** CM Koski supported CM Chavez' motion in support of the Hiawatha Expansion Project in Ward 9. There is high community interest in the inclusion of a training center. CM Koski support this addition which is currently not in the blueprints. June 30th is the deadline for stakeholders and Public Works staff to present proposals for a training center. **Amendment Proposal to Intergovernmental Relations Committee Legislative Agenda.** CM Koski collaborated with CM Payne on a motion, which was approved unanimously by the City Council, to address the POST Board (Peace Officer Standards and Training Board) and the state's No Knock Warrants Law and the state's Data Practice Law relating the release of officer body camera footage. **Minneapolis Federation of Teachers Strike.** CM Koski's staff and children have joined the picket lines in support of Minneapolis teachers. CM Koski has been supporting the strikes at various schools. **Redistricting Process.** The process has been finalized. On the westside of Ward 11 nothing changed but did gain some area on the eastside near Hiawatha. **Recycling and Trash.** Residents should keep eye of a guide that will be mailed with services provided and a collection schedule for the year. **Vision Zero Capital Program.** Rapidly installs, cost effective safety improvements on high injury streets. The city has created an interactive map and site to report traffic safety concerns. **City's Behavioral Crisis Response Teams.** They are now operating M-F 24 hours a day and are dispatched through 911. **CM Koski's 100 Day Action Plan.** CM Koski has been doing community and neighborhood meetings, organized the first in-person Ward 11 meeting with about 20 people in person and 20 people online, meeting will be monthly, her office now has uploaded a Ward 11 calendar, WCC is welcome to share events to be posted on the calendar, has organized various community groups, the African American group will meet in April, the Seniors group met yesterday March 9th, the first youth community group is scheduled to meet Sunday, March 12th at Noon at Pearl Park. **Nicollet Avenue Bridge.** No updates but she will be working Public Works when they complete their communications plan. **Announcements & Programs.** Federal Communications Affordable Connectivity Program. Comcast Rise Program.
 - **Questions: Hiawatha Expansion Project.** CM Koski gave history of the building that houses Public Works in the East Phillips Neighborhood. Out of the seven acres, the city gave three acres to the community. The motion paused the demolition to give the community more time to provide input. They have 90 days to produce ideas for the training center which was removed from the original blueprints. The training center is labor-focused and will service the public. **Youth Leadership Initiatives.** CM Koski is unaware of the youth funding initiative from the city. **Q Fanatic Restaurant Crime Tap.** CM Koski is unaware of any crime related to the Q Fanatic Restaurant. Could be related to a roof issue.

Board Business

- **Board Retreat Agenda Review & Approval.** Due to the meeting being held in-person, the President is asking for everyone's COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card. The agenda was unanimously approved. The schedule is as follow: Breakfast 8:45 am – 9:00 am, Icebreaker 9:00 am – 9:30 am, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Training 9:30 am – 11:30 am, Lunch 11:30 – 12:30 pm, Visioning Session 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm, Fundraising Training 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm, Next Steps 4:30 pm – 5:00 pm. ZOOM will be available contingent on the availability of technology.
- **2022 Annual Board Meeting.** The Board unanimously approved to move the date from May 12th to May 19th. Board members present, who are up for re-election, made public their intentions to either continue or not in service. Michelle – yes, Pat – yes, Rob – yes, Patrick – yes, Veronica – No, Sean – No. Louisa – yes. Dembo – yes. Becky intends to come back.

Committee Updates

- **Windom Reads.** Planning is going well. 4 authors have signed, library and Windom School media specialist, two new authors have signed on. The date changed to May 14th. The PTO would like to collaborate on an Earth Day activity in April as well as spring festival after Windom Reads in the afterschool. Patrick will reach out to the National Federation of the blind. **Community Development.** The committee is developing a working plan for 2022. The committee is also working with CEE staff to generate marketing ideas to promote the program. Awareness and usage of the program has diminished in the last two years. The committee is developing a campaign to increase use organically through social media first. A plan will be presented to the Board in April. **Environment/Land Use.** The committee plans on an Earth Day activity with the Windom School. Ideas being generated include another garbage clean-up. The committee is relaunching the \$25 Alternative Garden Technical Consultations Program this summer and potentially collaborating with the school on a landscaping improvement project. The committee needs a new chair. **Outreach and Engagement.** CM Koski is organizing three groups for African American, Youth and Senior. Becky is participating in the Senior group.

Operations & Programs Updates

- **WCC Shared Drive.** WCC staff is beta testing the WCC Shared Drive for Board members to have access to important documents related to serving on the Board. The goal is to have it ready for the Board retreat. **Hiring Update.** WCC is hiring two community organizers and an administrative assistant. The organization received three resumes for the community organizer jobs and zero for the administrative position. The plan is for the Hiring Committee to start reviewing and interviewing candidates. **Transitioning - Hennepin County Metro Inn Housing Update.** The Hennepin County COVID-19 Senior Emergency Housing program has successfully concluded. Forty-six homeless people have been moved to permanent housing. The second phase will begin and last for the next several months. A new program, which is still under the county, is being developed and renovations are being done on the property. New residents will be permanent renters. Few details are known about the new program.

Minutes Review/Approval

- The Board reviewed and approved the WCC February 10, 2022, Board Minutes unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.