

Windom Board Meeting Minutes
8 April 2021
(Meeting held via ZOOM videoconferencing)

Attending: Veronica Walter (P), Becky McIntosh (T), Michelle Hemingway Tatum (S), Patricia Soulak (MAL), Patrick Barrett, Sean Morgan

Absent: Pete Johnson (VP), Micah Stevenson, Katharine Krueger (resigned)

Guests: Jeremy Schroeder (City of Minneapolis Council Member Ward 11), Mario Vargas (Administrative Coordinator)

Welcome/Call to Order

Veronica called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and members of the community in attendance. Veronica mentioned that this meeting was going to be focused on Windom's Plan Modification Policies and the Community's votes.

City Council Updates

- Jeremy Schroeder began his Community updates with highlighting the City's COVID-19 vaccination eligibility and provided two websites for neighbors to check for vaccine locations:

County connector: https://covidvaccine.hennepin.us/jfe/form/SV_1Rps7sT0iSFxCBm

State connector: <https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/connector/connector.jspNeighborhood>

- Councilman Schroeder informed the Council he has not heard from Aqua City Motel's lawyer concerning any progress with finding a buyer of the Motel. Once Jeremy learns any information, he will pass it along to the WCC.

- The Councilman also highlighted the City has awarded roughly \$1 million to seven community organizations to provide positive outreach and support services during and after the trials of the former officers. These community organizations will support two-way communication between community and the City; provide informal de-escalation, mediation, and conflict resolution if needed; and share information about existing City and community resources.

Groups/NCR 3.31 Meeting Update

Veronica updated neighbors of the distinctions between City of Minneapolis telephone numbers:

Any suspicious activities, which does not need emergency Minneapolis Police Department involvement, should be reported by calling 311.

For activities, which police involvement is needed, call 911.

For general services of the City of Minneapolis or outside the City, call 612-673-3000.

Veronica shared that during last year's riots, the 911 phone service received anywhere between 7,000 – 8,000 calls each day.

Lastly, during the Chauvin Trial, the City of Minneapolis will be sending emails informing its citizens of any activities, which may result in safety concerns. Veronica has offered to answer any questions or find out the answers to questions.

Windom Plan Modifications & Community Vote Review

Becky reported that the Neighborhood Public Vote resulted in 46 responses to the three Plan Modifications. Although the majority of responses (approximately 89%) were positive & supportive of the Plans. The Council agreed that the individual sub-committees would address the negative responses and clarify the goals of the Plans.

Annual Meeting & Board Vacancies

Pat and Veronica will be hosting the Annual Meeting and the Council agreed the Meeting should be moved to June 10th. Moving the date will allow more time to work on the Plan Modifications and to recruit potential Board Members, since the Board has two vacancies to fill and four re-elections.

The Board also discussed using videos of members promoting their work on the Board, having additional money set aside for safety items not covered by NCR's requirements and request the sub-committees meet next week to begin work from the Plan Modifications.

Committee Updates

Windom Community Garden: Pat/Brian

Pat will be reaching out to the Garden's Leadership Circle requesting their assistance taking care of the garden maintenance, etc.

Events Committee: Annual Meeting Pat & Veronica

The date change will be listed on the WCC website and be highlighted in the Spring Newsletter.

Outreach and Engagement Committee: Michelle

The Spring newsletter will be ready to go out within the next two weeks.

Environment: Pete

The Story of Plastic is taking place on April 15th and Pete has coordinated a partnership with Forever Ware.

Public Safety and Health – Patrick

Patrick is working on a Block Leader Spring meeting, City Speed limit initiative & a letter to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

February & March Minutes Approval

These minutes will be approved online with any changes.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m. by Veronica.