

Windom Board Meeting Minutes 14 February 2019

Attending Board Members: Steve Rawlins (P), Becky McIntosh (T), Timothy Olson, Patrick Barrett (by phone), Veronica Walther

Absent Board Members: Brian O'Shea (VP), Jacky Juneke (S), Pat Soulak, Pete Johnson

Additional Attendees: Mario Vargas (Administrative Coordinator), Jeremy Schroeder (Councilman), Stacy Sorenson (NCR - Minneapolis), Colleen O'Dell (Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board)

Annual Meeting – Thursday, May 9, 2019

Meeting:

- 1) Steve Rawlins called meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- 2) Meeting minutes from January 2019 were unanimously approved by the Board.
- 3) Metro-Inn Development Discussion. Tim initiated a discussion surrounding efforts by Garfield Avenue residents to engage North Bay Companies. He requested that the wishes of the affected residents be respected and followed by North Bay. Steve and Veronica gave a summary of the February 9th meeting highlighting that good discussion was had and an approach had been agreed upon by the group. Councilman Schroeder agreed with the discussion and applauded the turn out for meeting. He added that with any project of this size there are expectation adjustments that need to be made on both sides [resident/community & developer].
- 4) Councilman Schroeder provided City and Ward 11 updates including reminder to residents and homeowners to shovel snow from sidewalks and walkways. He provided a brief description of the City's new Right-to-Know Energy Disclosure effort he co-sponsored. Energy Disclosure enables Minneapolis residents to know the true cost of their housing options and gives guidance energy reduction use and utility bills. Also, the City's low-cost trees lottery program is back. Large species shade trees are \$30 each. Fruit trees and smaller species are \$40 each. Comparable trees cost about \$125 at a nursery. He reminded Windom neighbors to participate in the various City and Park/Rec Board planning efforts underway. He will host a Minneapolis Neighborhoods 2020 informal community discussion on March 12th 2 pm – 3:30 pm at Nokomis Library (5100 34th Ave S) – anyone can attend.
- 5) Colleen O'Dell from the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) presented and took feedback, as part of the Southwest Service Area Master Plan process, on initial concept designs for our Windom South Park recreation center. Feedback from Board members included:
 - a. MPRB should coordinate any improvements/changes to the outdoor areas with Minneapolis Public Schools and their property renovation team moving forward.
 - b. Windom Reads attendee provided positive input into the concept designs included support for the new parking, kids park and play areas, clarity on the options to the alternative grass "turf" proposed in the north field - part of the park, support for new and more gardens and the inclusion of designed areas for the healthy growth of milkweed in support of our monarch butterfly visitors.
 - c. WCC committed to doing a big social media push in March prior to the deadline to Windom neighbors for input and invited MPRB to attend our Tots Rock event to get more in person direct feedback from residents. WCC will also send a letter of support to MPRB on its initial concepts and the process they've followed to engage Windom.
- 6) Billing for Windom Youth Activities. Stacy recommended that WCC no longer bill activities mostly related to youth programming (i.e. Tots Rock, Windom Reads) to our CPP contract which is reserved for neighborhood engagement activities. She recommended a plan modification that "rolls forward" our Phase II Youth Recreations Program strategy. This modification must be advertised to the community 21 days in advance and then publicly approved by the community at then next Board meeting in March. The Board unanimously approved the immediate tentative appropriation of \$25,000 (its allowed maximum) from the neighborhood priority reserve to cover these expenses as well as others in the pipeline including the Box Wraps and the Community Garden.
- 7) Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.