

Windom Board Meeting Minutes
11 March 2021
(Meeting held via ZOOM videoconferencing)

Attending: Veronica Walter (P), Pete Johnson (VP), Becky McIntosh (T), Michelle Hemingway Tatum (S), Patricia Soulak (MAL), Patrick Barrett, Katharine Krueger, Sean Morgan, Micah Stevenson

Guests: Mario Vargas (ED), Jeremy Schroeder, (City of Minneapolis Council Member Ward 11), Aryca Myers (NCR Neighborhood Specialist)

Welcome/Call to Order

Veronica called the meeting to order at 7:02 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:

Staff presented a briefing this morning highlighting the City's plans and preparations to assure safety throughout the community in anticipation of the upcoming trial of former police officer Derek Chauvin. A recording of that briefing is available from the City's YouTube channel. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation can be accessed here.

<https://lms.minneapolismn.gov/Download/File/5000/Public%20Safety%20Briefing%20Presentation.pdf>

- Mr. Schroeder provided an update on the Aqua City Motel, stating the City's inspectors have not had any concerns with the Motel and the City is NOT continuing to investigate revoking their license. The Motel's owners continue to look for buyer, since they are looking to sell the Motel.

- Councilman Schroeder will host my next virtual Ward 11 Community Conversation on Tuesday, March 16 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. All Ward 11 community members are welcome to join online or by phone.

NCR CPP Plan Modifications and New Neighborhood Funding Programs

Aryca Myers, NCR Neighborhood Specialist, reviewed the City's new funding programs and their requirements. (See Neighborhood Organization Recognition Requirements)

Aryca answered WCC Board questions regarding the new City funding programs for neighborhood:

- What programs or projects have other neighborhood groups successfully implemented in the area of Outreach and Engagement, particularly on outreach to renters?

NCR will be available to help paperwork and support in an advisory role to ensure eligibility for funding. The largest change will be to focus more on equality. NCR will be available to answer questions and assist with the workload. The goal is to have all work completed by the end of 2021.

- What does NCR plan to do to provide support to neighborhood groups as they implement these high stakes' requirements under our new contracts with the City?

By investigating the neighborhoods' wants/needs, communities will be provided a commitment contract with their Neighborhood's Councils.

- What are the resources that NCR plans to make available such as NCR's cultural outreach and accessibility staff, CPA/accounting support etc.?

Although NCR support staff members have limited time to be spread throughout the numerous commit councils, there are resources available and willing to help. Aryca provided a listing of NCR contact names, numbers and emails.

- When can neighborhood groups expect to start receiving the engagement program/program templates? Are we still on for April 15?

Templates and operations manual will be available on April 15th.

2021 General Budget Overview

Becky reviewed the 2021 WCC Budget with meeting attendees (see attached budget). The Board agreed that the majority of this year's funds will be attributed to putting in place the NCR's requirements.

Plan Modifications Review & Preliminary Board Vote

Finalized Plan Modifications Proposals were sent to the Board for a preliminary vote. Committee Chairs presented their projects [Outreach/Engagement, Environment, Safety/Health]. The Plan Modifications were approved to move forward.

Committee Updates:

Events Committee – Pat

Windom Reads post-event update

Outreach and Engagement Committee – Michelle

Spring newsletter & Survey prep projects

Environmental – Pete

Spring happenings and planned activities (Story of Plastic on April 15th)

Public Safety and Health – Patrick

Outreach to block leaders on plan modification home security project

The February Minutes approval were postponed until April Meeting

Move to adjourn meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Additional Meeting notes for further information:

Trial Safety website: <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/trial-support-safety/>

Includes links to social media

Facebook and Twitter will have the most up to date information <https://twitter.com/CityMinneapolis>

<https://www.facebook.com/cityofminneapolis>

Operation Safety Net

Follow Facebook and Twitter

City of Minneapolis press conferences - weekly Thursday at 10:30am

Streamed live on city Facebook page

Operation Safety Net press conferences - weekly Monday at 2pm

Streamed live on their Facebook page

Cultural radio programs will have weekly programs

Business and Property Safety

<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/trial-support-safety/business-property-safety/>

Resident Safety

<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/trial-support-safety/resident-safety/>

Cultural wellness directory

<https://www.culturalwellnessdirectory.com/>

<https://www.minneapolisfoundation.org/stories/fund-for-safe-communities/2021-micro-grants/>