

Windom Board Meeting Minutes
11 June 2020
(Meeting held via ZOOM videoconferencing)

Attending Board Members: Jacky Juneke (P), Becky McIntosh (T), Veronica Walther (VP), Patrick Barrett, Steve Rawlins (S), Brian O'Shea, Pat Soulak, Michelle Hemingway Tatum

Absent Board Members: Pete Johnson

Additional Attendees: Mario Vargas (Administrative Coordinator), Jeremy Schroeder (Councilman), Tim Hokanson (Mount Olivet Homes), Ira Jourdain (Minneapolis Public Schools), Windom residents: Katherine Noreen, Sean Morgan, Robyn Hansen, Elizabeth Bieging

Meeting:

- 1) Jacky called meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- 2) Tim Hokanson, President of Mount Olivet Homes announced the remodeling of one of their building's external areas. The remodeling will include a parking canopy (55th & Lyndale). There will not be an increase in parking, but new landscaping will materialize. Construction to begin in August and roads remain open.
- 3) Ira Jourdain, Board of Education district representative to the Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) presented on a variety of issues. MPS will continue to distribute meals to families through July 24th. MPS will see budget increases particularly as they relate to the math curriculum. MPS has cancelled its contract with the Minneapolis Police Department. The funds (about 1.3 million dollars) will be diverted to increase the number of counselors (about 11) and social workers. The Board of Education has voted in favor of the Comprehensive District Design (CDD) recommendations. The CDD has not been finalized and more changes are anticipated including adjustments to bell times.
- 4). Annual Meeting Discussion. The annual meeting will be held this September and will consist of both virtual (videoconferencing, phone) and in-person components. The virtual meeting would be considered the formal meeting. A tentative date is September 10th (6 pm – 8 pm) for the virtual meeting and Friday, September 11th or Saturday, September 12th for the in-person community celebration/meeting. Mario to look into other neighborhood annual meetings including Kenny and Armitage.
- 5) Councilman Jeremy Schroeder gave us his update on City Hall. George Floyd the killing of George Floyd prompted City Council and the Mayor to act with regards to the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD). The Mayor signed a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) to force some immediate changes and set a timeline for the state's civil rights investigation into MPD. It will seek to ban choke-holds and also require officers to intervene against unauthorized force. The City Council has not voted to abolish the MPD but instead to defund it. The challenge is the point where city vs. state authority meet to make reforms happen at MPD. No updates on the Aqua Inn and Metro Inn motel purchase. Aqua Inn purchase by Dan Oberpriller's Northbay Companies is still on but they are no longer pursuing the Metro Inn. More complaints continue to be lodged against the owners of the motels by Garfield residents who want the drug use, prostitution and loitering to cease. Councilman Schroeder informed the group that it had lodged several violations against the owners.
- 6) Charitable Board Resolution vote. The Board membership present approved the annual Charitable Board Report to the State of Minnesota with edits and changes to contacts listed in the report.
- 7) Minutes for May meeting approved.
- 8) Census 2020 and the speed limit grant projects are in progress. The Safety Committee is leading the speed limit grant effort and to increase members.
- 9) WCC Neighborhoods 2020 Letter. The Executive Committee has drafted and will be mailing a letter making comment on proposals embedded in the Neighborhoods 2020 funding guidelines around outreach and engagement.
- 10) Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.