



Windom Community Council Monthly Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 9, 2026
(Hybrid Meeting held via ZOOM videoconferencing & In-Person at 5843 Wentworth)

Attending: Derek Goodman, Chad Fallon (S), Dembo Darboe, Michelle Hemingway (P), Becky McIntosh (T), Jamie Lieser (VP), Mario Vargas (Executive Director)

Guests: Jamison Whiting (Ward 11 Councilmember), Cate McIntosh (Windom resident).

Welcome/Call to Order: Jamie called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

City Hall/Community Safety and Wellness Center Update – CM Whiting

- a. CM Whiting informed the group that the Community Safety Training and Wellness Center project did not make it out of Committee of the Whole, as it was moved to delay due to lack of votes. The project proposal has been pushed back to staff to consider some of the recommendations coming from both Council and the community. There is a community meeting that is being organized by some Windom residents on April 23rd at 6 pm Washburn Library. The purpose is to share concerns about the potential impact. Several publicly elected officials will be in attendance.
- b. On a different note, the city is looking the LeJeune property for redevelopment for city use not related to Community Safety Training and Wellness Center.

Council Business

- **2025 WCC Annual Tax Filing and MN Attorney General Annual Charitable Organization Report – Review and Vote**

Each year WCC file annually with the Attorney General and with IRS its financial position and taxes. Generally, the treasurer, encouraged by our bookkeeper, likes to file these in the first quarter of the year by the end of March early April.

 - a. Motion: Move to approve the WCC Annual 990-EZ Tax and Attorney General Charitable Organization Report Filings for 2025
 1. Motion: Becky
 2. Second: Dembo
 3. All in favor: Unanimous
 4. Motion approved: Jamie
- **FY 2026 NRP Phase II Reallocation Application – Review and Vote**

In December 2025 at its Monthly Board Meeting, the Board discussed the need to move NRP Phase II funds towards Program Implementation to balance the 2026 budget. In January of 2026, during Working Board Meeting, the Board agreed to move income from the following categories: Program Income, Bike Racks, Senior Support and Tree Planting.

 - a. Motion: Motion: Move to NRP Phase II Reallocation Application which includes \$36,469.14 in program income and \$13,530.86 in the following pre-contracted line items: \$4,805 [bike racks], \$5,000 [senior support], \$2,725.86 [Facade], \$1,000 [Tree Planting].
 1. Motion: Becky
 2. Second: Dembo
 3. All in favor: Unanimous
 4. Motion approved: Jamie
- **2025 Annual NCR (Neighborhood and Community Relations) Report – Review and Vote**

For the new Board members this is a reminder that each year, the city requires that a report to be submitted to NCR documenting the contract approved activities that took place and how public funds were used in the year prior. In years prior, the report was due in March 1st. This year the report is due on April 15th. A key change from 2024 is that we did not canvass so this led to less Board volunteer hours. Most of the direct to neighbor contacts were made was Mondays through the Windom Neighborhood Safety Walking Group.

 - a. Motion: Move to approve the WCC 2025 Annual Windom Neighborhood Organization Report.
 1. Motion: Becky
 2. Second: Dembo
 3. All in favor: Unanimous
 4. Motion approved: Jamie



- **May 14, 2026, Annual Meeting and Board Elections – Discussion & Vote**
 - a. Annual Meeting: Logistics [food, location, promotion], Event Purpose/Agenda
The 2025 Annual Meeting will be held in the gymnasium. The Board agreed to once again send out a resident mailer with RSVP capability. The website and social media (Facebook) will be used to promote the process. In years past we've opened nominations on the day of the event. This is a requirement from the city embedded in our contract. This year, we will use the same agenda as last year: Guest Speaker Comments, Annual Accomplishment and Budget, New Board Member Elections and Community Input Session.
 - i. Move to approve up to \$2,000 (increased from \$1,800) for printing and postage costs for a promotional post card to be mailed to the Windom households.
 - 1. Motion: Michelle
 - 2. Second: Dembo
 - 3. All in favor: Unanimous
 - 4. Motion approved: Becky
- **2026 Minneapolis Neighborhood Day: Windom Event – Discussion & Vote**
 - a. Oak Hill Cemetery Tours: May 2, 2026
May 2nd is Minneapolis Neighborhoods Day. As part of Neighborhoods Day 2026, WCC is organizing two tours of our Oak Hill Cemetery. One tour will focus on the history of the cemetery. Oak Hill was established in 1857. The Bachman Family are one of the founding families. It is one of the oldest cemetery's operating. The second tour will be an arbor tour led by the former head arborist for the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. This
 - i. Motion: Move to approve up to \$100 coffee and donuts for the 1st Annual Windom Oak Hill Cemetery Historic & Tree Planting Event.
 - 1. Motion: Dembo
 - 2. Second: Michelle
 - 3. All in favor: Unanimous
 - 4. Motion approved: Becky

Committee Reports

- 1. Finance – None
- 2. Environment & Land Use – Becky
 - a. Upcoming Events, Hennepin County Grant Update
-Grant has been submitted and WCC will know at the end of summer regarding an award decision.
- 3. Community Development – None
 - a. Lejeune Property Sale / MPRB & City Partnership Discussion
-CM Whiting is interested meeting with the Development Committee to discuss the redevelopment of Lejeune for community use. Next steps include meeting with both CM Whiting and Commissioner Abene.
 - b. MnDOT's Pedestrian Bridge Study Trunk HWY 121 Focus Group
-MnDOT reached out to WCC to help promote a few focus groups to be held in Windom and Kenny. The purpose of the focus groups is to gather information from residents on both sides of Trunk HWY 121 who use the bridge. They'd like to know what way this bridge can be more accessible to all residents.
- 4. Safety & Health – Michelle/Becky
 - a. Metro Inn / Agate Housing Community Safety Meeting Update
-After a year of struggles with residents living in the Single Occupancy Room (SOR) facility (Metro Inn). In the summer of 2025, Lyndale Liquor, Walgreens and the BP gas station led efforts to address continuous thefts coming from the SOR tenants. Since then, Agate Housing, managing SOR, has made some lasting changes in management and in the recruitment of tenants that have proven to help drop the truancy.
- 5. Outreach & Community Engagement – Michelle
 - a. City Limits is under management. The new management team is interested in working with WCC on tenant outreach and engagement issues. Engagement into the apartments was paused due to Metro surge activity and due to our VISTA tenant organizer leaving the program and thus leaving his service with WCC.
- 6. Fundraising – None

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm