

Windom Board Meeting Minutes
9 April 2020
(Meeting held via ZOOM videoconferencing for the first time)

Attending Board Members: Jacky Junek (P), Becky McIntosh (T), Veronica Walther (VP), Patrick Barrett, Pete Johnson, Steve Rawlins (S), Brian O'Shea, and Michelle Hemingway. Absent: Pat Soulak (O@L)

Additional Attendees: Mario Vargas (Administrative Coordinator), Councilman Jeremy Schroeder

Meeting:

- 1) Councilman Schroeder gave his report
 - a. COVID-19, city approved \$5M emergency assistance for the homeless, low-interest loans to businesses.
 - b. Motels license revocation. City held-off revoking license so that the Motels could negotiate sale. No sale. Since no longer in middle of being sold, city can resume applying pressure. No inspection while COVID, but they will be first up when inspections resume.
 - c. Neighborhoods 2020 Framework
 - i. CURA (UofM) hired for Racial Equity study which became framework
 - ii. Equity Framework had 4 buckets (to go for funding): Base, Equity, Partnership with other Neighborhood orgs, Collaboration with other non-profits
 - iii. Funds for combining neighborhoods HPDL (x3 'hoods), NENA (x4)
 - iv. He is concerned that there be no plan; he hopes we go for Base Funding and Equity Funding
 - d. MPS Restructuring – no report
- 2) Events: Annual Meeting
 - a. Tentatively hold Annual meeting in the fall. Mario will post the delay.
 - b. All events on hold
 - c. City COVID guidelines allow for Community Garden. Hold Garden clean-up event Saturday 4/25, but maintain safe "Social Distance". Hold shifts, have a drop-off box. Once going, easy to maintain distance.
- 3) Bylaws temporary amendment
 - a. Board Member (2 year) and Director (1 year) terms. Proposal: extend existing terms until Annual Meeting. Approved unanimously.
- 4) Committee Updates
 - a. Outreach & Engagement
 - i. Proposed: \$1100 for Spring Newsletter and (\$595 for printing newsletter and \$527 for postage). Approved.
 - ii. Keep entering Surveys (Veronica and Becky have some)
 - iii. We obtained \$750 Census "mini-grant" from Minneapolis Foundation, but since COVID delays, we need to push Outreach
 - b. Safety & Traffic
 - i. We obtained \$2K city grant, for Outreach Campaign to help promote traffic safety, reduce speeding
 - c. Events & Fundraising - no Report
 - d. Environment & Land Use
 - i. Donation list for Biochar, but on-hold due to COVID
 - ii. Litter Be Gone postponed until Fall
- 5) Proposal to change "Windom Neighborhood" Facebook Group from Private to Public
 - a. Tabled, keep Private and compare notes with other neighborhood pages, such as Kingfield Neighborhood, and read Facebook's own guidelines
 - b. Pete said he'd be willing to help
- 6) Approve March Minutes: tabled until next time