

Windom Community Council Board Meeting Minutes
08 July 2021
(Meeting held via ZOOM videoconferencing)

Attending: Veronica Walther (P), Pete Johnson (VP), Becky McIntosh (T), Michelle Hemingway Tatum (S), Patricia Soulak (MAL), Patrick Barrett, Sean Morgan, Dembo Darboe, Louisa Hext, and Robert Ley.

Absent: Micah Stevenson, Katharine Krueger (resigned)

Guests: Sarah Ganglehoff, (City of Minneapolis) in for Councilman Jeremy Schroeder (City of Minneapolis Council Member Ward 11), Mario Vargas (Administrative Coordinator)

Welcome/Call to Order

Veronica called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

City Hall Updates

Mario read the City Hall update Sarah Ganglehoff sent for Councilman Schroeder who is on vacation. Please see attachment for update. The best way to reach Councilman Schroeder is to call his office at 612-673-2211 or send an email jeremy.schroeder@minneapolismn.gov

Veronica also reminded the Committee of the City of Minneapolis' tip line in an effort to better serve the community, the Minneapolis Police Department has launched a new phone number for people to share information about suspicious activity that does not require an immediate response. **The number to call to provide a tip is 612-673-5335.** People with an emergency should continue to call 911.

WCC Board Officer Elections

The Board held an online, confidential election for new officers who will begin their one-year election term at next month's August Board Meeting. Following are the Committee's new members: Veronica Walther (MAL) Patricia Soulak (VP), Becky McIntosh (T), Robert Ley (S) and Michelle Hemingway Tatum (P).

NCR: Neighborhood Engagement Plan Update

Mario & Michelle reviewed NCR's requirements & timeline for the Board and informed the Committee of NCR's Engagement Plan Presentation and Q & As on July 15th, one at 11:30 am and the other at 6:00 pm. In the presentation we will go over the Engagement Plan Template, how to fill it out using an example, and will have time for questions about the plan. Michelle & Mario will present the Board with WCC's draft of the plan at August's 8th meeting for input, additions, and changes.

Nature Friendly, Home Safety Rebate, Renter Survey Program Updates

Becky shared there are nine applicants for Windom Nature Friendly project in collaboration with Metro Blooms.

Patrick informed the Committee 23 households were interest in the Home Safety Rebate and reviewing the homeowners' applications will begin. Homeowners will be notified within the next several weeks of approvals.

Michelle & Marion updated the Committee on the Renter Survey Program to gather information from members of the Windom Community to better serve them by identifying and acting on neighborhood priorities, influencing City decisions on plans, policies, procedures, programs and services to increase involvement in civic and community life.

Committee Updates

Events Committee:

Mario informed the Committee a Windom families are having a neighborhood-wide yard sale Friday, July 16 & Saturday, July 17th from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Patricia continues to work with the Windom Recreation Center Staff planning an autumn Block Party for the community.

Outreach and Engagement Committee:

Michelle asked that the Summer Newsletter be sent July 15th to include the Hennepin County Capital Assessment on the Protective Senior Housing Project located on Lyndale Avenue.

Environmental and Land Use Committee:

Veronica updated the Committee on the Windom Garden Tour, which will take place Saturday, July 17th from 9 a.m. – 12 noon with nine residents participating in the Tour. Garden Experts will also be available to answer questions concerning rain gardens and bioswales.

Public Safety and Health Committee:

Patrick provided the Committee of a recent sex offender living in the Windom neighborhood. He will reach out to Windom's Crime Watch Specialist, Jennifer Waisanen, for further information to share with the community.

May & June Minutes

Michelle will send out these minutes by Tuesday for the Board's approval by the end of next week.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m. by Veronica.