

Windom Board Meeting Minutes
14 May 2020
(Meeting held via ZOOM videoconferencing)

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

Additional Attendees: Mario Vargas (Administrative Coordinator), Councilman Jeremy Schroeder, Jennifer Waisanan (MPD), Ira Jourdain (MPS)

Meeting:

- 1) Councilman Schroeder gave his report
 - a. Neighborhoods 2020 Framework Delayed until July, full council by August
 - b. COVID Response efforts. Expect Budget Shortfall. Minneapolis is under 500,000 residents and so does not qualify for Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) money from Federal Government.
 - c. Motels not sold yet. Still stuck on price. In the meantime, city has cited them for code violations. COVID inhibits inspections, so awkward time. Until now, the city has not wanted to get in the way of a sale, so has given them time, but now losing patience.
- 2) Ira Jourdain from Minneapolis Public School Board by phone
 - a. Comprehensive District Design (CDD) Passed 6-3, opposed by Jourdain, Walser and Felder.
 - b. CDD goes into effect Fall 2021
 - c. Fall 2020 re-opening plans should be set by June
- 3) Jennifer Waisanan from Minneapolis Police Department reported on Crime in Windom in 2020 thus far, also showed trends. She sent us the report by email.
- 4) Events: Annual Meeting
 - a. Tentatively hold Annual meeting summer, possibly by Zoom or Konveio (konve.io) or equivalent
 - b. Conducting board elections will be a challenge, assuming remote meeting
 - c. If we meet in person at all, we should also provide a dial-in, remote option as some will not feel comfortable attending in person
- 5) Home Loan program not succeeding. Stacy Sorenson & Jim Hasnik have recommended relaxing terms from 4% to 2% (and 0% for emergency). We should vote in June.
- 6) Committee Updates
 - a. Garden
 - i. Biochar delivered! The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux community donated and arranged delivery of large load biochar to the garden (it's wonderful stuff)
 - ii. Kick-off meeting held via Zoom, first work weekend May 15th
 - iii. Observing Covid19 prevention procedures (not locking, wear gloves, limited volunteers at one time)
 - b. Outreach & Engagement
 - i. Newsletter, delayed, due out
 - ii. Survey stalled at 321 responses
 - c. Safety & Traffic – Ethan, who is in charge of the Speed Limit Grant, has said things are on hold for the present due to COVID. Patrick will review the grant and discuss it with Mario, particularly considering another option from the public awareness meeting. Yard signs could be the alternative. Mario will check back with Ethan in a couple of weeks.
 - d. Events & Fundraising – on hold
 - e. Environment & Land Use – secured Biochar donation (see garden) from Mde Sioux SMSC Organics Recycling facility, making us one of the first Community Gardens to take advantage
- 7) March and April Minutes were approved and accepted into the record