



## Windom Community Council Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 11, 2024

(Hybrid Meeting held via ZOOM videoconferencing & In-Person at 5843 Wentworth)

**Attending:** Michelle Hemingway Tatum (P), Becky McIntosh (T), Dembo Darboe, Jaime Leiser, Dean Anderson, Mario Vargas (Executive Director),

Absent: Incha Krein

**Guests:** Greta Callahan (Candidate for School Board Trustee District 6), Cate McIntosh (Resident).

**Welcome/Call to Order:** Michelle called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

### Presentation by Greta Callahan - Candidate for School Board Trustee District 6

#### Council Business

- **Minneapolis Sustainability Grant Training 8/28/24 – Becky**
  - The City of Minneapolis has received federal funding to improve weatherization, lead and healthy homes, electrification and solar & renewable energy across Minneapolis, specifically in 8 neighborhoods. Its part of the City's aggressive Climate Legacy Initiative. Seven of these organizations are in the north and south side areas called Green Zones. These are low-income areas where people of color have disproportionately been affected negatively by environmental factors due to old and poor housing and infrastructure. Windom was selected as a non-Green Zone neighborhood and will be hosting a community information session on the project and the City's Climate Legacy initiative. Becky recommended a 10 am – Noon timeslot for the meeting in Windom.
- **Officer Elections – Michelle**
  - Motion: Move Officer Elections to the upcoming Board Retreat.
    - i. Motion: Becky
    - ii. Second: Dembo
    - iii. All in favor: Unanimous
    - iv. Motion approved: Michelle
- **Board Retreat Discussion- Michelle**
  - Date: Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> 8- 3 PM
    - Motion: Move to Hold the 2024 Board retreat on 9.28.24.
      - Motion: Dembo
      - Second: Becky
      - All in favor: Unanimous
      - Motion approved: Michelle
  - Location: Staff will look at Woodlake Nature Center in Richfield and Hyland Nature Reserve in Bloomington. The Board's number one choice is Woodlake Nature Center. There was some discussion about having the meeting in Windom. The Board retreat is a time for Board Members to unplug from families for a day to plan for the coming year. This is why it is held outside.
  - Training Components will consist of an icebreaker, strategic planning for the next 5-10 years and officer elections. The agenda will not be formalized until the next Working Board meeting.



- **Apartment Outreach - Michelle**

- WCC's Equitable Engagement Plan outlines a renter engagement workplan in detail. Staff presented two key steps that have already kicked off the process. Step 1 has been to engage the rental property management companies. Over the last two years, all three major complex owners have changed either management companies or property managers. The plan is to proactively work with each new company manager to co-plan reaching and engaging their tenants. City Limits, Woodhaven, and Windom Gables Townhomes have each shown support at varying levels. Step two involves organizing renters and starting the process of designing programming with tenant representatives in the three properties. The timeline is aggressive and depends on how successful WCC can be a developing relationship with new managers. The alternative is reaching tenants directly in-person as they enter and leave the buildings and by mail.

- **Board Appointment - Michelle**

- George Hall was unable to attend the July 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Board & Elections meeting due to a family matter. He planned to attend the meeting to seek re-election but at the last minute could not attend. He would like to continue serving in Board member capacity.
- Motion: Move to appoint George Hall to a vacant position serving a one-year term ending in May 2025.
  - v. Motion: Becky
  - vi. Second: Jamie
  - vii. All in favor: Unanimous
  - viii. Motion approved: Michelle

- **Announcements - Michelle**

- Reminder: Ice Cream Social Board Involvement 7/18/24, (5:30 pm – 7:30 pm)
- Uptown Fair @ Bachman's 8/3/24 10am – 6pm & 8/4/24 10am – 4pm. Bachman's is hosting this year's Uptown Fair at their headquarters in the Windom neighborhood. WCC is seeking a meeting with Karen Bachman to learn more about logistics and ways that we can work with them on the event.

- **Committee Reports**

- **Finance - Becky**
  - None
- **Environment & Land Use – Becky**
  - None
- **Community Development - Dembo**
  - None.
- **Safety and Health - Michelle**
  - None
- **Outreach and Community Engagement - Michelle**
  - None

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm