



Windom Community Council Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 10, 2024

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

Attending: Michelle Hemingway Tatum (P), Becky McIntosh (T), Dembo Darboe, Incha Krein, Jamie Lieser, Dean Anderson, Mario Vargas (Executive Director)

Absent: George Hall

Guests: Emily Koski (Ward 11 Councilmember)

Welcome/Call to Order: Michelle called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

City Hall Updates: CM Koski

- October 9th Agate and 5617-21 Lyndale Apartment Complex Fires: An estimated 18 of the 38 units have burned down. The Red Cross, the Minneapolis Foundation, the City of Minneapolis and Agate are working together to help displaced residents. About 14 Agate residents are displaced but they will be supported through Agate housing services. Single Room Occupancy (SRO) clients, which are characteristic of Agate residents, are more difficult to house due to the nature of their housing situations. Little is known about the Lyndale Avenue apartment complex renters as to whether they are market rate renters or low-income renters. The two firefighters who were mildly injured have now recovered.
- The city is in the middle of budget season. A public hearing is set for November to finalize the budget presentations to the public. After this the amendment process will begin.
- Saturday, October 26th WCC is hosting a community information meeting related to the Aqua City site redevelopment.
- WCC is co-organizing a meeting on October 21st with local Windom businesses to discuss the rash of break-ins and thefts south of W 60th Street.

Council Business

- **Officer Elections – Mario**
 - The Board officers of the organization include the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Board officers serve at the discretion of the overall Board of Directors for a period of 1 year. An overview of the officer responsibilities tied to each of the positions was reviewed. The President serves as the CEO of the organization with signatory authority and external representation on behalf of the organization. The Vice-President backs the President but also had additional responsibilities around Board member engagement. The Secretary oversees internal and external communications including records keeping, Board minutes and policies related to communications. The Treasurer manages contracts, and financial management systems of the organization and serves as the key executive on the organization's bank accounts.
 - Sitting Board Officers; Michelle Tatum (President), Jamie Lieser (Vice-President), and Becky McIntosh (Treasurer) would like to continue in their roles. The Secretary role is open. Board Member Dean is interested in taking on the responsibility. Being that there are no challengers to the 3 incumbents nor to Board Member Dean, the Board Members present voted in by slate voting the four members to their designed Board Officer seats.
 - Motion: Move to elect Board Members Michelle Tatum (President), Jamie Lieser (VP), Becky McIntosh (Treasurer) and Dean Anderson (Secretary) to their designated officer roles by slate for 1-year terms.
 - Motion: Dembo
 - Second: Incha
 - All in favor: Unanimous
 - Motion approved: Staff/Mario



- **Board 3rd Quarter CORF Reimbursement - Becky**

- Our contract with the City of Minneapolis follows a reimbursement process. WCC must prepay its contract and non-contract expenses out of its unrestricted pool of money. City-approved contract-related expenses are then reimbursed by the city. This is why WCC must always have a reserve of unrestricted funds or risk having to ask for an advance from the city. WCC's reimbursement for 3rd Quarter will be \$15,750. The profit and loss statements show a negative balance of the city contracts due to the reimbursement nature of the contract. What is remaining in the bank accounts is roughly under \$25,000, and then later get reimbursed by the city. There was training from the Green Cost Share Program that Becky and Michelle attended on behalf of Windom. The program promotes weatherization, energy savings, energy efficiency and free home energy squad visits. Since Windom is not in a designated Green-Zone, the cost saving for Windom residents under this program would be lower. The city is in the process of producing marketing materials that explain the program in more detail. We know more about the program and ways to promote it to Windom residents and property owners of single family, and 2–4-unit properties.
- Motion: Move to approve the WCC 2024 3rd Quarter CORF Reimbursement to the City of Minneapolis.
 - Motion: Becky
 - Second: Dembo
 - All in favor: Unanimous
 - Motion approved: Michelle

- **Agate Housing Fire & Community Response - Michelle**

- WCC staff and Board President, Michelle, visited the site today and learned that 14 residents who live in the Agate housing building are currently displaced. It is unknown how many residents from the adjacent apartment complex are displaced. All displaced residents are being housed temporarily at a makeshift shelter in downtown Minneapolis at a church. WCC is still learning more about the situation and can potentially collaborate with Richfield United Methodist Church to get donations and food to the victims.

- **WCC 2024 Fall Newsletter - Michelle**

- WCC staff, and Michelle have organized previous newsletters. This time around Board member Dean can assist as he transitions into his new role. The theme of the newsletter is primarily environmental issues since some of the funds to pay for it can come from WCC's \$10,000 Climate Legacy Fund monies. The Environment and Land Use Committee would like to put in an ad promoting the Green Cost Share programs.

- **Committee Reports**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm