



Windom Community Council Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 13, 2022
(Meeting held via ZOOM videoconferencing)

Attending: Michelle Hemingway Tatum (P), Becky McIntosh (T), Rob Ley (S), Patrick Barrett, Dembo Darboe, Pat Soulak, Mario Vargas (Executive Director).

Guests: Emily Koski (City of Minneapolis Council Member Ward 11), Melody (Southwest Voices) and Ira Jourdain (Minneapolis Public School District).

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

City Council Ward 11 Updates, Councilmember Emily Koski

- **Updates:**
 - Councilmember Koski provided us with a number of Ward 11 and City hall updates including:
 - i. Intersection of Edgewater and Cedar construction meeting on 10/25.
 - ii. Reminder: South Minneapolis Seniors Fair on Wednesday, October 26th, 2022, from 9 AM to 3 PM at Sabathani Community Center.
 - iii. Minneapolis DataSource is the source to view and search City of Minneapolis interactive visualizations and dashboards to create transparency and provide information on Public Health, Community Safety, Elections, Housing & Development, etc.
 - iv. Fall Street Sweeping Begins Tuesday, Oct. 18.
 - v. Public Hearings Scheduled for Xcel Energy's Electric Rate Increase Request.

Council Business

1. CPP/Equitable Engagement Funding 2023 Rollover Waiver Letter – Vote

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2. WCC Financials Quarter 2 & 3 – Review & Approval

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3. 2022 Annual WCC Attorney General Report – Review and Approval

- Income exceeded \$50,000. Separate tax form was submitted. The accountant, Michael Wilson is a contractor with finance and NCR.
 - i. Questions/Comments: Patrick requested to receive important documents 24-48 hours prior to council meeting.
 - 1. Michelle: So Noted by the council.
 - 2. Mario: The report and taxes were not complete until Thursday, October 13th as the consultant, Michael Wilson was not able to complete them until today (10/13/22). The board was sent all documents and information, outside of the report and taxes, 1-day prior to Thursday's meeting. In addition, executive board members have done their due diligence by reviewing the documents presented to the rest of the board. Therefore, documents presented to the board have been reviewed and updated to reflect accurate and true data and information.
 - ii. Becky moved to approve.

1. Dembo – Second
 2. All those in favor – All
 3. All those abstained – Patrick
 4. All those opposed – None
 5. Michelle approved motion.
- Becky: As a charitable organization, the council is required to submit annual report forms to the State Attorney General’s Office to their charities division. Due date: July 15th however various reasons delayed this submission. With the help of Michael Wilson, this will be filed soon.
 - i. Form includes:
 1. Copy of taxes
 2. List of organizations board of directors
 3. Total compensation page (\$0)
 4. And fees
 5. Document that the board has reviewed approved and authorized the president and treasurer to sign off on behalf of the board to then send to the State Attorney General’s Office.
 - ii. Becky moved to approve.
 1. Patrick – Second
 2. All those in favor – All.
 3. All those abstained – None.
 4. All those opposed – None.
 5. Michelle approved motion.

4. Hybrid Meeting Interactive Technology (The Owl) – Vote

- Patrick participated in the Linden Hills Annual Meeting on Wednesday, October 12th. There, they had The Owl hybrid technology on display. There were no issues with connecting and the sound was “phenomenal.” The presentations were able to be heard clearly, better than Zoom. Further, Patrick would like to connect with his contact at the International Brail and Technology Center with regard to this technology so they can make the recommendation to use it.
 - i. Patrick moved to approve the purchase and use of The Owl technology (\$1,049 + taxes).
 1. Becky – Second
 - a. Is this for the technology or are there other parts to using The Owl that we need to purchase?
 - b. Mario: Yes, but we do not have the estimates for the green screen or the projector, so today’s vote is only for the \$1,049 + tax to purchase just the technology. We should have those numbers by the next board meeting.
 2. All those in favor – All.
 3. All those abstained – None..
 4. All those opposed – None.
 5. Michelle approved motion.

Committee Updates

1. Finance Committee—Becky/Mario

- **Becky Vacation**
 - i. Requesting any financial inquiries by October 23rd.
 - ii. Vacation: October 25th – November 14th
- **3rd Quarter Financials**
 - i. Claire, the Bookkeeper hopped to have them done by October 13th, but has not sent them to Becky to submit for reimbursement.
 1. Rob: Do we plans for a new bookkeeper?
 2. Becky: Worst case scenario, if we don’t have anyone by the end of the year, I can do what is needed to send the paperwork to the city. We are looking for a replacement for Claire as the bookkeeper.

2. Safety and Health Committee—Becky/Patrick

○ 58th & Wentworth Traffic Calming Application—Discussion & Vote

- i. As a result of our door knocking engagement plan, we spoke with a mother that had concerns about safety for children as there are issues with speeding in this area. Later, Becky was flagged down by the father asking that the board work to resolve this issue.
- ii. Both parents mentioned the City's Traffic Calming Application and helping with their voluntary crossing guard program.
- iii. Patrick: It is a basic application. We can involve the parents, neighbors and the school in finding volunteers to make sure these children get to school safely.
 1. Michelle submitted her application on behalf of herself as a resident of Windom.
 2. Mario: This will be a separate application. The application submitted will be on behalf of WCC not you (Michelle). Reminder: when we engage in these civic matters it is good to funnel it through the board rather than moving forward independently. Reasons: It solidifies the role the organization already has in leading some of these efforts and we are more effective as an organization rather than individuals single handedly attempting to take on Public Works and their Traffic Control Division.
 3. Patrick moved to apply.

○ 58th & Wentworth Volunteer Crossing Guard Program Collaboration—Discussion

○ Senior Fair Reminder October 26, 2022, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

3. Community Development—Dembo

○ Windom Home Improvement Loan Program—Discussion

4. Environment & Land Use—Becky

○ E-waste and Paper Shedding Event Report

○ Windom Community Garden Ownership Transfer Update

5. Outreach & Engagement—Michelle/Mario

○ Door-Knocking Update

Minneapolis Public School Update — Ira Jourdain

September Meeting Minutes

- Michelle motioned for approval
- Move to approve:
- All those in favor:
- All those abstained:
- All those oppose:
- September minutes are approved

Meeting adjourned—Michelle