



Windom Community Council Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 9, 2025
(Hybrid Meeting held via ZOOM videoconferencing & In-Person at 5843 Wentworth)

Attending: Michelle Hemingway Tatum (P), Becky McIntosh (T), Dembo Darboe, Jamie Lieser, George Hall Mario Vargas (Executive Director)

Guests: Sarah Byers (Lyndale Agate Housing Manager), Dawn Uremovich (Windom Resident), Chad Fallon (Windom Resident)

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

Lyndale Agate Housing Update

- Sarah shared that Agate has been very thankful to Windom for the welcome and support since their opening.
- Fire Update: Demolition will start this month. It has been cleared by officials. All the units south of the property are fully occupied. Roxanne Fisher is the assistant property manager. The main goal is to rebuild the burnt units to the original property blueprint plan.
- Occupancy: Agate's goal was to house recently new homeless people in an independent living situation. Unbeknownst to management, residents who were referred to Agate by various external housing agencies not only did not meet these initial criteria but were problematic residents not wanted in their buildings. Agate is working to rectify the situation and evicting problematic residents. Sarah would like more community engagement to help residents who are struggling to thrive. Residents struggle with loneliness. Engagement and support from the community could be meal days, starting an A.A. support group, painting or crafting night, special topic speakers, mentorship and entertainment. Ratio: 5 females, 30 males. There is a resident communal area to hold meetings of about 20 people.
- Adjacent Building Residents: Residents got a lump sum of about \$1,200 and received in-kind goods and services.

Council Business

- 2024 December 4th Quarter CORF & 2024 WCC Financial Statements Review & Approval– Becky
 - Reminder that 4th Quarter was divided into two sections to end the year with a positive balance. It looks like we ended up in the red anyway negative eight thousand. We'll be visiting with our bookkeeper to find out why this is so when our overall books are on the clear with our unrestricted line time up close to \$30,000 not reflected.
 - Motion: Move to approve the 2024 December 4th Quarter CORF and 2024 WCC Financial Statements.
 - Motion: Becky
 - Second: Michelle
 - All in favor: Unanimous
 - Motion approved: Jaime
- 2025 WCC NRP Phase II Program Income Vote –Becky
 - Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) is a program created by the city via state legislation to support neighborhoods in Minneapolis. About 2 million of funding given to Windom was used to build the Windom Recreation Center & Windom South Park. The Program Income is referred to as income generated by WCC's home improvement loan program.
 - Motion: Move to approve the use of \$25,000 from WCC's NRP Phase II Program Income funds for program implementation use in 2025.
 - Motion: Becky
 - Second: Dembo
 - All in favor: Unanimous
 - Motion approved: Jamie
- 2025 WCC Monthly Board Meeting Time Discussion & Vote – Michelle
 - Group agreed to meet from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM.



Committee Reports

- **Finance - Becky**
 - None
- **Environment & Land Use – Becky**
 - Committee is doing well working on the Minneapolis Green Cost Share Program. Meets once a month.
- **Community Development - Dembo**
 - None
- **Safety and Health – George**
 - Michelle reported that she and George are working with the Fire Department: Senior Citizen tube safety presentations. Dembo mentioned that his vehicle was again broken into. Response from MPD has not met expectations.
- **Outreach and Community Engagement - Michelle**
 - Planning will take place in the next two months to start implementation in the spring.
- **Meeting Minute Approval**
 - Motion: Move to approve December Board meeting.
 - Motion: Becky
 - Second: Michelle
 - All in favor: Unanimous
 - Motion approved: Jamie

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm