



**Windom Community Council
Annual Meeting and Elections Minutes
Thursday, May 8, 2025**

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

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

Neighborhood Members: Monica Herrera, Cate McIntosh, Laura Kirstein, Alex Lieser, Miles Lieser, Kristin Sande, Bob Howard, Meghan, Jak, Ryan Marett, Arnetta Hall, Dean Anderson (Business), Lauren Carter. (Business), Phoebe Cooper, Chad Fallon, Jason Andrae, Karen Smith, Rodrigo Dominguez Estrada (Business), Monserat Dominguez, Reece Geel, Sam Kirstein, Cheryl Fielitz, Adam Fielitz, Randy Tatum, Jasmine Johnson, Tess Schlicksip, Nicole Marett, Derek Goodman, Austin Heald, Kelsey Heald, William Hinks, Bobbi Fallon, Lyndia DeGross

Social Time: 6:00 pm -6:15 pm

Welcome/Call to Order: Michelle called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

- Michelle started the meeting by welcoming everyone to the 2025 Annual Board and Elections Meeting and reading the Code of Conduct which was expected to be followed.
- The annual meeting quorum was met with 37 members in attendance. We had an additional 10 children and teens under 18 in attendance.

Council Business

- 2024 Annual Programmatic and Financial Presentation Program Accomplishments Presentation– Michelle/Staff
 - 2024 Programmatic Accomplishments Presentation
 - Staff presented key accomplishments in the areas of Community Development (housing), Environment, Community Safety, Community Outreach and Engagement. Key activities included:
 - Hennepin County & Trellis Management Affordable Housing Partnership: Aqua City Reconstruction Project Resident Information & Community Engagement.
 - Minneapolis Public Housing Authority Public Housing Redevelopment Project: 5656 Blaisdell Avenue South Resident Information and Engagement.
 - Minneapolis Public Health Department Climate Legacy Grant Initiative Partnership: Green Cost Share Program Public Information and Community Engagement Campaigns.
 - Minneapolis/ Windom Safety Walking Club Partnership: Earth Day Neighborhood Clean-up Partnership.
 - Windom Neighborhood Safety Walking Club: Weekly Meet our Neighbors and Trash & Litter Pick-up Walking.
 - Minneapolis Safety Walking Club Partnership: 911 Operations Center tours, MPD Personal Safety Information Workshops, 5th Precinct Public Safety Events
 - Agate Housing Building Fire Resident Displacement: Washburn Library, Agate Housing, Richfield United Methodist Church Neighborhood Response Initiative
 - Renter Engagement: 2024 City Limits Fall Resident & Youth Outreach Project
 - Windom South Park Partnership: Summer Ice Cream Social Community Engagement & Outreach Event.
 - Windom Community School PTO: Spring Celebration Community Engagement & Outreach Event.
 - Board volunteer accomplishment included:
 - Dedicated an estimated 960 Board volunteer hours to the Windom neighborhood
 - Reached over 1,300 Windom Residents through social media
 - Reached over 470 homes through Canvassing and Door-knocking
 - Windom Safety Club Board Volunteers Walked over 100 blocks and alleyways in Windom: picked-up eight 40-gallon bins of trash and recycling, made over 200 individual contacts with residents during walks



- 2024 Financial Overview Presentation
 - Staff presented the overall financial position in 2024 (calendar year/fiscal year) of the WCC.
 - Total Income: \$60,955.03
 - Total Expenses: \$66,609.52
 - 2024 End of Year Net Assets / Fund Balances: \$33,254.00
- 2024 Board of Directors Elections - Staff
 - A total of five seats were open for the 2025 Board Election cycle. The online nominations process did not yield candidates to challenge three incumbents: Becky McIntosh, Dembo Darboe and George Hall.
 - As required by the WCC By-laws, the day-of and in-person nominations process was opened, which produced three additional candidates from the group. Derek Goodman, Reece Geel and Chad Fallon.
 - A total of six candidates ran for five open seats.
 - The day-of in-person voting produced the following elected individual results for the 5 open seats:
 1. Becky McIntosh
 2. George Hall
 3. Dembo Darboe
 4. Derek Goodman
 5. Chad Fallon
- Windom Neighborhood Member Input Session
 - Windom members present divided into six tables to produce input on three key questions.
 1. What do you like about Windom and want more of?
 2. What change or changes would you like to see in Windom?
 3. What would motivate you to get more involved in the neighborhood?
 - Each table presented answers and reflections on large poster size sheets to each of the three questions.
 - WCC Board members committed to transcribing the feedback and incorporating it into its 2025-2026 planning.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm