



Windom Community Council Monthly Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 10, 2025
(Hybrid Meeting held via ZOOM videoconferencing & In-Person at 5843 Wentworth)

Attending: Becky McIntosh (T), Dembo Darboe, Jamie Lieser, Dawn Uremovich, Mario Vargas (Executive Director)

Absent: George Hall, Michelle Hemingway (P)

Welcome/Call to Order: Becky called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Council Business

- 2025 Fall VISTA AmeriCorps Application Discussion & Vote– Becky
 - VISTA AmeriCorps Program Application via HOME Line Process and Costs – Becky
 - The Board discussed WCC’s application for a full-time VISTA AmeriCorps Program worker for the fall of 2025 through a partnership with HOME Line. The VISTA worker would be co-managed by HOME Line staff and WCC staff. This person would assist with any tenant organizing and outreach as needed but would not assist in the administration of the WCC or any other non-tenant project not authorized by HOME line under our contract with them. The total cost to WCC is \$5,000 plus expenses including mileage if the worker travels outside Windom.
 - Motion: Move to approve for \$5,000 so that WCC can become a VISTA partner site in partnership with HOME Line to host one VISTA Americorps worker fall of 2025 for 1 year.
 - Motion: Dawn
 - Second: Dembo
 - All in favor: Unanimous
 - Motion approved: Becky
- 2025 WCC Annual Meeting & Elections Discussion - Becky
 - Location, Food, Agenda, Promotions Update
 - The Annual meeting is to be held at the Windom Community School gym. Quartersawn was proposed as a potential site, however, its capacity is limited. Pizza and drinks will be paid for by WCC. Board members are asked to donate sweet goods for the meeting. A promotional postcard with an QR code for RSVPs will be mailed in the next week.
 - Starting today, the WCC will start promoting the 2025 Board Elections Process via the website and social media. The first two weeks starting on April 10th, WCC will promote the nominations process. Then, from April 24th – May 8, depending how many nominations come in, WCC will open the process to electronic and paper voting.
- Windom Park Ice Cream Social Financial Support – Becky
 - Windom Park Ice Cream Social to be held Thursday, July 10th 5:30 pm – 7 pm in the playground and parking lot area.
 - Motion to approve \$180 to support the 2025 Annual Ice Cream Social organized by the Windom South Park (Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board).
 - Motion: Dawn
 - Second: Dembo
 - All in favor: Unanimous
 - Motion approved: Becky
- Announcements = Becky
 - Windom School Spring: May 17th 1-4 PM



Committee Reports

- Finance – Becky
 - None
- Environment & Land Use – Becky
 - Becky updated the Board on our Climate Legacy Initiative contract with the City of Minneapolis' Health Department on upcoming as well as upcoming Green Cost Share program outreach Events including tabling at the upcoming Windom PTO and Windom Park Ice Cream Social community events, the Southwest Minneapolis Farmers Markets and others.
- Community Development – Dembo
 - Dembo provided an update on a meeting with Roger Worm from the Southwest Business Association to discuss the Windom Façade Program and potential engagement of a business panel at the annual meeting. Roger provided an overview of his past and current process to attract and enroll businesses to the program and recommended that moving forward the WCC lead efforts to enroll businesses in the Façade program which is managed by the city's Community Economic and Planning Department. Regarding the annual meeting, his recommendation was to omit the panel, as this is not a good venue for businesses to engage with the community and for WCC to use the annual meeting for its traditional purpose.
- Safety & Health – George/Michelle
 - MPD updates -NONE
- Outreach & Community Engagement –Mario
 - CNNF/EEF Timeline Review: Staff provided a review of the Equitable Engagement Fund 2025 Extension Form timeline which includes using the summer months to do a direct mailing to renters in Windom encouraging them to complete a renter survey, and direct outreach and door-to-door knocking at the three largest apartment complexes: Windom Gables Townhomes, City Limits and Woodhaven.

Approve WCC Meeting Minutes - Michelle

- Motion: Dembo
- Second: Dawn
- All in favor: Unanimous
- Motion approved: Becky

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm