Windom Community Council Monthly Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 12, 2025
(Hybrid Meeting held via ZOOM videoconferencing & In-Person at 5843 Wentworth)

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

Absent: George Hall

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

Council Business

- Official seating of new Board Members: Derek Goodman, Chad Fallon
  - Newly elected Board members Derek Goodman and Chad Fallon were formally seated on the WCC Board of Directors.
- City of Minneapolis New Contract Financial Reporting Requirements Discussion – Becky
  - City of Minneapolis Neighborhood Safety Office: Violence Prevention Fund and Gang Violence Initiative
    - Becky and staff provided an overview of the NSO office and a history of the VPF and Gang Violence Initiative whose alleged lacking accounting of grant and contractor monies led to an internal financial audit.
  - 2025 City of Minneapolis Financial Audit: NCR Audit Report & Recommendations for Neighborhood Organizations
    - The group discussed a lawsuit tied to their accounting of public dollars, brought by a law school student two years ago, prompting the city to investigate all contracting processes across the city.
    - Becky provided new requirements by NCR to neighborhood associations effective July 1, 2025. Neighborhood associations must now provide invoices for expenditures over $500.00 to NCR at the point of submitting the Community Organizational Reimbursement Forms (CORF).
- SoMi (South Minneapolis) Art Fair - Uptown Association/WCC Partnership Proposal
  - Event Date: August 2nd & 3rd Bachman's Lyndale Avenue Location Parking Lot: WCC Volunteer Recruitment, WCC Compensation, Tabling Opportunity
    - This is the 2nd year the Art Fair will be held at Bachman's on Lyndale. It replaces the traditional Uptown Art Fair held in the Uptown neighborhood. Bachman's and the Uptown Association have reached out to WCC to take over the Parking Attendant portion of the Art Fair. In return, WCC would receive a $1,500 donation and a free 10 X 10 Booth at the event.
    - All in attendance agreed to participate and to recruit 2 volunteers (friends, family neighbors).
- Agate Housing Concerns
  - Social Contract with residents & neighborhood (monthly meetings)/Drug Use & other illegal activities/Change in Management
    - Agate Housing on Lyndale is experiencing drug use and illegal activities occurring at their facility. The old manager is no longer there.
    - Michelle and staff will organize a community meeting with the new management and leadership to discuss the social contract agreement with Hennepin County as it relates to the type of housed residents and criminal issues occurring there.
- 2024 Annual Meeting Review
  - Attendance, Location, Food, Agenda, Logistics/Community Feedback & Recommendations:
    - Staff distributed the recommendations that came out of the annual meeting table brainstorm as well as Board member Dawn's summary.

- o The Board will take both documents and divide the recommendations into three categories: 1) what is positively doable/possible, 2) what may be possible, 3) what is not doable/possible. The items will be discussed at the upcoming Working Board where each item will be characterized into the 3 areas and the Board will separate the doable/possible items and will be then delegated to the varying committees.
- Officer Elections
  - President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Member-At Large (non-officer)
    - o Staff gave an overview of the various Officer roles and responsibilities.
    - o All current officers and the Member-At Large were re-elected to their current roles by slate voting.
    - o Michelle-President, Becky-Treasurer, Dembo-Member At Large.
    - o New Board Member Chad Fallon was elected to serve as Chairperson

Committee Reports

- Finance – Becky
  - o None
- Environment & Land Use – Becky
  - o None
- Safety & Health – George/Michelle
  - o None
- Outreach & Community Engagement –Mario
  - o None

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm