



Windom Community Council Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 14, 2023
(Meeting held via ZOOM videoconferencing)

Attending: Michelle Hemingway Tatum (P), Becky McIntosh (T), Dembo Darboe, Incha Krein, Melissa Wallingford, Mary Peterson, Mario Vargas (Executive Director).

Absent: Jamie Lieser, George Hall

Guests: Emily Koski (City Council Ward 11 Councilmember), Mike Scaletti (Windom Resident)

Welcome/Call to Order: Michelle called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

City Hall Updates

- Minneapolis 2040 Plan litigation is underway. The city (Minneapolis) will appeal Judge Joseph Klein's ruling which ordered the city to stop implementing the Minneapolis 2040 plan pending further environmental review. If the ruling stands, the city will have to go back to the previous Minneapolis 2030 plan.
- Mayor appointed new Commissioner of Community Safety, Toddrick Barnette. Councilmember Koski has had a chance to meet Toddrick and is looking forward to working with him.
- RFP is open for the Aqua City site redevelopment. It might change because of the Minneapolis 2040.
- Councilmember Koski has been working with Stevens Avenue residents on traffic calming efforts in that area. The WCC is asking for the city to prioritize other areas in the neighborhood including 58th and Wenworth which directly affects PreK and elementary children crossing the intersection. Councilmember Koski recommended Stevens Avenue due to the child that was killed on the opposite side in the Diamond Lake neighborhood crossing Highway 35 W on 2nd Avenue and the similarities of the streets.
- City departments are now presenting to city council members September through October. Committee meetings budgets will be proposed and sent to the mayor.
- More funding for traffic calming measures is being proposed. The demand has been higher from the allocated amounts. In 2023 about 30 projects were funded. Thus far there have been over 1,100 requests for 2024. Not all projects will meet the criteria of the city. Nicollet Avenue reconstruction was not communicated effectively with residents and businesses. Councilmember Koski is working with Public Works to develop better communications. When there was a construction project at 61st and Nicollet Avenue pre-COVID the city came to the neighborhood and was very clear about the project and answered questions. Councilmember Koski to work with WCC to organize a presentation for the public to ask questions regarding the new construction to calm traffic, specifically the street corner reconstruction projects.
- South Lyndale Liquor is having their grant opening October 4th.
- Windom resident Mike Scaletti brought forth concerns regarding a neighboring home that was purchased by a company configured into three LLCs. This company either power washed, or sand blasted the old paint off the 100-year-old home which scattered all over their and neighboring lawns. They had the paint tested and it tested positive for lead. Mike was in touch with various entities including OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration), the EPA, CPED (Minneapolis) and other elected officials. CPED informed him that the company did not have work permits other than for trash disposal. The soil in their yard has tested positive for lead well above the standard. The developer offered \$250 to remedy the situation which was not enough to remediate the situation. Invited him to sue him. His concern is that the company can do this to others who may not have the resources to fight them. He also is concerned that they will be able to get the required permits to continue demolition of the interior that has no doubt asbestos on the walls, as it is an old house. An independent assessor has recommended that the entire back lawn of Mike's home as well as the remodeled home be replaced up to six inches down. Councilmember will go back her team to look at this company closer and will get back to Mike.

Council Business

League of Women Voters Ward 11 Candidate Forum Co-Sponsorship

- The WCC is co-sponsoring the Ward 11 Candidate Forum which will be held on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, from 7 – 8:30 pm at Mayflower Church in the downstairs dining room. Windom, Tangletown, Hale-Page Diamond Lake and Nokomis East will be sharing the costs. This is the second time WCC cosponsors the event. WCC will pay the three main vendors (MCN6, GBR Translations, and AGE & Associates Inc) and get reimbursed. The fees are as follows: MCN6 \$600, GBR \$194 and AGE & Associates \$140. The total cost is \$934. After reimbursements, the final cost to WCC is \$282.



- Motion: The Board entertained a motion approving sponsorship support not to exceed \$1,000 for sponsorship and interpreting services.
Motion: Melissa
Second: Becky
All in favor: Unanimous
Motion approved: Michelle.

WCC Annual Board Retreat -Discussion & Vote

- WCC will hold its annual Board retreat on Saturday, September 30, 2023, from 9 am – 4 pm. At the Hyland Park Reserve in the Lakeview Room - 10145 Bush Lake Road, Bloomington MN.
- Motion: The Board entertained a motion approving \$449.00 (\$103.50 will be returned as a security deposit) for space rental and no more than \$500 for coffee, donuts, boxed lunches, soft drinks, and a veggie tray.
Motion: Mary
Second: Incha
All in favor: Unanimous
Motion approved: Michelle.

Meeting Minutes Approval

- Motion: The Board entertained a motion the July and August Board Meeting Minutes.
Motion: Becky
Second: Mary
All in favor: Unanimous
Motion approved: Michelle.

Committee Updates - None

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM