



**Windom Community Council Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, December 14, 2023**  
**(Hybrid Meeting held via ZOOM videoconferencing & In-Person at 5843 Wentworth)**

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

**Absent:** Jamie Lieser

**Guests:** Emily Koski (City Council Ward 11 Councilmember), Stacy Sorenson (City of Minneapolis Finance Department)

**Welcome/Call to Order:** Michelle called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

**City Hall Updates – CM Koski**

- **2024 City Budget** – It was adopted by the Mayor and City Council. Budget that reflects and invests in our shared priorities: Community Safety and Police Reform, Affordable Housing & Homelessness, Economic Inclusion and Recovery, Climate Action and Public Health, and Good Governance.
- **Year-End Review** - CM Koski Authored the following in the 2024 budget:
  - Domestic Violence Navigators Program: This budget proposal created a Domestic Violence Navigators Program within the Department of Neighborhood Safety that will provide support and services to domestic violence survivors in the City of Minneapolis. Up until now, this work has been done by 1 City Staff; now, it will be an entire program with a full time Program Manager and 3 full time Navigators in 2024.
  - Interim Community Safety Center: This budget proposal funded the rental, design, buildout, and communication of a Lake Street Community Safety Center. This effort has been underway with the input of residents, businesses, and community organizations on Lake Street for many years, and could house the Cultural Ambassador Pilot Program, LEAD, alternative public safety strategies and more.
  - Neighborhood Traffic Calming: This budget proposal funded ~35-40 neighborhood traffic calming projects in 2024. The City of Minneapolis's new Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program has a significant backlog of requests, and increased funding in this area is necessary.
  - Labor Standards Co-Enforcement: This budget proposal will allow the City to continue and expand upon its Labor Standards Co-Enforcement work, work which enforces the City's Sick and Safe Time, Minimum Wage, and Wage Theft ordinances, through partnership with community organizations.

**NRP Funding Review – Stacy**

- Stacy reviewed the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) and WCC's Center for Energy & Environment contract. WCC got a \$5,000 bump in Neighborhoods 2020 Funding for 2024.
- NRP Phase 1 – Approved in 1993 for close to 1.7 million dollars. Program income has accumulated in repaid home improvement loans. NRP Phase 1 funding has been spent except for the accumulated program income.
- Stacy covered what is currently allocated or what is being planned for, what is under contract or promised to be spent, and what WCC has spent to date.
- NRP Phase 1 is all allocated and is all spent.
- NRP Phase 2 has about \$300,000 left to be used and about \$170,000 in program income (revenues coming back from the loan program). Out of the \$170,000 only \$113,000 is available for contracting. These funds must be spent according to NRP rules to serve a public purpose. These funds need to be used to make the neighborhood better, not for individual gain or support. Housing, Youth, Climate, Environment, Crime & Safety, Commercial Improvement, Schools, and Libraries.
- NRP Phase 2 funding left over includes about \$58,000 in addition to the \$113,000. These funds are in a couple of different contracts and have not been used. Two contracts are with WCC, which is in a good financial position. It is a good time to evaluate what some of the funding can be used for.
- Center for Energy & Environment Contract. WCC will temporarily suspend the contract until it learns more about renter needs and how much funding will be needed to properly serve the renter community.
- NRP Phase 2. Use of the funded line-item Outreach to Renters \$14,290 will be used to continue the renter outreach work in 2024. Under the Program Income allocation, \$25,000 is needed for 2024 staffing needs. This is a common use of program income funds by other neighborhood groups.



### Council Business

- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter (October-November) CORF Review & Approval – Becky
  - Motion: Move to approve October 1, 2023 – November 30, 2023, CORF to NCR.  
Motion: Becky  
Second: Michelle  
All in favor: Unanimous  
Motion approved: Michelle
- 2024 WCC Organizational Budget Review and Approval – Becky
  - Motion: Move to approve the 2024 Budget including use of \$25,000 NRP Contract in program income for administrative time.  
Motion: Becky  
Second: Mary  
All in favor: Unanimous  
Motion approved: Michelle
- Independent Contractors Review & Approval – Michelle/Becky
  - Motion: Move to approve an annual independent contract with Socios Consulting Inc for Executive Director administrative services which includes an hourly rate increase from \$30/hr. to \$35/hr. per week for 52 weeks for a total amount not to exceed \$54,600.  
Motion: Becky  
Second: Dembo  
All in favor: Unanimous  
Motion approved: Michelle
  - Motion: Move to approve an annual independent contract with Christie Rock Hantge for bookkeeping services which includes an hourly rate of \$40/hr. for a total amount not to exceed \$1,500.  
Motion: Becky  
Second: Dembo  
All in favor: Unanimous  
Motion approved: Michelle
- 2022 NCR Pre-Payment Report – Becky
  - Motion: Move to approve the 2022 NCR Pre-Payment Report for funds expended in 2023.  
Motion: Becky  
Second: Dembo  
All in favor: Unanimous  
Motion approved: Michelle
- Request to NCR for City Review of Financial Procedures in 2024 – Becky
  - Motion: Move to approve a request to NCR to have a review of WCC agreed upon financial procedures in 2024.  
Motion: Becky  
Second: Mary  
All in favor: Unanimous  
Motion approved: Michelle
- Committee Chairpersons Vote – Michelle
  - Michelle to chair the Outreach/Community Engagement Committee, Mary to chair the Safety/Health Committee, Dembo to chair the Community Development Committee, Becky to chair the Finance Committee (by default as Treasurer) and the Environment/Land Use Committee. No chair is selected for the Fundraising Committee.

### Committee Updates & Other

- Finance – Becky: We are submitting the December 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter CORF in January. Safety – No Update. Community Development – No update but a meeting will be set up with Roger Worm in January to develop an outreach plan to local businesses. Environment – No update. Outreach – Aqua Inn redevelopment RFP will be re-posed in January 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM