

Windom Community Council Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
10 February 2022
(Meeting held via ZOOM videoconferencing)

Attending: Michelle Hemingway Tatum (P), Patricia Soulak (VP), Becky McIntosh (T), Rob Ley (S), Patrick Barrett and Mario Vargas (Administrative Coordinator)

Absent: Louisa Hext, Sean Morgan, Dembo Darboe, Veronica Walther (MAL)

Guests: Emily Koski (City of Minneapolis Council Member Ward 11)

Welcome/Call to Order

Michelle called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

City Council Ward 11 Updates, Councilmember Emily Koski

- Amir Locke Death: recognized loss of life at police hands. No loss of life is acceptable.
 - Minneapolis has a no- knock warrant policy already in place. Koski is on the Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Committee, addressing this issue regarding the State.
 - Creating a proposal to form a Public Safety Accountability Auditor, part of risk management for the city.
 - Council member Payne is introducing a proposal for a Department of Public Safety, which is not the same as what voters recently rejected, but rather has to do with the new government reporting structure recently voted in that will already require changes to the City Charter.
 - We definitely need more cops for crime prevention. We need to define what we want officers to do and then recruit based on that.
- Redistricting process. A public hearing on this will be held at the end of February. There will be no changes to Windom neighborhood.
- Eat Local Minneapolis Campaign. Is now or soon will be in place. Several good Windom eateries.
- Community Groups being formed out of the Ward 11 office:
 - African American Group
 - Seniors Group. Meeting monthly.
 - Youth community group. Meeting on Sunday March 15.
 - Triangle Publication. Forming in April.
- Nicollet Avenue Bridge. Funding for rehabilitation in 2024 has been approved. Look for public hearings on it. This will cause disruptions to Windom.
- Becky referenced her experience with the Office of Violence Prevention from the Minneapolis Health Department and possible merger with MPD into a new Department of Public Safety. Historically police needs supersede all others, which is a concern that public health will get pushed to the back. Also, that messaging about this change needs to be clear in how it is different from the proposal voted down in November. C.M. Koski will keep us updated about this as she learns more.

WCC Committee Update

- Finance Committee (Becky). *Before the meeting, Mario sent out 2022 balance sheet, summary of new proposed contractor hours, and specifics of Cathy Lins' contractor proposal.*
 - Carryover funds from last year exceed \$80,000. Funds must be spent in 2022. Outreach and engagement initiatives must be carried out. Discussed a proposed motion on use of the funds.

Motion From Agenda: *Motion to amend the 2022 WCC budget to reflect the following contracted personnel changes:*

- *Increase the hours and budget for the Executive Director from 30 to 40 hours per week for a new total of \$52,800;*
- *Increase the number of Community Organizer positions from one at 20 hours per week, to two at 30 hours a week, for a new total of \$30,000;*
- *Add an Administrative Assistant position at 30 hours per week for a total of \$20,400; and,*
- *That expenses exceeding the current funds available will be met through a plan modification of current NRP funds up to \$40,000.*

Motion approved unanimously. (Becky moved, Patricia seconded)

Other finance items:

- Fundraising will be a priority.
- A City contracted CPA will do the 2021 taxes and state required Charitable Annual Report for us that will be ready by April.
- We currently have a negative balance pending reimbursement of about \$25,000 from NRC for previously-completed 4th quarter 2021 work.
- New NRC funding in 2022 will be \$27,449 for admin and community engagement.
- NRC is capping rollover to 10% of our new budget (\$2,745 max).
- The budget for Windom, and all other neighborhoods will be reduced in 2023. While Windom has sufficient reserves, the challenge for many other neighborhood groups will be to simply survive. The city is advocating for consolidation of neighborhood groups. Our solid financial position will afford a 1-year opportunity to chart a new course.
- We will be revising our profit and loss statement template for 2022.
- A glossary of financial terminology will be coming for future Board finance training.
- Outreach & Engagement Committee (Michelle)
 - BIPOC will be a priority
 - New programs for engaging teens are a possibility beginning in the fall. This may include service academies, etc. \$25,000 is already in the budget for youth programs.
 - Engagement research will likely expose other needs.
 - While our 2022 focus will be to complete administration and accounting reorganizing to meet NRC requirements, 2023 priorities will be around implementation and engagement. There will be other funding out there to help with that if we build a case for foundation and other grants, and other sources of revenue.
 - Senior protective housing at the former Metro Inn. With all their motels, Hennepin County has placed almost 500 people into permanent housing. The former Metro Inn facility will begin a soft closing on March 31st to convert the facility into permanent housing under the County.
- Public Safety Committee. (Patrick). Michelle and Patrick are leading the development of a work plan.
- Windom Reads. To be held on Saturday, May 21. Retired Justice Alan Page, an author of a children's book, is being contacted to participate if available.

- Development Committee (Mario). There is a plan for increasing the promotion and implementation of the home loan program, which includes up to \$15,000 interest-free loans for eligible home improvement projects.
- Land Use & Environment. (Becky).
 - Need to find a chair for this committee. Veronica volunteered to be the interim chair.
 - There is carryover funding available for environmental programs, including partnering with Windom School for Earth Day events on April 22. There will also be the third annual Windom Garden Tour (tentatively scheduling to be in June and August).
- Filling Committees. Need to recruit Windom residents to serve on our various committees. WCC members were asked to help recruit any of our neighbors.
- Board Retreat. Board confirmed it will be held live on Saturday, March 26th.
 - With elections for new WCC members being held in May, a mini retreat with the new WCC board will likely be held in the fall.

Minutes to meeting of Jan.13. Approved unanimously. (Patricia moved, Becky seconded).

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by Michelle.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Ley, Board Secretary

WCC Feb 10th Meeting chat:

Council Member Emily Koski:

Thank you for having me! I am glad to hear you are keeping strong and being so strategic. Please let me know how I can support you in your fundraising and support efforts. Email anytime:

Emily.koski@minneapolis.gov. See you next month!