

Windom Community Council 2022 Annual Board Meeting Minutes
19 May 2022
(Meeting held in-person at the Windom Community School Gym)

Attending: Michelle Hemingway Tatum (P), Patricia Soulak (VP), Becky McIntosh (T), Rob Ley (S), Louisa Hext, Patrick Barrett, Veronica Walther (MAL), Mario Vargas (Executive Director)

Absent: Sean Morgan

Guests: Marion Greene (Hennepin County Commissioner District 3), Aryca Myers (Neighborhood Support Specialist, City of Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Relations Department, City of Minneapolis), Jennifer Waisanen (Crime Prevention Specialist [5th Precinct], City of Minneapolis, Neighborhood and Community Relations Department), Windom neighborhood residents – Katherine Krueger, Randy Tatum, Robyn Hansen, Cate McIntosh, Stephen Rawlins, Brian O’Shea, Lecia Heinen, Devin Zeller.

Welcome/Call to Order. Michelle called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Commissioner Marion Greene / Remarks & WCC-County Motels Neighborhood Collaboration

- The commissioner described a brief history of the successful partnership between the county and the Windom neighborhood through WCC and the Garfield Core Team which brought success the emergency housing program at the old Metro Inn Motel building during initial part of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The collaboration continues today with Board members and Garfield Avenue residents Michelle and Rob continuing to provide neighborhood input into the management of the program.
- The temporary closing of the program signals the end of Phase I and the beginning of Phase II which will provide temporary housing for homeless individuals. During this time, the county has upgraded the old Metro Inn building, gradually been moving residents to outside permanent housing and has helped housing throughout the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.
- Using federal funding, the Hennepin County Board of County Commissioner remains committed to funding its COVID-19 response initiatives, approving up to an additional \$10 million for ongoing crisis efforts.

Jennifer Waisanen Crime and Safety Update

- Jennifer shared the Windom neighborhood crime report for the past month. She highlighted there was an unusual burglary which took place in April of two homes around the block from each other on a Thursday night. Both doors were unlocked. Victims were home and no one was injured. Although violent crimes have gone down in Windom, burglaries are increasing.

2022 Programmatic Accomplishments and Financial Discussion

- The President shared the following WCC Board accomplishment over the last year.
 1. **Overhauled and Reorganized the Windom Community Council.** Board members spent over 1000 volunteer hours, restructuring the organization to meet the City of Minneapolis’ new Neighborhood Organizational Recognition Contract Requirements, which included:

- a. Updating and developing new organizational operating and programmatic budgets.
 - b. Rewriting the organization's bylaws and providing a process for community input.
 - c. Developing over twelve new Board policies and procedures including new financial management and communications policies.
 - d. Developing an Equitable Engagement Plan which is the cornerstone to WCC's Neighborhood Engagement Program (NEP) contract with the City of Minneapolis.
 - e. Developing and launching new functional charters to guide and direct the work of the following WCC's standing committees: Outreach and Community Engagement, Environment and Land Use, Community Development, Safety and Health Fundraising and Finance.
 - f. Developing new Organizational Operating, Board, and Personnel Training Manuals
2. **Launched Three New Neighborhood Programs.** As they overhauled and reorganized the organization, Board members spent a considerable amount of the 1000 volunteer hours planning and implementing three new programs for Windom neighborhood residents. In the summer of 2021, WCC launched the following programs:
- a. **The Windom Rain Garden & Bioswale Program;** This Windom green neighborhood initiative served 23 homes and granted over \$25,000 in indirect financial support to Windom Residents.
 - b. **The Windom Safety Rebate Program** provided more than 20 rebates of up to \$500 each to Windom homeowners or \$10,000 in direct cash to keep homes safe.
 - c. **The Windom Renter Outreach Program** was launched last year and continues today. This program aims at engaging Windom renter residents to learn about renter needs and wants. Windom Gables Somali renters were interviewed in the initial phase of this program.
3. **Annual Financial Overview.** For Fiscal Year 2021 (January-December), WCC revenues exceeded \$50,000 which primarily was due to three new plan modifications for the development of three new programs. In 2022, WCC will for the first time report a complete IRS filing 990EZ for the organization.
- a. Our bank balance as of 12/31/21 was \$33,534.86, of which \$8,020.38 is a Certificate of Deposit (CD) and the rest in cash.
 - b. In the 2022 Fiscal Year, WCC is operating with revenues generated via our City of Minneapolis contract in the amounts of \$20,000 through the Citywide Neighborhood Fund and \$7,449 through the Equitable Engagement Fund plus an additional \$99,525.90 in CPP rollover funds, which must be spent by December 2022 or WCC will permanently lose them.

2022 Board Member Elections

- Due to a lack of a Windom neighborhood membership quorum, the 2022 Board Member Elections were moved to June 2022.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm