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Windom Park Citizens in Action

Board of Directors Meeting – January 26, 2021 (via Zoom)

*Attending: Andy Emerson, Charity Paye, Robert Lodge, Joe Dufficy, Christina Waters, Garrett Bembenek, Jessica Skoronek, Tim Brackett, Gayle Bonneville*

**Call to Order**: Meeting was called to order by Board President Robert Lodge at 7:06pm.

**Approve December Board Meeting Minutes:**

* Motion to approve December Minutes by Joe Dufficy, 2nd by Charity Paye; passed unanimously.

**Review January Neighborhood meeting & January Board Retreat summary:**

* Appreciated those who were present to discuss the projects such as Johnson, Police, and project proposals.
* Andy was disappointed that one member of the Johnson street project was not present.
* Discussion took place around the role of the MPD at the neighborhood meeting.
* Request the MPD to be deliberate towards a certain topic vs crime statistic.
* Building a healthy relationship with the community.
* Garrett agrees that getting the right questions presented to the speakers beforehand will help.
* Follow up on digital means to get renters/high rise residents involved in attending the meeting.
* How do we handle intros? – Joe and Jessica voiced thinking intros are good. Charity suggested popcorn to push along intros. Robert suggests calling on people to share.
* Follow up on engaging the high rise – tech set up & contact management/Association Board
* Increase diversity and participation
* Engage with other members of the community including Pillsbury, Windom Park, Renters, BIPOC, etc.
* Share Zoom link to the website.

**February Neighborhood Meeting Agenda:**

* Discussion around NRP
* Resurfacing park facilities is within the master plan
* Skatepark in Windom park was shut down as part of the master plan.
* Invite Development 65 to speak on senior living facility.

**March Neighborhood meeting and beyond:**

* Invite Pillsbury school and PTO to present or comment at the meeting.
* Jessica asked to move Pillsbury PTO to April
* Garrett reminder on the Johnson street April recap.
* Present on rights of renters as well as the state of homelessness in the city.
  + Collect resources for this topic.

**Engagement ideas:**

* How do we continue to engage the community?
  + Focus topics based on who we’re looking to engage each month
  + Charity suggests inviting a member of the BIPOC community to speak.
* Ways to market?
* WPCiA work with Biotechne to represent the school as far as technology donations.
* What does engagement look like if we get new neighborhood members to participate?
* The Pillsbury PTO focuses on providing supplies to students in need, fundraisers, and provide a space to gather.
* How do we wrap WPCiA, Pillsbury, and Windom into one package to best deliver what our neighborhood is.
* Discussion took place about the School District plan and what that means for Pillsbury school.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn at 8:45p by Joe Dufficy; 2nd Jessica; Passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Andy Emerson, secretary

Approved by

1.\_Charity Paye\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_2/23/2021\_\_ 2.\_Garett Bembenek\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_2/23/2021\_\_