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Windom Park Citizens in Action

Board of Directors Meeting – July 21th, 2020 (via Zoom)

*Attending: Charles Bertram, Robert Lodge, Doug Carlson, Joe Bove, Andy Emerson, Joe Dufficy, Gayle Bonneville, Witt Siasoco*

**Call to Order**: Meeting was called to order by Board President Joe Bove at 7:02p.

**Approval of Agenda:** Charles add discussion on website, Doug add section on how Holland is spending money; Motion to approve: Doug as ammended, 2nd: Charles; Passed Unanimously.

**Approval of June Minutes:** Minutes were amended to read ‘Doug amended…’; Motion to approve: Doug, 2nd: Robert; Passed Unanimously.

**Approval of May Minutes:** Motion to approve:Doug Robert; Passed Unanimously

**Treasurer’s Report:** Joe D reviewed the April-June treasurer’s report; Motion to receive and file the April – June treasurer’s report: Andy, 2nd: Joe D; Passed Unanimously. Joe Dufficy is sending an email to Gayle to approve filing and receive reimbursement for CPP funds. Joe will work on a recommended budget based on our current needs.

**Carry On Homes:** Witt Siasoco joined the meeting to provide an update for the Carry On Homes project. The permitting process is being finalized, the install is taking place the 14th/15th with the first drop in taking place the next weekend. Drop in events will be Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Working to extend the project through October pending CoM funding.

* Robert: We’re excited to see this project move through and happening.
* Witt: We’re looking to help the BIPOC community express their experience living in Minneapolis.
* Robert: Is the financial contribution the same as previous? $5,500
* Witt: We’re hoping for this to remain the same. We’d like to see this approved for future events. Publicity will be rolling out on social media this week.

**Agenda for August 18th Neighborhood Meeting:**

* Discuss open board positions & recruitment
* Lowry reconstruction update
* MPD update
* Witt / Carry On Homes Introduction
* Invite MTN to explain the Neighborhood program

**Holland Neighborhood:** Doug ran into some Holland Neighborhood board members and discussed public art projects that they were able to install in the neighborhood. They were also able to extract from the Hook & Ladder developer that one of the buildings be to a high grade of sustainability & do some demolition to prepare for a sculpture garden on property. These might be some projects that interest WPCiA board. The board member in Holland was Aaron Neumann.

* Joe B: We should try to follow through to see why one neighborhood is different than another.
* Robert: This should be fairly easy. We should try to make this happen.
* Doug: We should consider city owned land when we try to move this project – Stinson blvd or Lowry/Central.
* Doug: We have a lot of money to spend and it’s beneficial to see how other neighborhoods have spend funds.
* We’d love to see what Holland and other neighborhoods are doing.

**NRP program fund:** Robert addressed the ongoing discussion with Minneapolis NCR regarding use of NRP fund:

* Sidewalk program looks to be a no, unless there are changes at the city level.
* Grant program for businesses looks to be approved based on specific uses. We are not able to retroactively fund projects.
  + Charles: Retroactive would refer to any work that would have happened without the cases.
  + Joe: We’ll rebate a certain amount for current expenses that have not been paid.
  + Gayle: You cannot have started your project for larger NRP fund projects
  + Joe: Ask Jack “How do we make this happen?”
  + Charles: Agree with Joe, ask “what is acceptable?”
* Gayle/Joe: Could the facade grant be updated and adapted to help businesses?
* Robert: Once this is established and approved, what are the next steps?
  + Gayle: A SoS is written with details, sent to the city, and they set for approval.
* Robert: Jack amended the amount for directing funds to area organizations.
  + Joe: Suggest sending funds toward West Broadway area as they are our neighbors.

**Farmers Market:** No response from the NE Farmers market about tabling. They weren’t having normal sponsor tables & we could table in a census effort and handing out CoM supplies (masks/hand sanitizer). We will check in with

**WPCiA Website:** We have not had minutes uploaded to the website since 2017. Gayle will work on updating the minutes over this summer. Joe Dufficy asked what is listed in the bylaws about sharing financial information with the neighborhood. We would like to post financial information quarterly to the website. We are updating the business listings.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn at 8:37pm: Robert and 2nd: Joe; Passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Andy Emerson, secretary

Approved by

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