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Windom Park Citizens in Action

Neighborhood Meeting – April 21st, 2020

*Meeting was held digitally via Zoom*

*Approximately 15 Neighbors along with Nancy Pryzmus, Charles Bertram, Christina Waters, Doug Carlson, Joe Bove, Joe Dufficy, Robert Lodge, Andy Emerson*

**Call to Order**: Meeting was called to order by Board President Joe Bove at 7:04p.

**Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Nancy, 2nd by Doug

**Approval of Minutes**: Moved by Robert, 2nd by Doug

**Financial Report:** No financial report was presented, due to being unable to contact the WPCiA accountant.

**Police Update:** Eric Diesen updated the residents mentioning the MPLS police are experiencing some staffing issues due to Covid-19, burglary & robbery are up, the Marcy-Holmes sexual assault has been arrested, 25mph speed limit update. Nancy asked about the shooting that took place on Johnson & Lowry a week earlier.

**Johnson Street:** The project went in front of the City Council on April 17th, was approved, and signed by Mayor Frey on Monday April 20th. Tracy & Larry were frustrated with the process used & the plan for the construction, specifically parking. Nancy became upset, voicing her issues with the plan and their affecting traffic in neighborhoods. She angrily left the meeting shortly after. Andy voiced optimism & the benefits of the plan. Chris shared the value of the bike path and feels for the loss of parking but understands the addition.

**Art Wraps –** Charles shared an update with attendees and said there is more to come.

**Rain Gardens:** The list is full and WPCiA has a waiting list in case openings become available.

**Adopt-A-Drain:** Reminder that sign-ups for the contest begin May 1st.

**Home Energy Squad:** The HES has halted home visits due to Covid-19 and is offering virtual visits instead.

**Home Fix Up Loans:** These loans are still available, the board will take up how to expand this program or focus it on Covid-19 needs.

**Neighborhoods 2020:** The comment window has been pushed to July 15th. Check out the recommendations online and share your comment.

**Open Discussion:** The WPCiA office is closed, but we’re still working.

Julie discussed purchasing internet due to working from home; no updates for Covid-19 from CoM

5-10% of kids are not getting education due to a lack of internet or device to connect. Can NRP funds be used to purchase devices?

**Adjourn**: Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:08p. motion passed.

Submitted by: Andy Emerson, secretary

Approved by

1. Larry Eshleman Date: 5/19/20 2. Charles Bertram Date: 5/19/20