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Windom Park Citizens in Action

Neighborhood Meeting – August 18th, 2020 (via Zoom)

*Meeting was held digitally via Zoom*

*Attendees – Board Members: Charles Bertram, Doug Carlson, Joe Bove, Joe Dufficy Staff: Gayle Bonneville, Witt Siasoco, and approximately 20 neighborhood members.*

**Call to Order**: Meeting was called to order by Board President Joe Bove at 7:03p.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to Approve by Doug, 2nd by Charles; Passed unanimously.

**Approval of July Minutes**: Motion to Approve July NH minutes by Joe Dufficy; 2nd by Doug; Passed unanimously.

**Financial Report:** Joe Dufficy reported that there was no report available at this time. When the report is available we will share it to the website to allow everyone the opportunity to review it.

**Carry On Homes Project:** Witt Siasoco spoke about the project happening at Central and Lowry over the next 6 weeks.

* Drop in events will take place on Saturday mornings and Tuesday evenings.
* Witt provided an overview of Carry On Homes
* The project is already making an impact in the community.
* Saturday 10a – 1p and Tuesday 4-6p until October 3rd
* Joe D asked what would volunteers do? – Help with crowd control and help with messaging.
* Rashid Ali asked about the 2nd precinct tabling the event. – Witt said all organizations are welcome.

**Lowry and Central Redevelopment Project:**

* Oliver Smith spoke for the CoM about the parcel of land.
* Smith shared an RFP Process Flowchart – Define Development Objectives, Issue RFP, Review Proposal, Staff recommendations, Design/Finance, Approval.
* Contamination is addressed as part of the RFP since the type of development will determine level of remediation.
* The neighborhood organization plays a direct role in objectives and proposal review.
* Smith shared a map showing parcels near the intersection for development.
* Kelly Agosto spoke for Hennepin County regarding the project.
* Community works project was completed and approved by CoM & county in 2018 opening up federal funding for reconstruction.
* The process is currently transitioning from design to proposal including surveying.
* Road improvements will take place across 1 mile of roadway and includes improvement for transportation, pedestrian and safety.
* Construction is scheduled to begin in 2023.
* Julie asked a question about East of Johnson and that appears not to in the project.
* Jacob asked if the East and West design differences would change or why the difference in lanes.
* Joe B asked why the treatment of the roadway looks different between North and NE Minneapolis.
  + The recommendations were based on public right away and what the users of the corridor would need.
* Oliver spoke to the purchase of property for development.

**2nd Precinct – Inspector Loining, Rashid Ali:**

* Recently there have been 11 staff added to the precinct numbers including lieutenant, patrol and officers.
* In 1 month there were 6 armed robbery of a business in the precinct. They were able to make an arrest and charge this person. Smart Stop was robbed twice and a drive by shooting took place as well. Speedway was robbed, and 2 other speedways on Broadway were robbed.
* If you are holding an event for National Night Out you can pick them up from the 2nd precinct.
* Rashid addressed the cities program for Violence Prevention and neighborhood groups patrolling.
* Rashid has received many emails about the homeless encampments around town. The police department is responding to calls as soon as they happen. To have an encampment there must be a permit.
* Joe asked how are the permits enforced? If there is criminal activity it goes against the permit.
* Patti Stahl asked what parks have been permitted? Logan and Beltrami are the only sites with permits. Patti mentioned she’s seen tent in NE park.
* Rashid shared that garage burglaries have seen an uptick. Make sure to lock your garage, house, and car to prevent crime. We are seeing crimes of opportunity.

**Adopt-A-Drain:** Competition is going on with other neighborhoods. Reminder to sign up through Oct. 31st at [www.adopt-a-drain.org](http://www.adopt-a-drain.org)

**NRP Ideas & Brainstorming:** We’re looking for recommendations on spending funds. This needs to be submitted to the city by December.

**Art Wraps:** Charles provided an update on the art wrap project. Gobble Gobble was declined because of the single color and the Clip art is in the public domain and not owned by the artist. We’re reviewing this with the city.

**Board Meetings:**

* There is a board meeting next Tuesday. All are welcome to attend.

**Adjourn**: Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:45p by Larry & Jane ; 2nd by Charles; motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Andy Emerson, secretary

Approved by

1. Doug Carlson Date: 9/15/20 2. Robert Lodge Date: 9/15/20