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Windom Park Citizens in Action

Neighborhood Meeting – January 19th, 2021 (via Zoom)

*Meeting was held digitally via Zoom*

*Attendees* – Robert Lodge, Bill Margolis, Charity Paye, Gayle Bonneville, Jonathan Henig, Joseph Dufficy, Julie Anderson, Lorrie, Ann Danko, Ayalew Getaneh, Chris Lynch, Christina Waters, Clay, Dan Miller, Emily Davis, Eve, Garrett, Todd Loining, Jesse, Kevin Reich, Larry & Jane Eshleman, Rashid Ali, Tim, 612…582 (phone), Nick Peterson.

**Call to Order**: Meeting was called to order by Board President Robert Lodge at 7:05pm

**Introduction:** Board members introduced themselves to the neighborhood. Neighbors introduced themselves

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to Approve by Joe Dufficy, 2nd by Charity Paye; Passed unanimously.

**Approval of January Minutes**: Revision to spelling of Kari Dziedzic’s name. Motion to Approve revised November NH meeting minutes by Joe Dufficy; 2nd by Christina Waters; Passed unanimously.

**Financial Report:** Joe Dufficy provided an overview of the Treasurers Report. See full monthly financial report online at [www.windompark.org](http://www.windompark.org) under the News tab or contact WPCiA for an e-copy.

* We are currently approximately $10,000 over budget, but was anticipated
* Motion to accept and file by by Charity Paye, 2nd by Andy Emerson.

**Open time for elected officials:** Kevin Reich was present and spoke to the neighborhood

* Thanked the neighborhood for their work to keep these forums open.
* Provided an update on the city budget, public safety, transportation infrastructure,
* The discussion went into the growth and development of Minneapolis with emphasis on transit, land use, and housing.
* Committed to baseline funding for community groups. Use of funds through programs to work on community projects. Timing of transfer of funding will be discussed in 2021.
* Series of meetings with Kevin – information will be on his website.

**Update from the 2nd Precinct –** Inspector Todd Loining and Rashid Ali spoke about crime and 2021.

* Shooting at a house party in the SE neighborhood, 7 robberies in the neighborhood in 2nd precinct
* Two robberies in the neighborhood – Little India assault and robbery, 2400 block of central robbery with minor injury; Auto theft in Windom Park – Do not leave your keys in your car idling; Catalytic converter thefts – be the eyes and ears of the NH.
* 2nd precinct has lost 5 officers in 5 weeks with/and 1 being a lieutenant.
* Rashid Ali spoke on burglaries in Windom Park – 5 with 4 of them being unsecured.
* 2 Catalytic Converter thefts, also do not leave your keys inside of your car.

**Update on Construction of Johnson Street –** *Ayalew Getaneh, City of Minneapolis Public Works*

* Will update more when the contractor is chosen.
* Construction meeting in late April
* Detour route is scheduled to go 18th to central and back via Lowry.
* There will be more communication and weekly stakeholder meetings when the construction begins
* City traffic is the department responsible for setting the detour.
* Conversation about the 18th and Johnson intersection was discussed and the issues involved.

**Update on use of NRP funds –**

* Robert provided an overview of WPCiA NRP funds of over $800,000.
* Timeline includes prioritizing funds, developing committees, develop plan details & identify partners, and submit plan modification requests to the city.
* Nick provided his thoughts on using funds to support the building of a skatepark.

**Other Neighborhood Updates:**

* Low interest home ‘fix-up’ loan program
  + Low as 2% and up to 5 year terms
* Home security rebate program
  + We have funds, find information on WPCiA website.
* Upcoming meetings
  + NRP funding in February
* Larry suggested reaching out to businesses and inviting them to a meeting.
* Discussion revolved around how to get people involved in the NH meetings.

**Open Forum** - other announcements or comments from the audience

* Celia thanked WPCiA for their grant of the rain garden.

**Adjourn**: Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:45p by Joe Dufficy; motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Andy Emerson, secretary

Approved by

1. Joe Dufficy Date: 2/16/21 2. Charity Paye Date: 2/16/21