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Windom Park Citizens in Action

Neighborhood Meeting – June 16th, 2020 (via Zoom)

*Meeting was held digitally via Zoom*

*Attendees – Board Members: Charles Bertram, Doug Carlson, Joe Bove, Joe Dufficy, Robert Lodge, Andy Emerson, Staff: Gayle Bonneville, Kevin Reich, and approximately 15 neighborhood members.*

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

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

**Approval of May & June Minutes**: Motion to Approve May & June NH minutes by Doug; 2nd by Joe D; 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.

**Minneapolis Police Department Second Precinct Update:** We will come back, there was no representative. No representative came later and no update was provided.

**City Council Member Kevin Reich’s Update:**

* CM Reich addressed the concerns brought to previous meetings about CoM sidewalk policy. He then asked for questions:
  + Larry asked about specifications, requesting a concrete definition for repairs.
  + Larry – Does the city have say in the life of concrete panels? Reich – Yes, it must meet CoM standards when the work is completed.
  + Discussion followed around financial burdens and sidewalks.
* CM Reich opened a discussion on public safety, sharing that there will be a yearlong engagement with the community. The charter commission is taking a two prong approach and there are legislative issues to address. There are legal perimeters being reviewed.
  + Reich invites everyone to take a step in and work on these items from your own perspective.
  + Conversations will take place about proper steps forward with co-responders through national leaders and local infrastructure.
  + Broad public safety conversation around social service programs.
* Charles asked - Are there specific cities you’re looking to model Minneapolis after?
  + Reich likes the synergy of policies, but does like what was done in Camden, NJ
  + Reich likes the model in Eugene, OR for their experience with co-responder systems.
* Kyle asked – What are metrics you are looking at to determine positive change? How do you assess one v. the other?
  + Reich – We are not to the tradeoff matrix yet, but we are able to look into specific areas and how those regions are effected by crime. We start there and are still learning.
  + Kyle - Who will make the decision for who is sent to calls? Reich – it could be a whole new system. It may be part of the current system in a redesigned fashion.
* Doug asked – Can we address the educational aspect or require liability insurance?
  + Reich – These items are being vetted by the CoM as possibilities.
* Larry – Why would Chief Arradondo ask for police to not be a professional position?
  + Reich – There would be a hierarchy and allowing each department to run their own department. There would be a head, and each department would work with each other.
* Robert asked – Thanks Reich and is wondering when the next meetings may being?
  + Reich – plans to roll out this program in August. It is important that we share the word and make this impactful.

**Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) funds brainstorming:**

* Robert discussed that a committee has been working to redistribute NRP funds to help our neighborhoods.
* These include a looking into a sidewalk offset program, Covid-19/Uprising Grant Pool, and reallocating funds to Neighborhood benefit organizations.
* WPCiA is working through this process with the city.
* We have to move some funds off the books this year, but will have more in the future.

**Adopt-A-Drain:** Reminder to sign up through Oct. 31st at [www.adopt-a-drain.org](http://www.adopt-a-drain.org)

**Fix Up Loans:** Still available. Contact [info@windompark.org](mailto:info@windompark.org) for more info.

**Neighborhoods 2020:** comment to the city deadline moved to September 15th. Read the policy and make a comment with the CoM to share your opinion.

**Art Wraps:** Charles shared that we are moving forward and remain hopeful that we will be able to finish before the end of the summer.

**Open Forum:**

* Nicholas asked about the Lowry Ave project –
  + Dan Miller responded: it is a county project and it is slated for 2023. This will be between Washington and Johnson. This will be the first of three sections. Google the Lowry Corridor plan for more info.

**Adjourn**: Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:52p by Doug; 2nd by Robert; motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Andy Emerson, secretary

Approved by

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