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Windom Park Citizens in Action

Neighborhood Meeting – March 16, 2021 (via Zoom)

*Meeting was held digitally via Zoom*

*Attendees* – 20 Participants Total: Robert Lodge, Joseph Dufficy, Andy Emerson, Tara S, Jessica Skowronek, Garrett Bembenek, Gayle Bonneville (Staff), David Garmany, Celia, Erika H, Heather Bartling, Joanna Henning, Jonathan Henig, Alex Gulachek, Julie Anderson, Larry & Jane Eshleman, Mike Vraa (Presenter from Homeline), Sumaya Noor (CoM), 612\*\*\*\*582, 612\*\*\*\*584, 954\*\*\*\*259, Khalid Omar, Ryan SanCartier

**Call to Order**: Meeting was called to order by Board President Robert Lodge at 7:04pm

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

**Introduction:** Board members introduced themselves.

**Approval of Minutes**: Approval of Minutes moved to April.

**Financial Report:** Approval of Financial Report moved to April.

**Updates:**

* Trial of Derek Chauvin: WPCiA is tuned into some communication channels, so if you’d like additional information please reach out to us.
* Special Programs available including Home Fix Up Loan, Security Rebate, Commercial Loans at 2%, and Rain Gardens.

**Update from Senator Kari Dziedzic:**

* Update on the senate including the need to pass a budget in this year’s session.
* Kari works in the housing and budget committees working specifically on how to keep people housed and what happens after the lift of the eviction moratorium.
* The senate is looking at how to use funds to support groups who have not been able to bounce back from the effects of the pandemic.
* Hennepin.us is a good place to look and MN Housing finance agency will help with keeping people in their homes.

**Update from David Garmany (Windom Park Director) –**

* Half of the Rec centers remain closed, WP reopened in the fall with the school year.
* WP has child care and rec programming, the only location in the city with both.
* Dave is expecting fall programing to resume a level of normalcy.
* In April/May the rec enter will resume youth baseball.
* ZOOM MEETING WAS BOMBED for approximately 30 seconds.
* Programming can be found online at the Minneapolisparks.org
* New upgraded wifi system in the building installed by Comcast – Kids Lift Up Zone.
* The upgrades provided by the WPCiA are moving forward.

**Covid-19 Presentation by Dept of Health Representative Sumaya Noor:**

* Sumaya presented on the Covid-19 vaccine including what the vaccine is, it’s production, vaccine rollout, the current state of the roll out in Minnesota, and took questions.

**Renter Rights Presentation by Homeline representative lawyer Mike Vraa:**

* Mike gave an informative presentation on the current laws during the time of Covid-19 including renter rights, eviction moratoriums both state and federal, and funds available to tenants.
* Dan asked Mike if he has any suggestions about getting tenants funds for property and how we might be able to help. Mike – They are available to landlords, so we might want to increase awareness to landlords to improve properties.

**Open Forum**

* Board of Directors meeting is happening 3/23 with the NRP Committee kick off taking place at 7:30p
* Neighborhood meetings are happening April 20th and May 18th.

**Adjourn**: Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:21p by Andy Emerson; motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Andy Emerson, secretary

Approved by

1. Robert Date: 3/16/21 2. Tara Date: 3/16/21