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Windom Park Citizens in Action

Neighborhood Meeting – May 18, 2021 (via Zoom)

*Meeting was held digitally via Zoom*

*Attendees* – Robert Lodge, Joseph Dufficy, Andy Emerson, Tara S, Tim Brackett, Garrett Bembenek, Gayle Bonneville (Staff), Carol Urness, Tracy Bergstrom (1612\*\*\*\*588), Eric & Monica King, Larry & Jane Eshleman, Dan Miller, Gini, Julie Anderson, Chris Pratt, Kevin Reich, Dave Alderson, Jesse Thornsen, Mark Shonebauer (1612\*\*\*\*582), Celia, Charity Paye

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

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

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

**Financial Report:** Financials were moved to June.

**Introductions:** Round the horn intros by all.

**City of Bicycles:** Robert Lodge shared…

* Minneapolis is ranked #4 in biking cities in the nation.
* Great Routes: Midtown Greenway, Chain of Lakes, Grand Rounds, Minneapolis River Parkways. Over 200 miles of bike paths throughout the trails in the city.
* Kevin spoke about the history of Windom Park’s involvement in developing the bike trails in Minneapolis.
* Celia mentioned riding to and across the Stone Arch Bridge as a great way to access downtown Minneapolis.
* Hennepin County goes further to have over 800 miles of trails and will grow through the 2040 plan.
* Nice Ride Stations can be found throughout the city and offers a great rental option for many.
* Safety is important – wear a helmet and replace it if damaged, wear lights, and ride according to the law.

**Windom Park Routes and Trips:** Tim Brackett provided information about biking routes in the neighborhood.

* Tim highlighted traveling to the Co-op using Polk st to cross Lowry, using 22nd to New Brighton Blvd to get to St Anthony Village, and using 22nd to cross Johnson St easily.
* Using Google Maps, you can change to the biking setting to find the bike routes throughout the city.
* Bike routes are designated based on all levels of abilities being able to bike throughout the city at 1/4 mi – 1/2 mi intervals.

**Great Local Biking Resources –** Dan Miller provided information about local biking resources

* Dan spoke as a neighbor, referencing Kevin’s mention of things starting in Windom Park
* The Great Northern Greenway started with the section behind the Quarry in 1997.
* There is one remaining section of trail consisting of a section including the train bridge across the Mississippi river.
* Dan shared the website for the Great Northern Greenway organization.

**Neighborhood Programs:** Robert reintroduced the challenge we discussed during the last meeting.

* Adopt-a-Drain: There is an ongoing challenge – hop onto adoptadrain.com to sign up for cleaning a local drain.
* Home Fix Up Loans: Loans available at 1% for fixing up or investing into your property.
* Security Rebate: good for security cameras, lights, etc.
* Commercial Fix Up Loans: 2% for business loans to local area businesses.

**Open Forum:**

* Alex Gulachek asked about the Lowry reconstruction project coming in the next few years
	+ Link can be found on the Windom Park website or the Hennepin County site under Lowry NE plan.
* Celia attended the Earth Day Clean Up and mentioned the park was very clean. There were families with kids, but no restrooms available. The basketball & tennis courts are damaged and could be repaved with NH funds.
* Eric King asked about who maintains the parks and how often that maintenance is completed.
* Carol Urness wished there was a faster or more informative process for being involved with Boulevard trees. Also wishing there was a memorial to the loss of Green Ash trees throughout the city.
* Monica is asking about speed bump, can you request? Second about ways to meet other parents in the area.
	+ Gayle mentioned calling 311.
* Alex asked about planting on the Boulevard. Calling 311 is a great resource for these questions.
* Charity said if you know any BIPOC who are interested in learning about policy making, feel free to email Charity. The program is free and can be found with the Wilder Cohort.

**Adjourn**: Motion to adjourn meeting at ~8:20p; motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Andy Emerson, secretary

Approved by

1. Robert Lodge Date: 6/15/21 2. Joe Dufficy Date: 6/15/21