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Windom Park Citizens in Action

Neighborhood Meeting – October 20th, 2020 (via Zoom)

*Meeting was held digitally via Zoom*

*Attendees* – *Joe Bove, Joe Dufficy, Kevin Reich, Charles Bertram, Michaela Neu, Doug Carlson, Andy Emerson, Ahmed, Ayalew Getaneh, Celia, Christina Waters, Craig Pinkella, Dan H., Gayle Bonneville, Julie, Lane C, Larry & Jane Eshleman, Michelle Spangler, Robert, Robert Lodge, Shawi’ Afaana’chi (Andrew), and 2 phone in attendees, Jacob Schultz, Nicolas Graanfox, Jodi Monson (interpreter), Chuck Larsen, Zaw Winmaung, Clark Goset, Inspector Loining*

**Call to Order**: Meeting was called to order and introduction given by Board President Joe Bove at 7:05p.

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

**Approval of September Minutes**: Motion to Approve September NH meeting minutes by Joe Dufficy; 2nd by Robert Lodge; 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 spent 10k in the month mostly on Carry On Homes and Rain Garden reimbursement.
* We have $13k in the bank and are requesting $9k from the city to bring balance to $22k.

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

* Spoke to thank the WPCiA for putting together this agenda to tell a larger story about public infrastructure.
* Thanks to volunteers and staff for attending these meetings and helping with public goods.
* Added a drop box for voting at the fire museum on 22nd near Edison

**Down the Drain – Why Should I Care? –** *Michaela Neu, Mississippi Watershed Management Organization*

* Michaela gave a presentation about the MWMO and the Mississippi watershed.
* Urban watersheds have an increased amount of runoff.
* The water totals millions of gallons of water and includes all of the pollutants. This water reaches the river untreated.
* Chloride (Salt), is a major pollutant. With 75% of salt reaching our watershed.
* Instructions: Shovel first, salt or sand?, scatter, sweep.
* Instructions on fall yard care was provided.

**Northeast Adopt-A-Drain Competition/What’s Next –** *Michelle Spangler (NE resident and Water Steward), Lane Christianson (City of Minneapolis)* [www.adopt-a-drain.org](http://www.adopt-a-drain.org)

* Michelle spoke about being a Water Steward and a resident of Audubon Park
* Please get out and clean the storm drains.
* When leaves get into our river and lakes, they cause the algae bloom.
* All are invited to the storm drain year end celebration on Halloween at the Audubon Neighborhood Association – 1-3p.
* Lane shared a 90 second video of Michelle teaching us about cleaning storm drains.

**Sidewalk Repair and Trees: Are They Compatible? What You Need to Know –** *Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board arborist Craig Pinkalla*

* Craig discussed sidewalk replacement in regard to boulevard trees.
* Upwards of 40% of replacement of sidewalk panels are related to trees.
* Replacement priorities: ADA compliance, reduce need to cut roots, optimize longevity of repair.
* They use the tree ring/arc to determine how to replace and shape new panels.
* In 2020 (WP): 86% of the trees did not require roots to be cut.
* Joe Bove asked about trees being removed and their effect to the sidewalk arcs.
* Larry and Jane asked about a tree that was just removed on their boulevard including damage to the yard due to a tree being removed.

**Road Reconstruction Projects:**

* Progress Report on 18th Avenue NE – *Ayalew Getaneh, City of Minneapolis Public Works*
  + Ayalew provided an update on the paving project on 18th.
  + They are currently doing restoration work.
  + The project is ahead of schedule and will finish around Nov 1st.
  + A few questions were asked about plantings.
* Preview of Johnson Street 2021 Reconstruction – *Ahmed Omer, City of Minneapolis Public Works*
  + The project is in the final stages in legislature and will start bidding this fall.
  + We are planning construction spring ’21 with a neighborhood meeting prior to the start of construction. This meeting will include contractors and provide more details on the process.
  + Multiple questions were asked about the routing of traffic, light at 23rd and Johnson, access to businesses.

**Other Neighborhood Updates:**

* **Board candidates wanted!** - Annual Meeting = Nov. 17, 7 p.m. on Zoom.
  + Please consider running for a seat on the Board of Directors.
  + Self-nominations and nominations from the floor at the annual meeting are welcome.
  + Asked for Neighborhood board members.
* Neighborhood Revitalization Program
  + Robert provided a brief update on NRP project.
* Utility Box Art Wraps
  + Charles is leaving the state and the Joes are taking over the art wrap project.
* Board Meeting Tuesday, Oct. 27, 7 p.m.; all invited – contact us for Zoom links

**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 Robert Lodge; motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Andy Emerson, secretary

Approved by

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