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Windom Park Citizens in Action

Neighborhood Meeting – September 15th, 2020 (via Zoom)

*Meeting was held digitally via Zoom*

*Attendees – Joe Bove, Andy Emerson, Robert Lodge, Douglas Carlson, Joe Dufficy, Gayle Bonneville, Sydney Jordan, Chris Meyer, Julie, Amber Rasmusson, Dan Miller, David Garmany, Gini, Jesse Thornsen, Zaw Winmaung, and two phone callers*

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

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

**Approval of August Minutes**: Motion to Approve August NH meeting minutes by Doug Carlson; 2nd by Robert Lodge; Passed unanimously.

**Financial Report:** Joe Dufficy provided an overview of the Treasurers Report and 2020-21 Budget. 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.

* Motion to approve Treasurers Report by Doug, 2nd by Robert.
* Joe Dufficy gave an overview of the 2021 budget proposal.
* The 59k is what we’re currently operating at, which is why we’re proposing the same.
* Based on the uncertainties from the city’s budget we’re going forward with what the same.
* Joe B: Do we need to continue to keep funds in the small area plan? Joe & Gayle – No, but if you want to implement.
* Motion to approve budget as written: Joe Dufficy; 2nd – Andy; motion passed unanimously

**Open time for elected officials:** Sydney Jordan was present and spoke to the neighborhood

* The state senate is not in session but has held a couple special sessions
* Covid, Police Accountability, Possible Bonding Bill near the end of the month with lots of money for Public Housing
* Reminder to fill out your Census & early voting opens on Friday.
* Early voting location for NE is near Hennepin and Johnson St.
* Joe: When does session start? – January 3rd and it is a budget year which could be challenging.
* Joe: When does the executive order end
* Sydney is a NE Park resident.

**Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Update -** *Commissioner Chris Meyer:*

* Chris Meyer spoke about the encampments throughout the city.
* CDC guidelines caused the closure of much of homeless shelters.
* MN Executive orders prevented encampments from being removed from parks.
* Once people found out they could take up residence in the parks they decided to do so. This was exacerbated when the Sheridan hotel was evicted.
* Staff were pressuring the Park Board to break up the encampment at Powderhorn park to reduce the crime at that encampment.
* Two shelters in S Mpls are coming online while another was killed in N Mpls. There is a project proposed for a N Loop warehouse with tiny houses indoor.
* The Park board does not want this to be a continued situation going forward.
* Chris is asking for Help with long term success of the project through proper staffing.
* Joe B: Does the Park Board normally have housing on the agenda? – No
* The Park could be a part of the solution, but the county, state, and city should have their share of responsibility.
* Robert: Do you have any projections for expansion? Anything we can do to help?
  + What happens if/when the eviction order gets lifted?
  + MPRB is pushing to use the shelter spaces available. If there is a premature lift in the order, there is the option to increase the parks.
* The future of the city depends on the state legislature.
* Advocate that the Governor could be doing more to help staff and oversee the problem.
* Contact information added to the chat.

**Update from the Park Director** – *Dave Garmany, Windom Park*

* MPRB has activated their plan to start reopening their rec centers.
* Starting Monday 9/21 they will begin to offer covid friendly programs including meal program, computer lab, homework, gym time.
* Not yet to the point of open hours / drop in.
* MPRB had just finalized the process for the grant money at the start of Covid. Since then David had been reassigned and is now getting back to acquiring the product.
* Gayle: Is there any technology needs

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

* Craig did not appear be present when called upon

**Spotlight on Neighborhood Businesses**

* No Businesses were present at the meeting.

**Adopt-A-Drain:** Competition is going on with other neighborhoods. Reminder to sign up through Oct. 31st at [www.adopt-a-drain.org](http://www.adopt-a-drain.org)

**NRP Ideas & Brainstorming:** Line of communication with Jack. A few initiatives received feedback with redistributing funds will be tough. Making grants to other groups will be easier.

**Art Wraps:** No discussion

**Board Meetings:**

* There is a board meeting next Tuesday. All are welcome to attend.

**Mark Your Calendar: Annual Meeting** - Nov. 17, 7 p.m.

* Includes election for several seats on your WPCiA Board of Directors. Please consider running for a seat! Self-nominations and nominations from the floor at the annual meeting are welcome.

**Adjourn**: Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:36p by Andy Emerson; motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Andy Emerson, secretary

Approved by

1. Date: 10/20/20 2. Date: 10/20/20