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Windom Park Citizens in Action

Neighborhood Meeting – September 21st, 2021 (via Zoom)

*Meeting was held digitally via Zoom*

*Attendees* – Robert Lodge, Tara S, Celia, Dan Miller, Larry & Jane E, Christina Waters and 3-5 more attendees.

**Call to Order**: Meeting was called to order by Board President Robert Lodge at 7:10pm

**Approval of Agenda:** Agenda approved

**Approval of Minutes:** Approval of August meeting minutes is moved to October.

**Windom Park Neighborhood Programs:**

* Home Fix Up Loan
* Home Security Rebate
* Low interest commercial loan program

**Minneapolis Charter Amendments:** Casey Carl, CoM

* Three Rule changes to the City of Minneapolis Charter, equivalent to a constitution
* Q1 is relative to government structure
	+ Proposal would mirror the federal level
	+ Proposal would give the Mayor oversight of the 10 city departments
* Q2 is relative to public safety
	+ If approved, it will consolidate public safety to a new Public Safety Department, remove the police department from the charter, remove mandatory staff minimums.
* Q3 is relative to rent stabilization
	+ State statute requires cities to receive approval from voters to implement rent stabilization
	+ Allows the City Council to enact rent control on private residence in the city of Minneapolis
* You can find a sample ballot on the city of Minneapolis website and bring this with on voting day.
* Failure to complete a ballot question is NOT considered a No vote, instead an abstain and not considered a vot.
* The presentation is available
* Presentation = 14:50 - 54:45

**Making a Plan to Vote:** Marilyn Cantisano, League of Women Voters

* In 2017 only 40% of eligible voters voted (50% of the numbers in 2020)
* Confirm that you are registered to vote
* Decide when you want to vote – early, day of election day, absentee
* You can look up your voting location at mnvotes.org
* Prepare for your voting – charter amendments, ranked choice voting
* Vote.minneapolis.org
* Presentation = 54:55 - 1:07:40

**Proposed Dwelling at 1030 Lowry:** DJR Architecture

* MPHA works to manage over 600 professionally managed units and 26k people
* Proposed property is a 6 unit property to improve the housing stock on this property.
* Height is 34’ with four parking spaces on property.
* The project is a modular construction and it will be built onsite in a matter of days instead of months
* Q – will there be fencing for families due to proximity to Lowry/traffic
* Anticipate the build in Fall ’22 or Spring ‘23
* Presentation = 1:07:45 – 1:31:00

**Lowry Ave Reconstruction Update:** Livable Lowry – Kelly Agosto

* Make Lowry safer with bike lanes and pedestrian for a business corridor
* Design (‘21-’22), Construction (’23-’24), Complete (2024)
* 2015 plan on Lowry Avenue community works website
* Neighborhoods, Businesses, and Our Streets are being engaged by the CoM
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**Open Forum:**

* Update for the Windom Park project and funds.
* Our Streets is looking to represent the neighbors over transit and businesses in the Lowry project

**Adjourn**: Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:08p; motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Andy Emerson, secretary

Approved by

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