



MEETING MINUTES

Windom Park Citizens in Action

Board Meeting – June 28, 2022

VIRTUAL via Zoom

Attendees

Robert Lodge, Tara Schmoll, Doug Borys, Joe Dufficy, Julie Anders, Eric Ollestad, William Wells, Council Member Elliot Payne, Senator Kari Dziedzic, Carise Rotach, Louise Stowell, Brian Smith and Thomas Ebert.

Agenda

- WPCIA Financial Programs
- New construction proposed: 2318 Johnson St NE, Architect available.
- Update on city initiatives from your Ward 1 Councilor, Elliot Payne.
- If available as session closes, Representative Sydney Jordan will join us.
- Learn about the Pillsbury School Carnival at Windom Park - June 3, 2022.
- Open forum for discussion and ideas impacting Windom Park neighborhood.

Minutes

- Agenda Review
- Robert provides overview of financial programs (home improvement loans, security rebates, etc)
- Johnson Street Development Proposal - William Wells & Eric Ollestad
 - Eric owns multiple properties in NE
 - Property was zoned R1 and now rezoned Corridor 4 (medium density)
 - 3-story building, 4 units
 - Lots of windows on front, great view of park

- Johnson Street Development Proposal (cont)
 - Two entrances in front, two in back
 - Challenges with topography, slopes to alley
 - Added set-back (13' on northside, 8' on southside)
 - 4 parking spaces (covered, green roof)
 - Basement foundation poured concrete
 - Bike parking
 - Plans submitted to city (City's Peter Crandall has provided supportive review)
 - Proposed parking is a variance
 - Eric introduced himself and his intentions for quality
 - Neighbor Brian Smith concerned about parking issues with his garage across the alley – Eric O suggested bollards to protect along Brian's garage
 - Tara S asks what the actual cost is intended to be – Eric stated \$2,700-3,000.
 - Robert asked what the timeline is anticipated to be – submitting late-May, break ground in September and about 6-8 months to completion.

- Senator Dzedzic
 - Lots of activity....and some hurry & wait
 - Some agreement on budget:
 - \$1B in education
 - \$1B Special Education & Mental Health
 - \$1B Health Care positions (HHS)
 - \$1B Public Defenders & Crime
 - \$1.4B Bonding Bill
 - \$1.3B Ag, Housing, Transportation, etc
 - \$4B Tax Bill
 - \$30M Literacy Training

- Pillsbury Carnival
 - Shifting carnival to be more inclusive of families represented at Pillsbury - open to all
 - Robust silent auction to be one of a few revenue sources (hybrid online/in-person format)

- Would appreciate help financial help from WPCIA
- WPCIA will discuss at the Board Meeting in more depth, but we would like to help in some capacity and have resources to do so.
- Dan Miller: Could Great Northern Greenway table at the event?
- Louise: I will check with PTO Board

- Open Discussion
 - Tara: Art-A-Whirl Update & Promotion
 - Christina Waters - Gardening update - Jumping Worms explanation and what to do when you find them (report to DNR)

- Elliott Payne
 - Current Priorities:
 - ARPA Phase II for Covid Budget:
 - Investments in Climate Change
 - \$3.5M Lead Abatement
 - \$1M Trees
 - Behavioral Crisis Team
 - 9-10% of 911 dispatched BCT
 - 10%+ police call BCT for assistance
 - Equitable Development Scorecard from East St. Paul

- Meeting Adjourns - 8:57pm