



## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **Windom Park Citizens in Action**

#### **Board Meeting – March 22, 2022 (via Zoom)**

##### **Attendees**

Robert Lodge, Tara Schmoll, Joe Dufficy, Doug Borys, Thomas Ebert, Carise Rotach (Pillsbury PTO), Louise Stowell (Pillsbury PTO)

##### **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Board President Robert Lodge at 7:12pm

##### **Agenda Review**

1. Review & approve March 2022 Board of Directors meeting minutes
2. Review Pillsbury PTO funding request details and discuss next steps
3. Information: Met with Tim Doornfeld and reviewed accounting practices
4. Rain Gardens 2022 - Update on program - Thomas
5. Community Connections Conference - update on program and attendance
6. Equitable Engagement Fund - Review plan and discuss next steps
7. Neighborhood Elections Day - May 14, discuss initiative and next steps
8. May neighborhood meeting - Review and confirm content

##### **Pillsbury PTO Request**

- Discussion of NRP funding mechanisms as background for Pillsbury PTO and new board members. Robert explained City's overall event funding restrictions.
- Robert reviewed WPCIA's assessment of eligible expenses from Pillsbury's budget projections & the subsequent assessment from the City's Bob Cooper.
- Review of what can/can't be sponsored. Of note:
  - Tents may be more easily sponsored as a rental
  - Promotional costs – mailings, ads in Northeaster, FB boosts, etc
- Carise updated about future plans for Carnival and PTO's overall aspirations
- WPCIA Board is eager to fund the project to the fullest extent allowable.

- WPCIA moves forward with funding at least amount outlined in this discussion and possibly additional allowable expenses to assist in the project.

### **Check-In with Staff**

Discussion about Thomas first 1.5 months as staff member. Thomas describes activities in office, communications, meetings, etc.

### **Rain Garden Update**

- Thomas updates that several residents signed up initially, however, 4 have backed out for various reasons (cost, space, HOA restrictions, DIY rain garden).
- WPCIA has received one new application, but we will be promoting in monthly newsletter, FB posts, monthly meeting, etc.
- Discussion around documenting RGs before & after, as well as possibly past RGs. Good social media content.

### **Neighborhood Elections**

- Thomas explains City's initiative for Citywide Neighborhood Association Election Day on May 14.
- City encourages NA's to have events to promote individual elections.
- Board members agree to propose (1) meeting idea by 4/29/22.

### **Equitable Engagement Funds**

- Taking WPCIA plan and "bringing it to life"
- What do we want to say to residents? What is our "why" statement?
- Agree to meet outside of Board/Neighborhood Meetings to further this project.
- 1-2 questions to answer questions about "What do we offer?"
- We do need to educate about what we do and why it's important.

### **May Neighborhood Meeting**

- Guest possibilities:
  - Elliott Payne
  - Sydney Jordan
  - Director Green of Office of Race & Equity
  - Pillsbury PTO

### **Mural Project**

- Call for Artists is next step, but we can hold off for now.
- If Board members see an interesting mural (or artwork in general), take note.

### **Call to Adjourn**

Robert adjourns at 8:41pm