



MEETING MINUTES

Windom Park Citizens in Action

Board Meeting – June 28, 2022

VIRTUAL via Zoom

Attendees

Robert Lodge, Tara Schmoll, Doug Borys, Andy McPartland, Sita Hinds, Joe Dufficy, Ryan Olsen, Dan Ferralez and Thomas Ebert.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Board President Robert Lodge at 7:05pm

Agenda

1. June Agenda Review
2. Review & approve May 2022 Board of Directors meeting minutes
3. Vote to add new board members
4. Recap and review of Pillsbury PTO Carnival
 - a. Discussion
 - b. Action item: Discuss funding for 2023 & 2024
5. Financial review - Joe and Thomas
 - c. Monthly summary and program activity
 - d. Amendment replenishing \$200k to CEE loan programs complete
6. Speed bump discussion with Ryan Olsen
7. Equitable Engagement and organizational Why - Robert
 - e. Summarize collected data and recap June retreat from 6/21/22
 - f. Discuss and vote on top three 2040 plan goals
 - g. Equitable engagement check-in with City in July
 - h. Next steps
8. July Annual Meeting
 - i. Planning and details of event
 - j. Location

Minutes

1. June agenda approved (Stinson neighbors' Speed Bump Project added)
2. May Board Meeting minutes approved
3. Nomination of Celia Connoy & Sita Hinds approved
4. Discussion of Pillsbury Carnival
 - a. Event enjoyed beautiful weather, approximately 200-250 attendees and was successful in reigniting the community's interest and engagement in supporting the Pillsbury School.
 - b. Good use of WPCIA funds (~\$7300) to assist the Pillsbury PTO and engaging the Windom Park community.
 - c. Robert & Thomas will be meeting with the Pillsbury PTO chairs to review pros/cons of event to improve on 2023 event.
 - d. Board moves & approves motion to commit \$15,000 to Pillsbury PTO's next two events (\$7,500/year) in 2023 and 2024.
5. Financial Update made by Thomas & Joe
 - a. This was partly an explanation of NRP, NCCP, EEF and other city funding programs for our new board members, Sita and Celia.
 - b. Also included is a summary of income from CEE programs previously created by Stacy Sorenson at NCR.
6. Speed Bump Funding request made by Ryan Olsen and Dan Ferralez:
 - a. Several neighbors on Stinson Blvd near Lowry are frustrated by "cut-through traffic" speeding southbound through the alleyway immediately west of Stinson Blvd to avoid waiting at the stoplight. Several households have children and are concerned about potential for an accident.
 - b. They have pursued placement of speedbumps through the City, which offers a program to provide composite plastic speed bumps to residents.
 - c. The program requires signatures of 51% of residents along alleyway, costs \$1,500 and also requires residents to install in May and uninstall in November of each year.
 - d. Residents have reached out to Council Member Payne's office, 311 and posted signage on alley to little effect.
 - e. The neighbors are requesting funding assistance from WPCIA.
 - f. Tara asked if they are open to a partial funding option, to which they said yes.
 - g. Robert offered that WPCIA has NRP funding strategies available for this type of request, although they may require language modification.
 - h. Board proposes a \$1,000 contribution, asking for Ryan/Dan to pursue the rest from the neighbor group and/or the Mother Earth Gardens business that operates adjacent to the alley.
7. Robert summarizes M2040 Plan goal feedback from Pillsbury Carnival outreach, online survey and Board's May retreat meeting.
 - a. Discussions around what goals board feels would be best to focus its energies on. Decision was made to add an additional goal, making (4) total:
 - i. Eliminate Disparities
 - ii. Healthy, Safe & Connected People
 - iii. Complete Neighborhoods
 - iv. Clean Environment

8. July Neighborhood Meeting

- a. Will be held on July 26 to allow time for possible NRP funding language amendments with regard to the speed bump assistance request.
- b. Designated as an Annual Meeting, to include annual finance and activities report to members
- c. To be held in Windom Park or Rec Center
- d. Tara suggests local Gift Cards to entice attendees

Meeting Adjourns:

9:27pm

UPDATES

- *Stinson Blvd neighbors contacted Mother Earth Gardens (MEG) about the alleyway traffic, proposed solution and requested assistance. MEG appreciated them reaching out and agreed to donate \$500 to the effort.*
- *WPCIA posted 21-days notices on Facebook, WPCIA office door and website about language change to a NRP funding strategy to support speed bump assistance request:*
 - **From:** *NRP Phase 2 3.1.B.1 – Pedestrian Crossings, “Identify key pedestrian routes and improve crossings.”*
 - **To:** *NRP Phase 2 3.1.B.1 – Pedestrian Crossings, “Identify key pedestrian routes and improve pedestrian safety.”*
 - *NRC staff member Aryca Meyers is initiating the change at the City.*