



MEETING MINUTES

Windom Park Citizens in Action
Neighborhood Meeting – November 15, 2022
Windom Park Rec Center
2251 Hayes Street NE

Attendees

Board of Directors: Robert Lodge, Tara Schmoll, Andy McPartland, Celia Connoy, Doug Borys
Staff: Thomas Ebert
Neighborhood Members:
(See Sign-In sheets)

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Board President Robert Lodge at 7:03pm

Agenda

- Board Introductions
- Neighborhood programs & updates
- Home Energy Squad Program
- Johnson St/Quarry Intersection
- Community goals discussion

Meeting Minutes

Board Introductions

WPCIA Programs & Updates - Robert describes the following:

- a. Home Security Rebate Program
- b. Home Energy Squad Audits
- c. Home Improvement Loans
- d. Neighborhood Updates
 - i. Possible Meeting Upgrade: WPCIA aiming to purchase A/V equipment to “livestream” neighborhood meetings (audio & video for residents to see remotely)
 - ii. Park Building & Pergola - Successful upgrade to park pergola (paint prep, painting, caulking, etc)
 - iii. Park Programming - WPCIA is purchasing an inflatable screen, projector and sound system to add additional family & community entertainment as a means of better connecting with the community, especially our renter and BIPOC community members.

Energy Squad Program, Center for Energy & Environment (CEE)

Guest Presenter: Danielle Hauck, Customer Engagement Manager

(See [CEE presentation slides](#))

4. Johnson Street/Quarry Intersection Reconstruction

City of Minneapolis - Department of Public Works

Guest Presenters: Chris Kartheiser & Luke Hanson, Transportation Planners

- Project is in early phases of planning, plan concept to be developed for early 2023
- Project goals include pedestrian/biking/vehicle safety improvements, upgrades to landscaping/hydrology and transit stop improvements
- Federally-funded project but limited scope
- Johnson St southbound near NE Park may be addressed (4 lanes => 3 lanes) if additional funding received
- Site intersection may have contaminated soils, uncertain at the moment
- A [round-about intersection](#) may be a possibility
- Survey will be released in 2023, but individual feedback is currently welcomed
- [Project Fact Sheet](#)

5. Goal Development Activity (see [activity sheet](#))

- Group discusses WPCIA Goal #1: [Eliminate Disparities](#), adopted from the Minneapolis 2040 Plan, and the correlating Policy #49: Educational & Economic Access.
- Group offers feedback on this policy:
 - Could we supplement park programs with youth work training? English park tea houses train youth food/drink service (see images below)
 - Babysitting coops?
 - New solar panels on Pillsbury School?
 - Pillsbury School should be involved in this conversation.
 - Job-training programs

6. Open Forum

Resident, Adrian, brings forward concerns about the Police 2nd Precinct being available for walk-up/non-emergency concerns. There is rarely anyone staffing the front counter (behind glass) and sign indicates to call in concerns. Also provided respectful concerns about homeless encampment members intruding on property/theft.

Adjournment

Robert adjourns meeting at 825pm

Supplemental Information: English Tea Houses in park systems (Goal Development):

