



MEETING MINUTES

Windom Park Citizens in Action

Board Meeting – December 20, 2022

Virtual - Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

7:04pm

ATTENDEES

Board & Staff: Robert L, Tara S, Sita H, Doug B, Thomas E

Guests: KB Brown

AGENDA

1. Review of [November 2022 Board Meeting Minutes](#)
2. Opioid & Narcan Education 15m
Special guest: KB Brown
3. General Updates 5m
4. Rain Gardens Program - Vote on plan modification for funding 5m
5. Windom Park Mural Project 10m
6. Open Board Positions 10m
7. January and future neighborhood meetings 45m
8. Sign on to Letter of Concern over Transit Service Cuts 5m

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 - CEE delayed borrower:

On Dec. 7, 2022, Jim Hasnik of CEE alerted WPCiA to a special circumstance on a home improvement loan. In August 2021, the borrower was approved for \$30,000 to cover several projects. The standard timeline to have work completed is 4 months (120 days). Of the original loan, \$8,635 remains uncontracted and CEE requested approval to close the loan with unspent funds being applied to the principal of the loan. The borrower will have to reapply for a new loan if they want to proceed on the remaining work. Robert approved WPCiA's support of closing the loan as it exceeds the standard timeframe and the borrower has been given ample updates and communication on expectations.

3.2 - Equitable Engagement Fund (EEF) Purchases:

- [Exhibit A](#)
- Tabling Gear
- Hybrid Meeting Live Streaming Equipment
- Outdoor Movie Equipment & Coordination
- Printing & Mailing
- Advertising

3.3 - Meeting with neighborhood orgs:

On Dec 14, Robert and Thomas had a Zoom call with Deb Brister from Audubon to get to know one another and discuss our organizations. It was a good call and she was appreciative of the connection. She looks forward to collaborating in the future. We have met with Waite Park, Holland, Marshall Terrace, and Audubon so far. Haley from Marshall Terrace has connected with Jessica of SE Como to expand the project from her end.

4.1 - Windom Park Mural Project

MPRB: Reduce the amount of graffiti in the park system, reduce reactionary maintenance efforts required for graffiti removal, beautify park walls, and celebrate the park system and park users.

WPCiA: Reduce vandalism, beautify the park, reduce celebrate local art/artists, and create a visual attraction for neighborhood.

- [Letter to Park Directors from MPRB Vandalism Mitigation Coordinator](#)
(shared to us by Windom Park Director, Geu Xiong)
- MPRB Vandalism Mitigation Mural Project
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/1be37a1b8d024f2c9b30c6cb4889d9a4>
- Windom Park's Prospective Artist: <https://www.cyfiart.com/>

Current Status:



- Suggested support offering:
 - \$9500 = 1 wall
 - \$ _____ = 2 walls
 - \$ _____ = 2 walls + connecting art

9.1 - Metro Transit Service Reductions Concern

Letter from Move MN:

Dear Windom Park Citizens in Action,

My name is Julie Johnson and I am the Community Organizer for Move Minnesota. We are deeply concerned about continued cuts to Metro Transit services and the negative impact that this has on Twin Cities residents, our metro communities, and on our region's transit system as a whole. Just last week, Move Minnesota and partners rallied outside of Metro Transit Headquarters in response to the most recently announced set of service cuts prompted by a bus driver shortage.

While we don't expect Metro Transit to solve the national labor shortage, we do expect Metro Transit to provide the best public transit possible. As of now, they are not doing that. Metro Transit leadership is not fighting for bus lanes, asking cities for automatic green lights for buses, or making quick iterative changes to bus stop locations to improve efficiency. Other transit systems are taking these measures and we're falling behind—and hurting riders in the process.

Move Minnesota is planning to deliver a [Joint Letter Calling for emergency Metro Transit Service Improvements to Counteract the Bus Driver Shortage](#) to Metro Transit leadership and the governor. I am reaching out to ask the Windom Park Citizens in Action to sign on to this letter. It goes without saying, but the more organizations who demand better service, the more likely we are to see positive changes.

Thanks in advance!

Julie

MINUTES

1. **Review of November Board Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Unanimously approved by board
2. **Guest: KB Brown - Opioid Issue/Narcan Solution**
 - a. Works with Steve Rumler's Hope Network
 - b. Presentation to raise awareness and set stage for future training

- c. Narcan training to teach residents use of narcan kits and inform there is no liability for improper/failed use
- d. KB mentions Rx settlement with Purdue that may bring forth funding to MN
- e. Group agrees to move forward on a Neighborhood Meeting presentation with KB Brown

3. General Updates

- a. Center for Energy & Environment (CEE) - Delayed borrower, we will allow CEE to proceed with typical process to allow short period of time to pay off, then request full repayment.
- b. Equitable Engagement Fund (EEF) - Purchases are in process.
- c. Meetings with other neighborhood orgs - Audubon Neighborhood Association (ANA). Thomas & Robert met with Deb Brister to discuss each other's projects, requested sharing of EEF Plans and possibilities for partnership. Some of Deb's passions have been food production related, including a Market Garden project concept near Johnson Street & 28th Street NE.

4. Rain Gardens Program

- a. Vote on plan modification for funding
- b. Transfer \$20,000 from NRP Phase I-2.1.C.3, Commercial Revolving Loan Fund (\$111,133 available) to Phase I-4.1.A.5, Greening Projects.
- c. This plan mod will compensate WPCiA for 2022 and fund 2023
- d. Robert motions, Celia seconds. Board unanimously passes.

5. Windom Park Mural Project

- a. Decision to approve funding for additional mural wall space on Windom Park Building
- b. The artist assigned to Windom Park, Rock Martinez, is 90% confirmed. His name is Rock Martinez and is very talented, internationally-known and has several prominent murals throughout TC Metro.
- c. Board discusses the possibility of more than one wall/surface. There is interest in two walls if artists can provide cost for additional work.
- d. The board also would like to investigate updating the entire building (base paint, trim, signage, etc) to create a more holistic upgrade to the park building. This will need to be discussed with Chris DesRoches and Carrie Chrsitensen.
- e. The board moves to commit \$25,000 to compensate for the artist's work on the mural project.
- f. Additional funding may be allocated for the above-mentioned building updates, separate from the mural funding.

6. Open Board Positions

- a. Joe Dufficy has officially resigned and we need a board member to volunteer for the Treasurer position. This involves becoming a “signer” to the WPCIA bank account, general oversight of funds and collaboration with staff & bookkeeper.
 - b. WPCIA is in need of a board member to fill our secretary position. This involves review, editing and ultimate approval of minutes taken by staff.
- 7. January and future neighborhood meetings**
- a. Narcan presentation and training (January & February)
 - b. WPCIA Goal/Policy Discussion Process
 - c. Discussion about standard meeting format for neighborhood meetings
 - i. Board arrives between 63-645pm to assist with meeting set-up
 - ii. Meeting
 - 1. General Updates - 15 min
 - 2. Ward 1 Update Slot - 15 min
 - 3. Additional Guests - 30 min
 - 4. Extra Time (community announcements, questions, etc) - 15 min
- 8. Sign on to Letter of Concern over Transit Service Cuts**
- a. Move MN Letter to Metro Transit & Governor’s Office
 - b. Robert will send a letter/email of support

ADJOURNMENT

9:02pm