



## MEETING MINUTES

### Windom Park Citizens in Action

### Neighborhood Meeting

January 17, 2023 - 7:00pm

In-Person: Windom Park Rec Center

#### Call to Order

7:07pm

#### Attendees

##### Board & Staff

- Robert L
- Tara S
- Sita H
- Doug B
- Andy M
- Celia C
- Leslie W
- Thomas E

##### Guests

- Minneapolis City CM Payne
- Hope Network KB Brown
- MPRB Commissioner Menz
- MPRB Senior Planner Carrie Christensen,
- MPRB Forestry Outreach Coordinator Danielle Schumeth

#### Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions [5 min](#)
2. Neighborhood Programs & Updates [10 min](#)
3. Ward 1 Update: Councilmember Elliott Payne [15 min](#)

## Agenda (cont.)

### 4. Featured Guests 60 min

- KB Brown - Hope Network:  
“Narcans & Our Neighborhood”
- Parks Commissioner Billy Menz:  
“Northeast Parks Update”
- Parks Senior Planner Carrie Christensen:  
“Windom Park Mural Project Introduction”
- Parks Forestry Outreach Coordinator Danielle Schumerth: “Citywide Arbor Day Celebration”

## Minutes

- Meeting Update - Shortened to 90 minutes to keep concise & timely, no attendee introductions and limited questions for guests.
- Board of Directors Introductions
- WPCIA Programs - Robert reviews home security rebate program, home energy audit program and home & commercial loan programs.
- Ward 1 Update - City of Minneapolis Councilmember, Elliott Payne
  - City Budget
    - Budget amendments due in November, with many discussions happening all at once. In actuality, the discussions around this should start much earlier, perhaps January/February.
    - Tax Increment Funding (TIF) went down, resulting in budget items like Neighborhood Organization funding going down.
    - CM Payne making rent stabilization & renter assistance a priority
    - Climate Action - explore funding mechanisms and better understand the Inflation Reduction Act for potential funding opportunities
  - Quarry Encampment Clearance
    - CM Payne’s early recommendations for humanely clearing the camp were followed point-by-point, even though they were debated initially.
    - Some residents weren’t immediately housed in shelters because the shelter system is very dynamic, with bed availability changing frequently. That said, 8 residents were left upon clearance, housing found shortly after.
    - CM Payne aims to use his leadership position to provide more continuity of services in these situations.

- Ward 1 Update - City of Minneapolis Councilmember, Elliott Payne (cont.)
  - Snow Removal -
    - Large amounts cleared out of main thoroughfares and side streets, but more to be done.
    - Please contact CM Payne's office if specific issues remain.
  - Question: Are there any changes planned for sidewalk snow removal (ie - city-sponsored) - Only 3% of reported uncleared sidewalks are actually fined by the City. We are investigating options, including: only address the 3% not removing snow, city employees clear, Neighborhood Organizations pay and get reimbursed by City.
  
- Narcan in the Neighborhood - Hope Network Advocate, KB Brown
  - Working with CM Payne's Office
  - Uses Steve's Law - also known as the Good Samaritan law, passed in 2014, provides limited protections to people who call 911 and/or administer naloxone in response to a suspected or known drug overdose.
  - Promoting additional Naloxone Access Point (NAP)
  - Needle vs Spray
    - Needle more effective, more intimidating, less expensive
    - Spray slightly less effective, less intimidating and more expensive
  - Robert describes new relationship w/ KB and CM Payne
  - Question: When overdose occurs, how long before death? >> 7-12 minutes
  - Steve Rummier Hope Network website may have online training
  - Question: How long for Naloxone to work? >> 12-45 minutes
  - People assisting should first call 9-1-1 and tell dispatcher that it is a possible overdose (different dispatch code)
  - Comment (Doug B): Opioid prescriptions can be accompanied by a Naloxone kit. This may require insurance.
  - Fentanyl test kits available to investigate suspicious medicine
  
- District 1 Update - MPRB Commissioner, Billy Menz
  - Graco Park coming online this year
    - Includes geothermal energy and heated sidewalks
    - Figurative "Bridge" to North Minneapolis, benefits both communities
  - North Commons Park process underway
  - Survey of 500 park users asking what is essential service MPRB offers >> youth sports
    - Field studies - what can we improve on a small/medium scale?

1. Diamond sports
  2. Field Sports
- Indigenous Acknowledgement
    1. There were stewards of the land that MPRB manages before “us” and MPRB needs to be good stewards of the land and not think of itself as an “owner” of the land.
    2. Reconciliation and action process underway
    3. City of Minneapolis Council should consider similar action
  - Question: Grand Rounds to be finished? >> Making more steps towards completion, but not entirely. Requesting \$12M from State of MN, Sydney Jordan has submitted this on MPRB’s behalf.
  - Stinson Blvd areas going to be cleared (as requested)? >> Yes, we are working through this. Related, we have launched the Trail Plowing Map on MPRB to show the recent plow activity for the parks and parkways, namely after a significant snow event.
- Windom Park Mural Project - MPRB Senior Planner, Carrie Christensen
    - Carrie involved in Windom Park master plan (and NE Mpls) several years ago
    - 9 goals in comprehensive plan and 9 murals through Minneapolis tell the story of these goals
    - A major goal of this project is to mediate the high cost of graffiti clean-up (\$120,000/year)
    - MPRB Paint Shop and MPRB leadership weighed in on the selection of (9) sites
    - Robert also provided context for the mural and efforts to upgrade several aspects of the park (park building, wading pool, benches, etc). WPCIA is pursuing a full facelift to the park building in advance of the mural project being underway.
  - Citywide Arbor Day Celebration - MPRB Forestry Outreach Coordinator, Danielle Schumerth
    - Annual citywide Arbor Day Celebration has been chosen to be at Windom Park!
    - 100+ tree plantings
    - Kids games
    - Lawn games
    - Bier Garten
    - Food Trucks
    - Music (MPRB showmobile stage)
    - Tree-climbing
    - Cherry-picker rides
    - Much More!
  - Meeting finishes with social gathering (10min)

## Adjournment

8:53pm