



Windom Park Citizens In Action

Board Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2023

7:00pm-8:30pm

Online via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82708352238>

AGENDA

- Review June 2023 Board Meeting Minutes
- Nick Graanfox nomination to join the WPCIA Board of Directors.
- Vote: Move \$25,000 from NRP Phase I to NRP Phase II
- Staff updates:
 - a. Annual Meeting review
 - b. Upcoming event: Naloxone training @ SEIU Local 26 Hall - 7/26, 6:30 pm
 - c. Movie-in-the-Park Schedule for remainder of summer
 - d. Windom Park Tree Watering
 - e. Park improvement request status
 - f. Cardinal Coop - MWMO grant approved
 - g. Rain gardens status
 - h. Taylor Street Gardens status
- Mural update & discussion - special guests Carrie Christensen and Rock Martinez
 - a. Information on contract with Forecast nonprofit for funding mural project
 - b. Vote: Resolution to provide notice of intent to reallocate funds to Phase II 4.1.A.3 (Windom Park Local Arts Focus)

ATTENDANCE

Board & Staff

- RL
- TS
- DB
- AP
- LW
- MP
- CC
- TE

Guests

- Nick Graanfox

- Carrie Christensen
- Rock Martinez

MINUTES

- Call to Order: 7:08pm
- Agenda Reviewed & Approved
- Review of [June 2023 Board of Director Meeting Minutes](#)
- Vote: Move \$25,000 from NRP Phase I to NRP Phase II
 - From 2.1.C.3 (Commercial Revolving Loan Fund - \$119,044 available) into Phase II 5.1.A.1 (Admin Support Implementation) - *Unanimous vote in favor of motion*
- Staff updates:
 - July 20 Annual Meeting review
 - Great attendance for both meeting/social (125) and movie-in-the-park (90+)
 - Robert made a nice presentation of our our annual activities and financial update
 - Representative Sydney Jordan provided an update on the legislative session
 - Councilmember Elliott Payne provided a Minneapolis Ward 1 Update
 - Wild Blue Ice Cream invoiced the WPCIA for distribution of 125 ice cream treats
 - Many attendees appeared to enjoy the event, several stayed for the movie
 - Thomas and Ethan setup the Movie-in-the-Park equipment and have found the process to be a bit smoother now.
 - The movie screen's location at the top of the hill, amongst the spruce trees (and opposite the pergola) was a fun option to create a "living room" effect
 - Several residents came after the meeting to attend the movie, of which perhaps 30-50% were latino, a specific aim of WPCIA's outreach
 - Upcoming event: Naloxone training @ SEIU Local 26 Hall - 7/26, 6:30 pm
 - Movie-in-the-Park Schedule for remainder of summer - Draft schedule was discussed and amended. *Action Item:* Board tasks Thomas & Ethan to finalize remaining schedule.
 - Thomas added that the Women's World Cup is underway and that it would be nice to show a "knock-out round" game, should the USA advance to that level. Tara is interested in the World Cup and would like to discuss the possibility more.
 - Windom Park Tree Watering - The tree watering process was discussed and we will encourage the community to volunteer for this activity and perhaps start by the board volunteering to water some specific trees

- Molly also reminded of the need for another wagon to ease the process for multiple volunteers to help with multiple trees
- Park improvement request status - After several update requests, we have received an sun shade install estimate (~\$28,000 for one shade install) from Chris DesRoches. It may be desirable to request more than one if MPRB's RFP guidelines don't require it already.
- Cardinal Coop - MWMO grant approved, Cardinal will soon attend an orientation meeting with MWMO and update WPCIA.
- Rain gardens status - All (10) spaces were filled as of the start of the program, however, two signups opted not to schedule a consultation with Metro Blooms.
- Taylor Street Gardens (TSG) - WPCIA has received \$1040 in checks/cash from garden coordinator, Chris Pratt. Thomas deposited this amount at TrueStone. The TSG requested that WPCIA make a \$900 payment to the property owner, Dale Howey, to offset his property tax payment. WPCIA made this payment.
Chris requested information about remaining funds from previous years. Thomas had difficulty finding any records of this, but Chris found an email from May 2020 from Gayle Bonneville that stated WPCIA had \$1,050 in remaining funds. This will need to be made available to the TSG in the future. It also indicates that WPCIA should develop a MOU with TSG for the 2024 garden season and beyond.
- Mural update & discussion - special guests MPRB Planner Carrie Christensen and muralist Rock Martinez
 - Overview of project (Carrie)
 - Details on the mural concept (Rock)
 - Discussion of sponsorship payment process (WPCIA/Carrie)
 - Request for assistance with auto insurance and assistant's worker's comp
 - Action Items:
 - Rock to send details on insurance and worker's comp needs
 - Carrie to send Forecast contract as template for WPCIA contract with Rock and invoice for \$9,000 portion of sponsorship
 - WPCIA to draft contract with Rock, pursue funds with City, make payment to MPRB (\$9,000) and Rock (\$16,000)
- Vote: Resolution to provide notice of intent to reallocate funds to Phase II 4.1.A.3 (Windom Park Local Arts Focus) - *Unanimous vote in favor of motion*
- Adjourn: 8:39pm