



## **WPCIA Board of Directors Meeting**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**January 23, 2023**

**7-830pm**

**Indeed Brewing**

### **Call to Order**

7:17pm

### **Attendees**

Robert Lodge, Nick Graanfox, Leslie Wise, Molly Phillips, Andy McPartland, Doug Borys

### **Minutes**

- Toast to Robert's multiple years of high-level service in Chair position. We'll miss ya Robert!
  
- Review of January Neighborhood Meeting
  - Good attendance, engagement and guest roster
  - Good to have business owners/workers attend to provide feedback on potential Starbucks
  - Still need to get more Rec Center residents to attend at the new location (Parker Skyview Building)
  - Good moderation on Robert's part to draw out more useful feedback about Metro Transit F Line
  - Great to have our meeting at the Parker Skyview Building, CM Payne seems to agree
  
- March Content
  - Information & discussion about Central Avenue's designation as a Cultural Corridor
  - Discussion about what businesses/restaurants residents appreciate (and why)
  - Chamber of Commerce involvement?
  - CEE involved with loan for Cultural Corridor
  - Combine with a survey of residents about restaurants/businesses
  - How can we support businesses in/around Windom Park?
  
- 1851 Central Ave
  - WPCIA was contacted by Will Hollerich (Librarian at Hennepin County Library Northeast Branch) about a Northeaster article indicating the property owner of 1851 Central Avenue NE is considering leasing to Starbucks.
  - Discussion around whether the WPCIA has a role in this decision. Board determines that WPCIA should indeed be involved in some fashion.
  - WPCIA would like to at least advocate for the health and prosperity of the local small business community.
  - WPCIA to write a Letter to the Editor at the Northeaster (Molly to draft, Andy to assist in editing)
  - Hoping this will develop a larger discussion, perhaps with other neighborhood organizations, creating a forum to provide input on what is desirable in the business community.
  - WPCIA will have a "Support for Small Business" conversation at next Neighborhood Meeting
  - Board wonders what the status of the property is in regard to drive-thru vs drive-in capacity. We will ask Bob Cooper for advice.

- Robert leads Board through a review of records from the Chair position
  - Project Development records for current project/programs (TE will scan/record)
  - Review of Chair documents for historical records and for Robert's successor
  
- Debit Card & Bank Account Access
  - Thomas & Doug propose that staff are named on the debit card (for proper/legal use) and listed as a board-approved bank account user. Board votes unanimously to have Thomas and Doug visit TrueStone Credit Union to:
    - Remove Tara Schmoll as a user
    - Add Thomas as a user
    - Request a new debit card with Thomas' name listed on it
  
- Adding Funds to Administrative Contracts
  - Additional funds are needed for operational expenses such as staff pay, office needs, etc
  - Board unanimously approves transfer of funds:
    - \$25,000 from the Phase I - 1.C.3. Commercial Revolving Loan program funds to be placed in the Administrative Activities contract (#COM0004164)
    - \$5,000 from Phase II - 1.C.1. Residential Livability and Access Program to be placed in the Home Energy Audit Program contract (#38251)
  
- Discussion of 2024 activities
  - Review of current projects & programs
  - Discussion of a few proposals
    - Website overhaul
    - Contract assistance for meeting A/V assistance
  - Andy offers to investigate website replacement
  - Board votes unanimously to hire help with Neighborhood Meeting A/V setup
    - \$500 for (5) meetings
    - \$100 for (2) hour set-up only
  - Board to discuss additional activities at February meeting

**Adjourn**

9:00pm