**Windom Board Meeting Minutes**

**9 August 2018**

**Attending Board Members**: Steve Rawlins (P), Jacky Junek (S), Becky McIntosh (T), Patrick Barrett, Pete Johnson, Veronica Walther

**Absent Board Members:** Pat Soulak, Brian O’Shea (VP), Timothy Olson

**Additional Attendees:** Mario Vargas (Administrative Coordinator), Jeremy Schroeder (City Councilman), Jim Hasnik (CEE), Roger Worm (Windom Façade Grant Program), Adam Ardvison (MPRB)

**Meeting:**

1. Steve Rawlins called meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Meeting minutes from July 2018 were unanimously approved by the Board.
3. Ward 11 & City Update: Jeremy Schroeder
	1. The developer interested in purchasing the hotels met with Mr. Schroeder. Discussions are ongoing. The approximate timeline for the sale of hotels depends on the developer’s timeline. Once a developer files a plan, the city has up to 100 days to approve and then the sale may proceed.
	2. Home Grant program for 2020 is in the planning stages and Mr. Schroeder’s office should be contacted with any suggestions.
	3. Mr. Schroeder is promoting increased visibility of arts in the 55419 area and is looking for any suggestions as to how to highlight the artists in 55419 and promote and facilitate their art and art sales in our community.
	4. The city is seeking pilot projects for the use of biochar, which helps soil and carbon sequestration (acts as a top soil) and is a use for wood waste, such as Emerald Ash trees. Any individual or community gardens interested in participating should contact his office.
4. Neighborhood Immigration Educational Listening Session – Veronica Walther
	1. The Council voted to support marketing efforts for an educational listening session on immigration for the Windom community to be hosted by Veronica at the Paddy Wagon. Date and time are to be determined.
5. Housing Improvement Loan Update – Jim Hasnik
	1. Loan is administered by the CEE, as presented by Jim Hasnik.
	2. As of the meeting date, none of the Windom loan program money has been distributed, though two applications are in process.
	3. Current home loan programs available in Windom:

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| **Program** | **Rate** | **Max Term (years)** | **Income Limit (per household)** | **Max Loan Amount** |
| Windom | 2% | 10 | 75% AMI | $15,000 |
| Windom (Nicollet only) | 4% | 10 | None | $10,000 |
| MPLS Insulation | 0% | 5 | $94,300 | $10,000 |
| Home Energy Squad | Free | N/A | $94,300 | N/A |
| MN Housing Loan Program | 4.625-5.375% | 20 | $141,000 | $50,000 |
| CEE Home Improvement | 4.99% | 10 | None | $20,000 |
| Energy Loans | 4.99% | 10 | None | $20,000 |

1. Business Grant Program – Roger Worm
	1. As of the meeting date, four façade applications have been approved for a total of $7,475.86 of funds available.
2. Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board (MPRB) Projects Update – Adam Arvidson
	1. Southwest Service Area Master Plan
		1. An effort to master plan every service area within Minneapolis and all outdoor park assets that lie within them. The master plans will guide capital improvements, management, and operations of public parks for the next 20-30 years after final commissioner approval.
		2. This plan is in the early planning stages and MPRB staff is asking that community members help create improvement plans for all outdoor park assets including fields, playgrounds, paths, etc.
		3. Contact Colleen O’Dell at codell@minneapolisparks.org, 612-230-6469
		4. Visit project webpage at [www.minneapolisparks.org/sw](http://www.minneapolisparks.org/sw)
	2. Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail Master Plan
		1. This project, in the early planning stages, will involve the community in creating a plan for parkland within Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail and will set a vision for improvements over the next 30 years.
		2. Contact Adam Arvidson at aarvidson@minneapolisparks.org or 612-230-6470
		3. Participate in the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/minnehaha_parkway_community_input>
		4. To sign up for Project Updates and learn more, go to: www.minneapolisparks.org/minnehahacreek
3. Neighborhoods 2020 – Becky McIntosh
	1. CPP funding for all neighborhoods expires in 2019. The Neighborhoods 2020 group is structured to determine what community engagement should look like and where funding will be sourced and allocated.
	2. Upcoming meetings will be advertised on the Windom website.
4. Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.