

WSCO Board of Directors Meeting 1/12/15

Present: Christine Shyne, Mason Wells, Frank Emanuelson, Alicia Lucio, Kathy Larson, Pam Welisevich, Armando Luna, Lewis Dixon, Salina Amey, Carol Swenson, Matthew Bergeron, Joe Gould, Amelia Holcomb, Ruth Lott, Krysten Ryba-Tures, Alice Martin.

Absent: Phillip Espinoza Day, Dan Martinez, Benjamin Mike, Nicholas Bundt, Nancy Negrette, Melissa Johnson.

6:35 called to order, introductions of all board members and staff present

6:50 agenda approved unanimously

6:55 Christine and Frank present intro to board responsibilities and executive committee positions.

7:05 Board Elections:

- President:  
Salina nominates Kathy. Kathy accepts.  
Alicia and Joe also nominated, but refused.  
Alicia nominates Armando. Armando refused.  
Amelia nominates Carol. Carol accepts.  
Nominations closed by unanimous vote.  
Speeches by nominees followed by board vote. Kathy wins election.
- Vice President:  
Lewis nominates Armando. Armando accepts.  
Kathy nominates Alicia. Alicia accepts.  
Joe nominates Carol. Carol refuses.  
Armando nominates Matthew. Matthew refuses.  
Nominations closed by unanimous votes.  
Speeches by nominees followed by board vote. Alicia wins election
- Treasurer:  
Benjamin nominates Ruth. Ruth accepts.  
Ruth wins unanimously.
- Secretary:  
Nick reported self-nomination to Christine.  
Lewis nominates Amelia. Amelia accepts.  
Speech by Amelia followed by vote. Amelia wins election.

7:25 Elections complete. Christine introduces Tom Parent, SPPS facilities guest to present on Baker Recreation Center, and discusses pursuit of development rights for location on Robert St. with NeDA.

- Tom desires to discuss potential of WSCO relocation to Baker Rec Center. School district has taken control of Baker Center due to lack of programming. Challenges: lack of awareness of center, entrance confusion. SPPS seeking input on community interests that will lend to sustainability of programming at center. They reached out to YMCA, who said they were unable to support programming without additional support. Other community groups have said similar things. SPPS now discussing having building be multi-dimensional, think that district is heading toward success at Baker center, and is soliciting WSCO relocation to building first floor. They will be undertaking significant capital improvements to building.

7:35 Board questions/comments to Mr. Parent: need for clean-up of vandalism; need for better lighting; concern for parking; pro- election location; pro- space; con- timing getting in to building; SPPS will continue discussion even if WSCO doesn't use space; distance from bus line is a few blocks.

- Mr. Parent notes that there will be significant interior and exterior improvements to building, including windows, water issues, kitchen space, possible layout changes.

- YMCA will mainly be on lower level, but may occupy a couple office spaces upstairs.
- Move in time would be 8-12 months from now. Rent would be comparable to current WSCO location. SPPS would seek annual lease, but is willing to be flexible.
- SPPS seeks answer to solicitation within two months.

7:55 Mr. Parent excused. Board discusses advantages/disadvantages of committing to solid "maybe" on occupying Baker center space.

- 8:05 Amelia motions that WSCO expresses interest in occupying building pending further, more concrete details of actual renovations and accommodations. Joe seconds motion.
- 8:10 Amelia motions call to question. Second by Salina. Unanimous vote in favor of motion.

8:14 TNT presentation from Lewis regarding youth programming that would involve mentoring disadvantaged youth. Stated that West Side Boosters ends after 8th grade and this youth-led group can benefit "lost" youth. TNT is looking to collaborate with TC Boys and Girls Club and YMCA. TNT already has a board of directors and organizational infrastructure.

- Alicia fortifies Lewis' argument that there is a lack of programming for urban kids especially and that TNT has a positive influence on community youth.
- Christine explains how WSCO can lend 501c(3) status to organization so that donations can be tax deductible and grants can be pursued. WSCO would not actually be giving the organization funding, TNT would be pursuing grants with WSCO as a fiscal sponsor.
- 8:32 Amelia motions that WSCO expresses interest in fiscal sponsorship of TNT so that they may pursue funding. Carol seconds motion. Alicia and Lewis step out of the room d/t conflict of interest so that the board can discuss motion further.
  - Board discusses advantages/disadvantages of fiscal sponsorship and possible liabilities.
  - Friendly amendment to motion that WSCO express interest in fiscal sponsorship of TNT following contract discussion and stipulation of contract limit. Amelia accepts.
  - 8:56 Amelia calls the motion as amended to question. Ruth seconds motion. Majority in favor, Kathy and Salina opposed, and Lewis and Alicia abstained.

9:04 Mason presents on WSFMP update. Public hearing January 30 8:30am at city hall.

- Letter of Recommendation drafting deferred to River committee.

9:10 Mason presents on CIB proposals from community meeting. Project ideas: redesign Robert/State/Sidney intersection, lighting improvements on Oakdale, connecting Wabasha bike lane to bluff, redesign of E Curtis to address runoff issue.

- Carol motions to approve submission of project ideas to CIB. Second by Krysten.

9:14 Salina motions to table remainder of agenda (task force and committee updates and news updates) and adjourn. Carol seconds. Vote passed unanimously.