

WSCO Board of Directors Meeting
April 11, 2016

Present: Carol Swenson, Amelia Holcomb, Krysten Ryba-Tures, Lewis Dixon, Derek Johnson, Analita Silva, Louis Garcia, Matt Bergeron, Diggitt McLaughlin (alt.), Chris Karpovich, Tiffany Stewart, Joanna Lowry, Alicia Lucio, Graciela Mendez, Craig Willford Monica Bryand, Monica Bravo, Christine Shyne. Guests: Barb Rose, Maureen Hark, Sara Udvig

Absent: Nancy Negrette (alt.), Armando Luna, Tawala Storay, Nick Novacek-Bundt, Pam Welisevich,.

6:33pm – Called to order.

Consent Agenda

- April agenda, March minutes, March finance report, March Cashflow. Board reviewed documents.
 - Agenda amended to include MNDOT update.
 - Minutes amended to include accurate name.
 - Motion to approve the whole consent agenda by Armando L., second by Louis G.
 - Unanimously approved.

Budget Update

- New funding warrants vote from the board to approve an updated budget. This will be voted on at the next meeting.

Growing West Side Programs

- Barb Rose and Maureen Hark updated the board on the work of GWS and brought a list of 2016 classes and events. So far GWS has had several successful programs which were highlighted, including the Farmer's Market, Seed Library, Beans on the Boulevard, Orchard Project, and educational programming. Partnership opportunities for GWS to work with WSCO: block clubs, reaching out to the community at the farmer's market especially with transit work, coordinating with Bike/Walk/Roll event. GWS is also seeking live musicians each week at the farmer's market. Opening day of the farmer's market is June 4th.

Drawing Out – Artist Engagement Project with Farmer's Market

- Sara Udvig, local artist, talked about partnership program that will be taking place at the farmer's market. Sara has done work on community murals and engagement. Drawing Out would like to show the value of artists in the community, enhancing artist experiences and process, and creating projects that facilitate artist engagement in the community.
 - Board discussed opportunities for engagement with WSCO.

Committee Updates

- RDLU
 - Discussed Lilydale Project conversation and sent a letter to the city council requesting a public process for this work. Councilwoman Noecker removed the item from the consent agenda and a public info session has been set for April 20th at 6:30 pm at Baker Center. Other community events coming up include: Noecker's 100 days in office community engagement meeting on April 18th 5:30-7pm at Baker Center; public

meeting regarding bike trail from Harriet Island to SSP on April 26th, time TBD; public hearing at city hall for Oakdale lighting upgrade on April 20th at 5:30pm.

- EJ
 - Lilydale Project engagement meeting will replace the next formal EJ meeting, though the group may get together to discuss this issue.
- Community Outreach and Safety
 - Some neighbors in the community have started another block club and have been attending committee meetings for information.
 - Discussion of reports of activity at George and Stryker and different info that has come up in neighborhood forums.
 - Next meeting will hopefully be a larger meeting outdoors, possibly with potluck and presenters on police process and Ramsey Co. car theft crime.
 - Registration is open for National Night Out on August 2nd. The board discussed opportunities to expand appeal of NNO with different events, possibly tying in international cultures.
- Communications
 - No new reports. Nick and Craig have been working on the WSCO computers. The westside.mn website is open for the business expo and sign-ups from businesses are coming in. (Reminder: it will be May 22 1-4pm at Neighborhood House.)
- Funding and Finance
 - No new reports. Small team working to connect with AutoBremer to apply for grant, hopefully submitting a proposal after the next board meeting.
- Executive Director's Report
 - No new reports. Looking to organize around current work as previously discussed in the meeting.
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- MNDOT
 - The MNDOT Community Advisory Committee met to discuss the project that will be taking place from the Smith Bridge down to I-494 in 2018. Many community stakeholders attended the meeting. Community engagement of this caliber is a new process for MNDOT. Because this is just a "preservation project," there won't be any major changes along the road but MNDOT is open to community input.

Board Retreat Updates

- Retreat will be April 23rd at Baker Center.

7:50 pm – Motion to adjourn by Louis G., second by Craig W. Meeting adjourned.

Upcoming Events and Announcements:

- April 25 – Monica Bryand will be presenting about climate change and bird impact at Baker Center.
- May 14 – Potluck to take place at Tiffany S. townhomes.
- April 14 – Director of Corrections and Juvenile Corrections will be having a public meeting session at Ramsey County Building. Contact Joanna L. or Alicia L. for more information.

- May 3 – SP Healthy Transportation for All will be hosting event about pedestrian safety. Morning session at MN History Center. Afternoon session at Wilder Center.
- April 27 – West Side Wednesday at Baker Center.
- May 7 – Cinco de Mayo celebration. Contact Alicia L. for more info.
- April 16 – Workshop from 8:30am-5p for prospective homebuyers. Contact Graciela M. for more info.
- Metro Transit looking for drivers and looking to increase diversity. Contact Carol S. for more info.
- WSCO was accepted mentoring in communication and Krysten R.T. has been engaged in this.
- Citywide clean-up will be taking place on Harriet Island on April 23rd 9-11am.