

WSCO Board of Directors Meeting
July 13, 2015

Present: Salina Amey, Matthew Bergeron , Lewis Dixon, Kathy Larson, Alicia Lucio, Armando Luna, Alice Martin, , Krysten Ryba-Tures , Carol Swenson, Pam Welisevich. Guests: Lida Gilbertson (Wilder Research), Ben Pearce (Connect St. Paul)

Staff: Christine Shyne, Mason Wells

Absent: Joe Gould, Amelia Holcomb, , Benjamin Mike, Ruth Lott, Dan Martinez, Nancy Negrette, Nicholas Novacek Bundt, Melissa Johnson (alt.),.

6:35pm – Called to order.

Consent Agenda (discussion)

- July agenda, June minutes, June finance report, June Fundraising Report, June Cashflow.

Board reviewed documents. Motion to approve agenda by Matthew, second by Carol.

- Unanimously approved.

Board Assessment Proposal

Krysten spoke about a board assessment process proposed, with help from Lida Gilbertson from Wilder Research. The project will be in two parts: 1 – phone interviews with board members to better understand a) how board members perceive the role of a District Council; b) what role WSCO plays (or should play) in the West Side community; and c) what role the Board of Directors plays in the governance and guidance of the organization.

1- a paper survey will be administered to each board member. Questions on the survey will drill down on board members' skills and interest areas and priorities for WSCO.

Lida is offering this pro bono.

Mason Wells announced that he will be leaving WSCO to pursue a graduate degree. His last day will be August 14th, 2015.

Task Force Updates/Committee Updates

- Bike Walk Roll Event in June – 40 people signed in that attended, there were four community interpreters at various locations on the West Side. Support has been offered for future Bike Walk Roll Events
- There is a grant opportunity for bike racks on Cesar Chavez
- RDLU
 - RDLU Committee did walking tour of Stryker during Bike Walk Roll event. Looking Stryker Area Plan
 - George Stryker Plan update: Hally created a current conditions memo. The Committee presented to the Sustainable Living Committee about having a community conversation about Stryker Garden as talks of development in the area take shape.
- CRIME AND SAFETY
 - National Night out is August 4th.

- There is an email tree going along Stevens-Winslow, forming a block club
- Community Clean Up had 353 Cars, still putting all the numbers together but good turn out for a new location (and bad weather in the morning)

Connect St. Paul-Broadband proposal

Ben Pearce attended the meeting to listen on the discussion and hear the vote presented at June's board meeting to urge the City of Saint Paul to adopt Broadband cable for the whole city, seeing internet as a utility and a right that is necessary for jobs, students, etc.

Salina moved that they vote in favor of the resolution. Matthew seconded.

Discussion ensued as to whether there would be amendments to the resolution to change language to include "explore" rather than demanding.

Krysten moved. Armando seconded. The vote past unanimously.

- Sustainable Living
 - MPCA air quality report discussed
 - Pollinator project discussed (chemical free plants such as milkweed) to create a flyway for birds, bees, and butterflies
 - Hawkins work discussed
- PORT Work Group (Formerly Hawkins Working Group)
(Matthew Stepped out at 7:40-his law firm represents Hawkins)
 - Wednesday night there was a Community Forum with 100+ attendees with Hawkins rep, Hawkins employees, PORT group, Port Authority and community members. Jon Kerr represented PORT in a presentation. Hawkins also presented information on a presentation followed by a question and answer session. Hawkins agreed NOT to store Hydrochloric Acid at their site
 - MPCA Is processing the EAW Petition.
 - There was a request to vote in favor of the EAW Being completed. NO action was taken by the board.

8:20 pm – Meeting adjourned.