

August 27th Board of Directors Meeting 6:30-8:00 Baker Community Center

Present:

Craig Wilford
Katie Haas
Bahieh Hartshorn
Martin Hernandez
Joy Sorensen Navarre
Monica Bravo
Nick Johnson
Leah Porter
Nancy Paez
Jen Crea
Signe Hushagen
Kareem Smith

Guests:

Marie Frenchette
Dan Conlin
Chris Klovic- Propel

6:30 Call to order

Public Comments

Dan Conlin- Problem trees with neighbors
Vines killing pine trees
There is no St Paul ordinance around nuisance trees
Will Provide powerpoint for Board members

Consent Agenda- June and July Board Meeting Minutes, August Agenda, Board Minutes-
Amendment to remove names from minutes - Nancy- Jen 2nd- Passed Unanimous

Kareem moves to approve Agenda -Katie 2nd- Passed Unanimously

City of St Paul Sanitary Sewer Lift Station- Need \$2.5 Million or @\$1900 per unit

St Paul is working on the creation of districts to pay for lift station in the west side flats
City Special Sewer improvement Charge area
Chapter 76 would be amended and a resolution passed in city council to create the district-
public comment and hearings- Largest impact to owners of vacant land on the west side flats
Based on new development- amount of sewage discharged by the development.
SAC - Sanitary Access Charge

Racial equity-This lift station is a prerequisite to new development which includes Phase 3 of West Side Flats Development - 82 units of affordable housing, hud- Equitable marketing- a new trail and amphitheatre, restaurants

Not asking for a letter of support at this time- Purely informational

ED Report

2040 Met Council Parks Plan- Ask for a vote to submit a letter requesting the reinstatement of Equity Toolkit to the Met Council Parks Plan.

Katie Motion for support- Kareem 2nd- Passed- Unanimous

Monica is asking for a policy position/guideline vote to grant Monica ability to have WSCO support other organizations letters involving policing and criminal justice

Vote on letter to oppose tracking system in the criminal justice system- Electronic Vote to be held after meeting

Important Dates- See calendar

Financial Update

Chris Klovic -Propel

Review of Profit and Loss January-July- WSCO is very close to budget- @\$5000 surplus

Bank accounts not reconciled since early 2017- \$12,000 of expenses in the bank but not accounted for in quickbooks. Not included in the 990. Propel recommends revising our 2017 990 to account for these missed expenses.

2018 reconciliation will be complete by next board meeting

Balance Sheet- Review of Assets, Liabilities and Equity

Amplify DMC - Amy

Fundraising for WSCO

Goal of \$170,033

\$5000 individual- Goal of \$20,000 Individual and business donation

\$153,000 Grants-

\$12,000 Others

All encompassing campaign document- Our Neighborhood, or Future
Keep our neighborhood connected vibrant and healthy

Focus on the value the impact of WSCO's work, not WSCO itself

Done through 1:1 asks through letter and phone calls. Minimizes social media and give to the max etc.

Many tasks that don't require interpersonal interaction with strangers -
Ambassadorship - stewardship - outreach

Asks should be mailed by election day- allows time to follow-up
Usually takes 3 touch points before a donation is made

Prioritizing grant work to ensure that the effort has the greatest return

November 11th Board Retreat- Dodge nature center

Need to choose another date if we want our facilitators

Annual Meeting

Lots of needs for help- See Jen and Monica for details

Motion to Adjourn- Signe- Jen 2nd- Unanimous