**West Maka Ska Neighborhood Council Monthly Meeting**

**(in person at Waterbury House and by Zoom)**

**Minutes**

**November 14, 2023**

**Presided by:** Tim Knight

**Board members in attendance:** Melanie Fehlberg, Bob Gordon, Leyden Victoria Iraheta Santos, Richard Logan, Tim Knight, Lynette Davis, Dylan Ohm, Allan Campbell

**Coordinator:** Michelle Sass

**Guest speakers:** Ethan Fawley, Vision Zero Program Coordinator; Sarah Linnes-Robinson with Lyndale Neighborhood Association

Tim called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

October Minutes:

Motion to approve by Richard, second by Allan, **approved**.

Treasurer’s report:

May have to return $27000 to city for Equitable Engagement projects that were not done this year. $5000 is available for merchandise. Tim and Michelle will put together a proposal of possible purchases. $22000 was supposed to go to We Push for Peace, but we have yet to hear back from them. If we don’t this will be returned to the city.

Motion to approve by Richard, second by Lynette, **approved**.

Guest Speaker: Ethan Fawley, Vision Zero Program Coordinator. PowerPoint presentation shared, statistics and conversations surrounding safety in our neighborhood and city. 2023-2025 Vision Zero Action Plan discussed. Any questions contact: minneapolismn.gov/visionzero or visionzero@minneapolismn.gov

Tim on partnering with The Bakken:

Three areas: Volunteer, engagement, events. Examples: Earth day, perhaps a bigger version of what we did this year. Volunteers: A database of volunteers.

Safety:

There is a trench in the greenspace that could be a hazard. Richard will contact the Park Board.

Effort to get 32nd Street to be declared a snow emergency route (problem is people parking on both sides and street not being plowed). Call 311 and express support for issue 488063.

Soo Line Community Garden:

Hennepin County want to put a paved path (for bikes and pedestrians) to provide access to the Midtown Greenway. The neighborhood supports access, just not through the garden and is asking for support.

Motion to support not having path go through garden by Melanie, second by Allan, **approved**.

Affordable Housing:

Presentation by Sarah Linnes-Robinson from the Lyndale Neighborhood Association in support of Project for Pride in Living proposal for affordable housing at 3300 Nicollet.

Motion:

West Maka Ska Neighborhood Council will commit $25000 of uncontracted NRP housing dollars to PPL NicLake LLC for the 110 -unit housing at 3030 Nicollet and will take all necessary action to make this financial commitment happen and assure these funds are available. Conditions of this agreement are that a minimum of $100K and a maximum of $5000,000 must be collectively committed by neighborhood by June 1, 2024, ground broken by End of Year 2024, and the project to be completed by a date to be agreed upon by all parties, likely December 31t 2026.

Moved by Richard, second by Melanie, **approved**.

Greenspace:

Park Board was contacted. Some trees could be moved. We should see a plan in January. They have been paid.

Communications and Events:

Brief discussion of poster to go in stores. Some suggestions as to layout and color. Revised samples will be emailed along with proposed letter and list of possible events.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45.