

**WAITE PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023**

The board meeting of the Waite Park Community Council on Thursday, February 23, 2023 was called to order by President Dan Haugen at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom only due to severe weather.

Land Acknowledgement Statement - Dan

Board members present: Gary Arntsen, Kate Cornish, Dan Haugen, Jared Holt, Kevin Horkheimer, Alex Jacques, Ali Nussbaum, Nick Stroozas and Leah Wallgren Price

Board member appointed tonight: Scott Larson

Excused absences: Jay Smigielski and Mariana Tuttle

Unexcused absence: Joy Cattledge

Others present: Emilie Quast, 2nd Precinct Advisory Council (2PAC) board member; Rashid Ali, 2nd Precinct Community Crime Prevention Specialist)

The agenda was approved. The minutes of the board meetings on December 8, 2022 and January 26, 2023 and the 2023 Annual Meeting on February 1 were approved unanimously.

2nd Precinct Advisory Committee (2PAC) - Emilie Quast and Rashid Ali

Motion: (Gary /) To appoint Scott Larson to fill one of the three vacant positions on the board for a term expiring at the 2024 annual meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

New board welcome and introductions

Review of the new Board Manual and policy review -Dan

Introduction of committees - Dan

Review of conflict of policy - Dan

Whistleblower and EEO (Manual page 83) policies

Motion: (Gary /) To temporarily appoint the vice president, Nick, as whistleblower compliance officer until the next board meeting to give the Operations & Finance Committee time to research and draft a new proposal. The motion passed, with Nick abstaining.

Committee reports

Operations and Finance - Dan

Treasurer's Report - Jared

Equitable Engagement - Leah

Fall Festival - Nick

Projects and Positions - Ali

Unfinished business

Cosmic Coffee pilot program - Dan

Motion: (Gary/) To spend \$300 in unrestricted funds for a Cosmic Coffee pilot program. The motion passed unanimously.

Tax-fortified Property - Nick

Motion: (Nick /) To submit a communication to the City by Nick to the City expressing our preference that a tax-forfeited property at 3629 Central be acquired by the City for affordable housing or homestead. The motion passed, with Kevin voting no.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.