**West Maka Ska Neighborhood Council Meeting (in person at the Bakken and by Zoom)**

**January 10, 2022**

**Presided by:** Tim Knight, chair

**Board members in attendance:** Tim Knight, Allan Campbell, Richard Logan, Bob Gordon, Melanie Fehlberg, John Bordwell, Dave Stougaard, Dylan Ohm,

**Absent:** Lynette Davis, Leyden Victoria Iraheta Santos

**Coordinator:** Michelle Sass

**Presenters:** Council Vice President Linea Palmisano, Joe Pauman, Director of Transportation Maintenance and Repair; Duane Haponuk, Public Works

Tim called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

**Approval of December minutes:** Richard moved approval. Melanie seconded. **Minutes were approved.**

**Treasurer’s Report:** Dave reported that plenty of checks remain to be paid out in 2023 for work contracted in 2022. Dave moved to approve the report. Allan seconded. **Motion approved.**

**Michelle’s Contract:** It was decided to create a committee to discuss. Melanie will head up by email.

**Presentation by City Council Vice President Linea Palmisano to review safety and snow Removal concerns**

Linea said the Jan 2 – 5 snowstorm was being referred to as “the big mess.” Still getting feedback and triage. 36 citations were issued by Regulator Services. Signage is up and will be plowing south side of West 32nd Street . Will be doing both sides of Chowan and Abbott. Investigating single-sided parking. Important for fire trucks, but we need two-sided parking in our neighborhood because of its high density. Are between two different plowing districts. We don’t have lots of towing here.

Richard: People parking far from sidewalk.

Melanie: What we can do now vs next year. Public works was plowing even though snow emergency wasn’t declared until the snow stopped. Need a public/private partnership on snow removal. Coordinate between buildings. Snow and cars in street prevented cars/trucks getting through. Serious safety issue. Especially 32nd. People don’t move cars because there’s no place to park them. Possible space at the parking lot at the end of France. It’s accessible to the apartments via the Greenway.

Linea: Not familiar with that lot, but alternate parking would help.

The Lakeside Executive Center was also suggested as an alternative.

Richard: Communication is key.

Bob: Use tornado siren?

Melanie: Post things in building; perhaps city can provide something like a PDF to print out.

Joe Pauman (from city): Big issue is parking. Can prioritize this neighborhood for tagging/towing. For this year looking at one-sided parking. If there’s a car in the street, use 311. Linea says 311 is the best way. On 32nd it’s not obvious which side of the street to park on.

Tim: What would it take to open the Executive Center lot for overnight parking.

Richard: Can contact Ackerberg.

Linea: What are the factors required to make a street a snow emergency route. Can we make W 32nd Stret a snow emergency route.

Joe: Traffic volume is a major factor. When the West Lake station opens traffic volume will increase.

Tim: Work with We Push for Peace re: Executive Center lot.

Richard: Hill on 32nd between Excelsior and Chowen needs salting/sanding. Cars were stuck.

Melanie: Sand is preferable to salt given drainage into the lake.

John: Need signage to tell which side of the street to park on.

**Equitable Engagement**

Tim presented the EE budget for 2023:

* $6,000 to Habitat for Humanity for volunteer events.
* $10,000 to Bakken. Open Eye Theater. Offer free tix. Also more events to be determined.
* $2,200 Rent paid to Bakken for meetings through 2024.
* $8,750 for merchandise. Shirts, whistles, etc.
* $24,000 to We Push for Peace. Two $5,000 events. $14,000 to them to be in the neighborhood.

Note: No further business was conducted because of the 7:00 PM deadline to allow for the board retreat.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM