

**WSCO Board Meeting Agenda**  
**209 Page St W, St Paul, MN 55107**  
**Monday, October 27th, 2025**  
**6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** WSCO sustains the people of the West Side to **build community power** and to advance a more **just and equitable community**.

**Board Members:** Raniya Abawari, Santino Franco, Sebastian Ellefson, Nate Giles, Sebastian Gonzalez Navarro, Jessica Klimisch, Lawrence A. Lucio, Yasmin Muridi, Nancy Negrette, Joy Sorensen Navarre, Mandy Otis, Jeannine Pohl

quorum : nancy, sebastian e, sebastian gonzalez, navarro, larry l. Jess. nate,

6:00 Introductions and welcome (Jess, 5 min)

6:05 Guest recognition (Jess, 5 min)  
-scott from dayton's bluff

6:10 Consent agenda (Jess, 5 min) - **Vote**

- Last month's minutes
- This month's agenda
- Financials

6:15 Ralph Brown (10 min)

~~6:25 Workplace Culture (Roberto De La Riva, 15 min) - rescheduled~~

6:25 Monica State of WSCO: (15 mns)

A new staff tracy hired on and slowly starting

Might be a board retreat

Emergency kits egress for the road bridge

(related to southport)

Idling ordinance, implementation of the study that was done in 2017, lounge of environmental stufy

Report out on Robert Street Task Force, C-Coap, Land Use, and Southport

C-COAP program city of saint paul

award s programs pre selected by the city to lead corridor revitalization program

Awarded 155K for this program smith and a portion of robert street where it connects to caesar chavez

Rules (convened with the business coalition back in august talked about here are the possible uses of the

funds, came with recommendations reading through the resources provided recommendations for resources to stretch further

Corridor branding campaign for both corridors

(getting identity through through scope of work)

Elevated the concept of having a digital directory of businesses along that corridor

10k for community events, assess focus groups, around the branding

Commercial activity in the coordinator, block parties etc.

We believe this will continue will lay a foundation to do more in subsequent years potentially

Mainly focused on

Quorum :

Business are meeting quarterly about maybe mentoring and such,

Might be able to have a youth contest for the map

Operationally constrained about a staff that would only organize businesses, who would do the boots on the ground work or walking the corridors and the opportunity of the conversation that should happen as the inventory happens could we create a youth internship blocks of the corridor and get embedded.

Classes at the high school to earn a credit

Robert Street Task force, all meetings set for the remainder of the year, accomplish to date the memorandum of understanding imposing participation on task force of both parties, until the construction ends 2030, accountability in the long term.

What do we want the feel to be on Robert Street given improvements we would like anyways. Solar panels, etc, lighting features, water store management (there is a page where those notes are being published. Officially got a 25K infusion of Northwest Area Foundation specific task force. Offset the costs of our communication consultant, participation stipends community reps, providing food and other staff capacity.

Visual quality sessions, MNDot still working with and hosting community input session and other input sessions you will hear about, visual quality review, this is just a segment of where and who, if you all have ideas talk to me afterwards land use is the place.

Report out on Robert Street Task Force, C-Coop, Land Use, and Southport

Flats to the future work - meeting with council member neocker and several of the recommendations coming forward, the memorization ideas, looks at an entire pathway that would also tell stories along that pathway, culminating with a plaza, encompass state street, black bridge that was historical on the west side, lots of discussions happening there, residents have been approved throughout the entire process and are ready to get homes, at the city team that had gone through turnover senior management of that program, expanding the footprint of what they understand for acceptable and being displaced, conversations about folks being eligible for these programs, 2 participants that made it through, ongoing and continued discussions see myself or array to talk more.

City says a lack quality application, we might be able to change process, take advantage of that window, persistence to get to the people has helped.

Report Resident & Board Discussion -Moved to November

Who will carry it forward to the next phase of the project. New 10 year plan early spring, money we fundraise. Viaduct, look at the overpass, fund this, would be great, that' on out sheet.

Immigration rapid response training, well attended trainings

Seeking rapid response resources from headwaters foundation. Ways to get money spent, network of support, managing information safely and responsibly,

Banning mask wearing for federal agents

Larry

6:35 Annual meeting update (Jess, 10 min)

- Need volunteer to present West Sider of the Year
  - Sebastian and mandy will present
    - Winners announced but it will be revealed int
    - Julia reached out to the winners
- Greeters and registration even starts at 10, people arrive at 9:30
- Timekeeper monica former director
- Already at 80 RSVP's
- We have a video the staff is really involved in this

6:45 Open discussion (Jess)

Set up 8am

(TPT documentary west side new online) 2 minutes- **Who is talking about this?**

<https://www.tpt.org/you-are-here-stories-of-people-place-the-past/video/west-side-bgz1me/>

Monica Review (Jess, 10 min)

Larry good idea for a position description for Monica (you could use the strategic plan) so figuring that out for next year might be very helpful. Should be joint understanding

7:30 Rebecca Noecker (Megan Jekot) Tree Preservation Ordinance (15 min)

Tree preservation ordinance Rebecca explaining

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rgjZHHKPHYzpKd-16BIPeOIfbMjtcgEW/view?usp=sharing>

7:55 Wrap Up/Next Steps (Jess, 5 min)

8:00 Adjourn