

WSCO March Board Meeting 3-23-26

Present: Larry Lucio, Soleil Ramirez, Coral Gessner, Joy Sorensen Navarre, Santino Franco, Jeannine Pohl, Laura Hermer, Ana Perez, Nancy Negrette

Absent: Electra Skrzydlewski, Jazzalyn Baker, Raniya Abawari, Sebastian Gonzalez-Navarro, Yasmin Muridi

Staff: Elizabeth Coco, Monica Bravo, Tracy Lamparty

Consent Agenda: add Ana Perez and Yasmin Muridi to those absent from the February meeting; motion to approve amended minutes passes.

Financials: Tracy Lamparty discussed the pared-down February financial report. She reviewed the numbers. The financial statement was approved.

State of WSCO, by Monica and Coco:

- The call for accountability re Cesar Chavez Street. WSCO is a convener and will work with the community to determine what to do and how to move forward. DPW and city are ready to work with us re renaming, if that's what is wanted. The support for Dolores Huerta has been important. We should acknowledge that there can be multiple truths held at the same time.
- Robert Street Accountability Task Force: The task force has met consistently since the fall and has had some productive conversations. However, MNDOT and partners have not been clear all the time re information, timing, etc. Funds dedicated to WSCO activity on the project are also scarce. The project needs more creative and productive communication with the community. The community needs to know the timing of the different project segments. Toward all those ends, WSCO needs to start putting public pressure on the issue, to obtain needed answers prior to the start of the project.
- C-COAP – Encourage community members to take the survey regarding ideas for each corridor's brand.
- Board and staff retreat on April 11: 9am – 3pm.

Fundamentals of Nonprofit Governance: Leah was out sick, so we'll need to finish the training at another meeting.

Establishment of a Development Subcommittee: Subcommittee will consist of 5 to 8 members, including up to five board members and three community members. Soleil will be chair and Coco will provide staff support. Meetings will be 5-6pm, immediately before the monthly board meeting.

The committee will assist in planning and coordination of fundraising events; support event promotion and outreach; provide on-site assistance on the day of the event; and identify and secure items for live auctions. Donor stewardship will involve appreciation outreach, including making thank-you calls and sending notes.

Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Joy, Jeannine, Ana and Soleil agreed to be on the committee.

Process and Procedures: There can be other committees as we need them.

Please use the WSCO email address for receiving board materials, communications, etc.

Request to move board meeting dates to 1st Monday starting in May. There will be no regular board meeting in April, but just the retreat. Motion to approve the change to the monthly meeting date carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.