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The 35W Solutions Alliance Meeting

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Richfield City Hall, Bartholomew Room, 6700 Portland Ave S

Minutes

Members and Guests Present

Members present were: Chair – Liz Workman, Secretary/Treasurer-Gene Abbott, Rob Vanasek, Shawn Nelson, Karl Keel, Dan Kealey, Ryan Peterson, Dan Gustafson, Mary Liz Holberg, Mark Krebsbach, Debbie Goettel, Joe Gladke, Elie Farhat, Zach Johnson, Steve Elkins, Charles Carlson, Amber Blanchard, Jen Lehmann, Jeff Pearson, Jarrett Hubbard, James Colclasure

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 a.m. by Chair Liz Workman

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the October 11, 2018 meeting were approved.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

Upon motion made and seconded, the treasurer's report was approved subject to audit.

Fully Funded Metro Orange Line Update – Charles Carlson, MET Transit

Charles Carlson provided updates to the fully funded Metro Orange Line.

Legislative Update

Tim Walz was announced as governor over Jeff Johnson, MN State House of Representatives will have a 75-59 DFL majority, DFL combining its two transportation committees into one Transportation Finance and Policy Division chaired by Frank Hornstein, Mike Howard and Steve Elkins both members of the 35W Solutions Alliance are moving to Minnesota House of Representatives. Walz continues to advocate for an increase in the gas tax for roads. A law change may be needed to fund recent phase I of the 35W/494 Interchange and additional lanes on 494 Corridors of Commerce Projects.

Nominations and Election of 2019 Officers

It was moved and seconded that the following be elected to be the Solutions Alliance Executive Officers. The motion was approved.

Chair – Liz Workman

Vice Chair – Tom Wolf

Treasurer – Gene Abbott

2019 Legislative Priorities

The 2019 Legislative Agenda was reviewed and discussed. The final version is expected to be reviewed and approved in January.

Legislative Counsel Renewal

Upon motion and second, Rob Vanasek of Capitol Hill Associates, Inc., will be retained as lobbyist for a period of two years beginning January 1, 2019 for a fee of \$39,000 per year including expenses, and that the chair of the board prepare and execute a contract to effectuate this. I35W Solutions will go for RFP in 2020 for Legislative Counsel for 2021-2022.

Project Updates

- I-35W / Lake Street Access / 94 Bridges – Fully functional in 2021
- Orange Line (35W) – Fully funded. To be finished in 2021
- Green Line Extension (SW) – Broke ground

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2019.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.