

Phillips West Neighborhood Organization
Community Meeting 1/7/21

The meeting began at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance for the meeting is recorded in the online sign in.

Rebecca Fabunmi welcomed all to the meeting. There was an introduction for the board members then the community members in attendance.

First on the agenda was the MN Department of Transportation update. There are many improvements coming for pedestrians and bikers. The I-35 North project will be completed in 2023. In 2022, the 42nd street project will be the focus. There is also an Orange Line/Rapid Transit in process from Lakeville to Downtown Minneapolis. Within the next two years MN DOT will start working on landscaping; they would like to receive input from the community. All are welcome to follow the progress on their projects, virtually at: www.mndot.gov/35W94.

The next item on the agenda was Budget Transparency, which was explained by board member Alex Palacios. Alex asked community members what their priorities were for the neighborhood and what the community would like to see the board address. Below is a list of responses:

Transparency regarding how funding is spent.

Community members should have a say in how the money is spent.

What happened with the \$40,000.

Concerns about community safety.

How are we connecting the community members with the Phillips West Organization and our scheduled meetings.

Alex explained that the board will meet and discuss these concerns and address them at a future meeting.

Meeting attendees were also asked to fill out a survey on community priorities to help set the budget priorities for 2021. The [survey is linked here](#). Survey responses will be shared and discussed at the next community meeting in February.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The next Community meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.