

## **INVEST IN WILLMAR BOARD MEETING SUMMARY**

The Invest in Willmar Board met at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 in Conference Room No. 1 at the Willmar City Office Building.

Members present were: Matt Dawson, Mary Sawatzky, Jon Konold, and Audrey Nelsen. Shawn Mueske arrived later.

Also present were: Mayor Calvin, City Administrator, Finance Director Okins, Park and Recreation Director Baumgarn, and Administrative Assistant Sommers.

The group was updated that at the recent Council Retreat various council members were placed on the Invest in Willmar Board and subcommittees as follows:

Board representatives: Shawn Mueske and Audrey Nelsen

Community Center – Julie Asmus  
Stormwater Projects – Kathy Schwantes  
Robbins Island – Fernando Alvarado  
Events Center – Vicki Davis  
Swansson Field – Rick Fagerlie  
Athletic Fields – Andrew Plowman

It was suggested two additional board members from the community or surrounding area be selected. The names to be approved by the Council include Bob Poe Jr. and Denis Anderson. This will be officially acted on at the January 22, 2019 council meeting.

The Invest in Willmar Board will consist of eight voting members: Matt Dawson, Tony Aamon, Mary Swatzky, Jon Konald, Audrey Nelsen, Shawn Mueske, and these two appointed members.

It was the consensus of the board that applications for the six subcommittees be taken and approved by the board. It was recommended to have no more than seven members on each subcommittee and the chair determined by each subcommittee. It was suggested to reach out to people who were formally on a couple city task forces to see if they have a continued interest in these particular projects moving forward i.e., Robbins Island and Stormwater.

The chair of the Invest in Willmar Board was discussed and Matt Dawson was appointed by casting of a white ballot.

The board discussed and suggested various individuals for the subcommittees and the possibility of these committees partnering in certain areas. Also mentioned was the ability to allow community input into the projects in an area on the website and how to disseminate to people who do not use the internet along with tours to see success stories of other projects with similarities. The focus of the Board at this time is on the six subcommittees.

The meeting ended at 5:06 p.m.

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