

**Business Association  
Daalo Grill  
Wednesday, May 11, 2016**

**Attendees:** Andy Cohen, Bad Waitress, Geri Burns, AAUW/Gale Mansion; Emanuel Tekle, Preservation Alliance of Minnesota; Ibrahim Demmay & Mohamed Abbi, G&L Furniture; Osman Abo, Banadir Fashion Center; Mahamoud Elmi, Daalo Grill **Staff:** Ricardo McCurley **Presenters:** Emily Lund, Whittier Farmer's Market; Matt Kazinka, Lake Street Council

Meeting **called to order** at 4:13 pm by Andy Cohen, who explained board elections would be today. A Motion to approve the agenda as written **Carried**.

**Introductions:** The agenda and code of conduct were reviewed. A **Motion** to approve the agenda as written **Carried**. The April 13 minutes were reviewed. A **Motion** to approve the April minutes **Carried**. Introductions were made.

**Spotlight on Business – Daalo Grill -- Mahamoud Elmi**

Bought 3 months ago, Changing the menu to “healthier” options, Mohammed has lived in the neighborhood 24 years.

**Whittier Farmer's Market - Emily Lund, Market Manager**

Brand new farmers market behind Calvary Church, with 15 vendors, may move to the Cheapo parking lot. Craft & Produce market with tradespeople, craftspeople, place-making art projects, Eat Street businesses. Market opens June 4, grab a flier, encourage small businesses, entrepreneurs, let them know. Look at the website, FB and Instagram page. Interest forms are \$200 for all 18 days, cheapest deal in Minneapolis. Outreach, street team, helping out with the market, sign up to volunteer, musicians, puppeteers, acrobats or generally enthusiastic people encouraged to get in touch. 8.30 to 1. \$20 a day. Or full season or half season \$200 or \$100, and get a refund if you show up every date you promised. Help with permitting available. Hoping for 4-6 producers, and partnership with Wedge to perhaps supplement the producers without competing.

**Organics Recycling & Energy Efficiencies - Matt Kazinka, Lake St Council**

County has tried to improve business waste stream. Most haulers use single stream. Organics has started. If you're a business that recycles well, there is a recognition program. If you want to add a waste stream, the county has a grant to pay for bins, training and other infrastructure cost. This can apply to events and creating zero waste. Cardboard bins may now be single stream and matt can help figure that out. Partners with EnergySmart to do energy audits.

**Old/New**

**Whittier Business Loans & Grants** -- Ricardo is still looking for help creating a program for business loans and grants. Need to write some loan program guidelines. Ricardo has been talking with individual businesses.

**Adjourn: 5:27 pm**

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Ricardo McCurley**