

April 10, 2018

Bluemle Building Room 101

Washington Square West Civic Association

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

- I. Call to order by the President Rick Spitzborg at 7:00.
- II. Attendance: (1) Robert Sher, (2) Tami Sortman, (3) Judy Ron, (4) Sukrit Goswami, (5) Judy Applebaum, (6) Jonathan Broh, (7) Carl Engelke, (8) Rick Spitzborg, (9) Lyric Chen, (10) Neal Pratt, (11) Deb Sweeney

Absent: (12) Robin Gauri* 3 vacant seats – 7 Board members needed for a Quorum.
*Prior Notice Provided
- III. Approval of the Minutes from March 13, 2018. The Secretary noted that corrections had been made to the attendance list. Motion by Judy Ron, second by Carl Engelke and the Minutes were approved as corrected.
- IV. Community Comment – A resident brought up the issue of trash on the streets, especially a problem on blocks with multiple older multi-tenant buildings. Discussion on the maintenance of the Big Belly Trash Container and how to report overflows and jammed compactors. Use of the 311 App was recommended although it was noted that 311 is not always effective when reporting trash issues. Discussion on the Civic's efforts in employing CC District for litter pickup after regular collection. Currently doing collection every other week in the residential neighborhoods. Rick will consult Jefferson regarding the conditions reported on several streets already being cleaned by Jefferson's staff that are not looking as clean as they had been in the past.
- V. President's Report – The President gave a report on the recent oTIS community meetings held on April 4th and 5th regarding flipping the bike and traffic lanes on Pine and Spruce Streets. The meetings were an open house style and were well attended. The Civic has received several emails from residents regarding the meetings and the responses were split between supporting and opposing the efforts with many question on the impact on the residents of the streets affected. The President noted that a City Council ordinance will be required to move the parking lane but not to make changes to the bike lanes. The President will be drafting a response to the residents and will follow up with a letter to oTIS. The reply letters will be circulated among Board Members for a consensus on the wording. The Board is not yet prepared to take a position on the project based on the feedback and information received to date.
- VI. Treasurer's Report /Budget and Membership– (Provided by the President, Lyric Chen and Neal Pratt) Robin Gauri was unable to attend the meeting but had forwarded

financial information to the Board prior to the meeting. While the current cash position is good, the Treasurer is estimating a larger than predicted and approved shortfall in the 2018 due to slow membership renewals. As discussed at prior meetings, the Civic is trying to maximize street cleaning efforts within the allowances of the budget. Discussion on when to move from every other week to weekly cleaning. Weekly cleaning will be of greater importance over the summer. Lyric will be setting up a Development Committee meeting to discuss funding, Neal noted the membership efforts in process. Mailed letters will be going to members who have not responded to the email notices. Work on the new data base is very time consuming, he noted the time commitment by Andrew as former Membership Chair. Renewal members are being entered with the renewal date and annual membership based on the date. New membership cards would have an expiration date.

- VII. Secretary's Note – (copied from previous minutes) Board Members & Terms (provided in response to the President's Request after review of the Civic's Records). The Secretary interpreted Section VII (8) to determine that the nominated candidate should fill a vacant position carrying the longest term.

Term Ending 2018

- (1) Jonathan Broh
- (2) Rick Spitzborg
- (3) Lyric Chen
- (4) Robin Gauri
- (5) Sukrit Goswami

Term Ending in 2019

- (6) Judy Ron
- (7) Carl Engelke
- (8) Tami Sortman
- (9) Neal Pratt
- (10) Vacant

Term Ending in 2020

- (11) Judy Applebaum
- (12) Robert Sher
- (13) Deb Sweeney* Joined March 13, 2018
- (14) Vacant
- (15) Vacant

VIII. Committee Updates

Zoning – Jonathan Broh

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- a. Update on 1217 Spruce – No word from the applicants since the last meeting. No date was set for the presentation.
- b. Update on Illegal Tacos at the corner of Broad & Lombard Streets. They will be presenting for encroachment on the sidewalks for placement of trash containers behind an enclosure. The enclosure is already in place and has been approved by various city agencies but needs additional approvals.
- c. Rick Beck gave an update on the CDR presentation for Jeweler's Row by Toll Brothers. The plans had been revised since the prior presentation with regards to the street level façade. Toll's lawyer noted they had met their required commitment to the CDR process. The CDR Committee still had concerns regarding the future development of the latest design as presented.
- d. Jonathan is continuing to meet with the Planning Commission and the Society Hill Civic Association to discuss details and specifically the property at the corner of 8th and Locusts streets.
- e. The Civic would be asking Pandora to return regarding the liquor license expansion from 1221 Walnut into 1223 Walnut. Several years ago the license had been discussed by no action had been taken by the applicant.

IX. Announcements and Community Comment – None

X. Adjournment – Judy Applebaum made a motion to Adjourn, Second by Lyric Chen and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15.