

June 12, 2018

Jefferson Alumni Hall

Washington Square West Civic Association

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

Absent: (10) Robin Gauri*, (11)Tami Sortman*, (12)Judy Ron* 3 vacant seats – 7 Board members needed for a Quorum.

*Prior Notice Provided

Guests: Mike Harris South Street Bid, Joseph Ferrero Philadelphia Police Department 6th District Officer

- III. Approval of the Minutes from May 8, 2018, Motion by Judy Applebaum, Seconded by Neal Pratt and approved.
- IV. Opening Statement by the President, Meeting would begin with discussion on the proposed Wawa at 9th and South Street.
- (1) The Civic did not receive any prior notice before the community on the proposal.
 - (2) Lease negotiations between private parties are not brought to the Civic.
 - (3) The Civic has limited input on uses that comply with Zoning.
 - (4) The Civic has sent a letter to Councilman Mark Squilla expressing concerns regarding:
 - a. 24 hour hours of operation on South Street
 - b. Concerns about Broad & Walnut Location
 - c. Concerns about seating in the new proposed Wawa
 - d. Concerns about customer behavior and the impact on the neighborhood
 - e. Concerns about the number of Wawa location in WashWest
 - (5) Jonathan Broh spoke about the zoning classification and the by right zoning
 - (6) Mark Harris spoke about South Street Concerns, they also had no prior notice.
 - (7) The police discussed the Wawa related incidents in 2018 at Broad & Walnut, approximately 242 calls so far this year.
 - (8) The Civic will reach out to the Councilman's office and direct to Wawa management.
 - (9) Residents are free to voice their own concerns to the Councilman's office.

- V. Following the presentation the meeting continued with additional Presidents report, community comments and brief committee reports at 8:00.
- (1) Update on the Pine & Spruce Street Repaving and Safety Project - The Council Committee approve the legislation and it now moves to a full council vote. The hearing for the voting will be another opportunity for community comments.
 - (2) Saturday is a citywide Community Garden Day.
 - (3) WashWest Cleanup Day is being scheduled for December, Sukrit is heading up the project. Sukrit and Deb will be building on last year's experience.
 - (4) Community Comments and discussion regarding Bar-X 1217 Spruce St, still operating in apparent violation of its licenses and creating unfavorable living conditions for neighboring residents.
 - (5) Treasurers report forward by Robin to the Board for review.
 - (6) Membership Report by Neal Pratt – new membership cards, Annette working with the new software, increasing the membership rewards program.
 - (7) Development Report by Lyric Chen discussion on fall fundraising, dining out, condo association civic memberships and reaching institutional stakeholders.
- VI. Zoning – 3 projects from the May 22 meeting
- a. 1233 Pine Street – Board vote of Opposition pending further discussion with the owner – information offered to be provided at the meeting was not yet available.
 - b. 1217 Spruce Street – Board vote of Opposition due to significant complaints from neighboring residents and owners apparent disregard of their concerns.
 - c. 217 S. Jessup Street – non opposition to rebuilding an existing sunroom.
 - d. Agreement to extend the RCO area for WashWest Civic North to Market Street, Jonathan would make the application, this would help the civic monitor issues on both sides of Chestnut Street, currently only reviewing the south side of the street, only the 5th Republican Ward has jurisdiction from Chestnut to Market Street.
 - e. Next Zoning Meeting would include signs for Drexel for the former Beneficial Bank and additional signage for the Fairfield at the former Parker-Spruce.
 - f. Judy Applebaum reported on the Crosstown Coalition and efforts on property tax hearings.
- VII. The meeting was adjourned by the President at 8:45.