

Washington Square West Civic Association

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 9, 2019

Bluemle Building Room 101

I. Call to order by the President, Rick at 7:00 PM

II. Attendance: 1. Robert Sher, 2. Jonathan Broh, 3. Deb Sweeney, 4. Tammy Sortman, 5. Sukrit Goswami, 6. Judy Applebaum, 8. Carl Engelse, 9. Rick Spitzborg

III. President's Report given by Rick Spitzborg

CEO of Wills Eye Hospital met with Rick and Carl. Topic of conversation was general development on 9th Street. The conversation included various ways that Wills Eye may support the WSW neighborhood.

A community consortium consisting of Head House/South Street Business Improvement District, Friends of the Police Mini-Station and the Bela Vista Neighbors Association has formed to address mutual concerns regarding the WAWA store at 9th and South Streets. Several meetings have been held with WAWA corporate management and Councilman Squilla to discuss the business model for this venue, including store hours, seating, deliveries, garbage disposal, security and sidewalk maintenance. The consortium will be submitting a proposal to WAWA, to sponsor and support sidewalk cleaning efforts within the surrounding neighborhoods.

IV. Approval of minutes for March 12, 2019

V. Community Comments

Concern was expressed regarding the rollout of the wireless 5G network system and the antennas being installed in the neighborhoods and the impact on the community.

Philadelphia police detective lead a discussion regarding theft from US Postal Service mailboxes. Stickers have been placed on some US Postal Service mailboxes warning of check theft. Should a person fall victim to this type of theft, contact numbers for reporting the crime will be posted for reference on the WWCA website.

VI. Membership

Beginning on May 1, 2019 Catalina Gonzalez will be transitioning as Membership Chair. Committee emphasis will be on budget and developing an action plan to increase WWCA membership.

VII. Treasures Report/Finance

The 2019 budget reported as balanced.

Membership for 2019 is currently \$3800. This reflects a decrease from 2018

Street cleaning is funded through WWCA membership dues. It will begin weekly on June 1 until further notice.

VIII. Website

Tami reported that website pages are in the process of being updated by those assigned.

XI. Zoning

Johnathan reviewed the following zoning proposals:

1026-1028 Spruce Parking spaces and six foot wall behind building zoning. Approved by the board with non-opposition.

737 Walnut Street, 6 story building requiring 4 parking spaces. Approved by the board with non-opposition.

505 S Watts Street, proposed 2 additional stories and roof deck to be used by occupants of top floor. The board opposed project as it is but would be open to the applicant returning and presenting a modified plan.

507 South Broad Street, CMX4 Zoning Vintage Instruments with ground floor commercial space is seeking legalization to continue operating with a variance. Zoning recommended with non opposition.

801-29 Locust Street, Applicants are seeking approval for a marijuana dispensary that will be operating in conjunction with Jefferson. Board approves with non-opposition.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

NEXT MEETING MAY 14 , 2019 AT 7:00 PM Bluemle Building Room 101

~The WSWC always welcomes and encourages the public to attend meetings. The Civic is in need of individuals willing to be involved in the Civic activities and to serve on the various committees.~