

Washington Square West Civic Association

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 16, 2020

Conducted Via Zoom

- I. Call to order by the President, Neal Pratt at 7:04 PM
- II. Attendance: 1. Neal Pratt, 2. Robert Sher, 3. Deb Sweeney, 4. Rick Spitzborg, 5. Carl Engelke, 6. Judy Applebaum, 7. Catalina Gonzalez, 8. Sukrit Goswami, 9. Tami Sortman
- III. President's Report:

Lack of consistent social distancing in WSW, particularly outside of bars, is a concern. The health department and L&I will be monitoring the social distancing issues at the bars and restaurants.

A community member spoke regarding disruption in the community as a result of short term rental property tenants. She encouraged neighbors experiencing disruptive tenants in their neighborhoods to call the police. As issues continue to arise it is suggested that residents contact elected officials, city officials and the police.

Traffic calming efforts on Lombard Street have been discussed at WSWCA meetings in the past. Streets Dept. is the contact organization for this issue. The civic will continue discussing and investigating ways to assistance and any progress made toward this effort.

Open WSWCA board positions are available. As a volunteer based organization, we encourage residents to apply and work with the board. Diversity on our board that resembles our neighborhood is important and a priority of the civic association. We hope to hear from you!

Small business insurance claim assistance line has been set up. Information will be available on the e-post.
- IV. Guest Speaker - Ally Richman, Chief Operating Officer, William Way Community Center
William Way offers a number of initiatives to support the Black Lives Matter movement. The Civic Association will share information regarding the William Way organization and resources for the community. WSWCA is committed to supporting these community initiatives that promote racial equity.
- V. Community Comment:
There were no community comments presented.
- VI. The board approved minutes from May 12, 2020 meeting.
- VII. Treasure's Report:
Civic Association finances are stable.

Community members are encouraged to submit membership dues through the WSWCA website.

Street cleaning will resume weekly in June. This initiative is supported by your membership dues.

VIII. Committee Reports:

Membership: The membership renewal campaign will begin in July. HOA's, condominiums and businesses associations are also encouraged to join. Individuals within these businesses may join as an individual member. The website features a membership page to streamline the process with payment options.

Community Gardens: Community Gardens are thriving and garden members maintaining their assigned plots and garden common space.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM by Neal Pratt.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 9, 2020

~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.~