

Washington Square West Civic Association

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2020

Bluemle Life Sciences Bldg. Room 105

- I. Call to order by the President, Neal Pratt at 7:00 PM
- II. Attendance: 1. Deb Sweeney, 2. Neal Pratt, 3. Robert Sher, 4. Tami Sortman, 5. Rick Spitzborg, 6. Jonathan Broh, 7. Carl Engelke, 8. Judy Applebaum
- III. Presentations:

Charles Gress spoke concerning the Millennial Advisory Committee (MAC) and Philly Counts 2020 regarding canvassing the near by neighborhoods.

Paul Steinke, Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia, discussed historic districts and the potential preservation of the historic integrity of Washington Sq. West. The presentation included the positive impact that this designation may have on the Washington Sq. West community.
- IV. Public Comment:

A community member posed a question regarding the process for requesting the replanting a tree on his property. It was suggested he contact City Parks and Recreation to request a replacement.

There was concern expressed regarding illegal trash dumping at public receptacles. Signage about not placing household trash in or beside the receptacles.

Safe injection sight process was reviewed.
- V. President's Report given by Neal Pratt

April public meeting will be to meet the candidates
- VI. Approval of Minutes from January 14, 2020 meeting.
- VII. Treasure's Report.

NA
- VIII. Committee Reports:

April 1, 2020 business membership rewards program will resume.

Website is due to be launched. The original designer will assist with the initial launch and then maintained and updated by board members.

Gardening Committee met. A total of 6 plots were available and will be assigned

accordingly. Waverly Garden requested a new fence. Sartain is proposing bricking general walkways. City wide open garden day participation will be discussed. The committee discussed creating public awareness regarding the contribution of garden harvest to the community.

X. Zoning:

305 S Watts St to add two stories and extend distance. Neighbors are opposed. Opposition was recommended. The board approved the opposition.

505-7-9th Street -There was previous opposition to lack of parking and density of proposal presented. Options were discussed and implemented to reduced to 21 units and increased the size of each unit 500 sq ft. There is not going to be a roof top deck. There were no objections from neighbors. Zoning recommended non opposition. The Civic Association voted on the proposal. There were 2 in favor, 3 opposed and 3 abstentions. This project was not approved by the Civic Association. The community will be notified of the ZBA dates.

March 24, 2020 - 1026 Pine street application for visitor accommodations to create an Air B&B.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM by Neal Pratt.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 14, 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.~