

Washington Square West Civic Association

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 11, 2018

Bluemle Building Room 105

- I. Call to order by the President, Rick Spitzborg at 7:00 PM
- II. Attendance: 1. Robert Sher, 2. Jonathan Broh, 3. Tami Sortman, 4. Neal Pratt, 5. Deb Sweeney, 6. Judy Applebaum, 7. Carl Engleke, 8. Catalina Gonzalez, 9. Rick Spitzborg
- III. Approval of minutes for November 13, 2018
- IV. Presidents Reports

At the board retreat the officers for 2019 were elected as follows:

Robert Sher-Treasure, Neil Pratt- Vice President, Rick Spitzborg-President, Deb Sweeney-Secretary, Neil Pratt-Membership Jonathan Broh-Zoning.

Committee Chairs are as follows:

Robert Sher-Finance, Sukrit Goswami-Greening, Tami Sortman-Marketing, Development Committee-vacant.

City intends on a street cleaning pilot program. A target area for the pilot is being considered by the city. Criteria will be identified. Rick has notified the street czar of our interest in participating.

After contacting Center City District, it was determined that the grant from Commerce and Economic Development were not appropriate for WSWC. It is a reimbursement program with the engineering completed prior to application. The cost for the engineering plan would be \$40,000 to be paid by WSWC. Following receipt of the plan, the association would then apply for reimbursement through the grant application.

- V. Committee Reports

Clean Up

There was positive feedback and a positive outcome based on community feedback and street appearance. There was an expressed need for PPA to enforce ticketing. Next year the committee will meet directly with a representative from PPA to discuss how we may collaboratively work toward this enforcement. Alternate side of street parking and the impact on the bike lane was discussed.

Annual Fund Drive

Since started week before Giving Tuesday two communications were sent and a additional email blast with individual donations of \$7000 received as a result. By 12/17, mail will be sent to individual members via US Mail. WSWC has a goal to raise \$18,000.

- VI. Treasures Report

Last year at this time \$27,355 and this year \$18,153. Donations were \$39,368 last year and \$9,706 this year so far in part due to fewer donations from large developers.

VII. Membership Report

Annual fund letters will be going out

Membership software programs and costs are being considered and compiled

VIII. Zoning

1220 Pine Street existing building ground floor is currently zoned business. Owner would like to covert space to residential. Committee made recommendation of non opposition was approved by the Board.

Sumo Sushi liquor license is being considered.

BarX is presenting at the January zoning committee meeting to request legalization of the basement usage.

302-307 S. Watts Street owner is applying for a variance to add two additional stories on the building and will be attending the next zoning meeting.

Miscellaneous Topics:

Remapping of Washington Square West will be Walnut to South and 7th to Broad. The remapping will be a topic at the Planning Commission Open House meeting on Jan 15, 2019 7:00 PM at in Bluemle Building Room 105.

Bicycle coalitions are meeting regarding the planned change in bicycle lanes and with focus on the old parking meters and their possible use as bicycle stands. They will conduct their own survey on resident's preferences.

Coming to our January 8, 2019 meeting will be OTIS and the Bicycle Coalition

NEXT MEETING JANUARY 18, 2019

Meeting was adjourned by President, Rick Spitzborg at 7:50

**~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.~**