

Washington Square West Civic Association

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 8, 2019

Bluemle Building Room 105

I. Call to order by the President, Rick Spitzborg at 7:00 PM to begin the OTIS portion of the meeting. OTIS presented a proposal for protected bike lanes on 10th and 13th Street.

II. Attendance: 1.Robert Sher, 2.Jonathan Broh, 3.Neal Pratt, 4.Deb Sweeney, 5.Catalina Gonzalez, 6.Rick Spitzborg, 7.Sukrit Goswami

III. Approval of minutes for December 11, 2018

IV. Presidents Reports

Washington Sq. West Civic Association will reach out to our constituents regarding their opinions on the Bike Lanes and board will review. Based on this community feedback Civic will consider their position.

V. Treasures Report/Finance

Bob, Neal and Rick prepared draft for 2019 budget income projections to guide spending and avoid deficit spending. Focus was on programing. Quick Books program will be utilized and save approximately \$5000.

2018 year end collection totaled \$11,800 in donations and \$20,000 in membership fees.

The budget discussion focused on street/sidewalk cleaning and graffiti cleaning services. Considered was 26 weeks with graffiti cleaning or 30 weeks of street/sidewalk cleaning without graffiti cleaning. A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the budget with street/sidewalk cleaning increased to 33 weeks of street/sidewalk cleaning without graffiti cleaning. The impact of this decision will be monitored and discussed again at the April 9, 2019 board meeting. It will be important to let the community know to contact 311 to report graffiti.

In addition to the budgetary change noted above, the board voted to discontinue the services of an outside administrator to track membership and cancel the contract with NEON CRM saving over \$5000 a year. Website Administration will be taken on as a collective responsibility with each board chairperson contributing and updating content as it pertains to their committee. Website training will be held following the February board meeting.

VII. Membership Report

49 new members to WWCA. In the future there will be a rolling membership based on membership dates. As the transition is made to the rolling membership, there will be a campaign in March through emails and the website.

VIII. Zoning

Remapping of Washington Square West will include areas of Walnut St. to South St. and 7th St. to Broad St.. 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.

Safe Streets speed zone control on Lombard and a designated area surrounding Lombard was discussed. Speed cushions have been suggested to hinder excessive speed. The board agreed in principal and Jonathan will send an email in greater detail for review and approval.

BarX will continue to pursue legalization of liquor in the basement.

12th and Sansom medical marijuana dispensary informational distribution on January 17 from 10AM-5PM.

NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 12, 2019

Meeting was adjourned by President, Rick Spitzborg at 8:45.

~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.~