

Washington Square West Civic Association

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 2019

Hamilton Building Room 505

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

II. Attendance: 1. Robert Sher, 2. Deb Sweeney, 3. Tammy Sortman, 4. Sukrit Goswami, 5. Judy Applebaum, 6. Carl Engelse, 7. Rick Spitzborg, 8. Neal Pratt

III. President's Report given by Rick Spitzborg

The groundbreaking ceremony was held in June for "Arthaus" at Broad and Spruce Streets. This is a 47 story residential development. The WSWCA will seek confirmation that Dranoff Properties will install street lighting on Spruce as originally envisioned by the builder.

The pedestrian traffic in the area of the Broad and Spruce Street construction sight have been observed as a safety concern for Kimmel Center visitors exiting the Kimmel Center and walking east. Sidewalks are closed and pedestrian detours unclear. WSWCA will attempt to make contacts to see what improvements can be made.

Traffic on 11th, 12th Streets is continuously backed up with additional building projects. Rick proposed that WSWCA formally request OTIS to do a study of traffic patterns.

The October Board Meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2019 at 7:00PM. This is a change to the originally scheduled meeting.

Wawa has generously agreed to be the primary sponsor 2019 Fall Clean Up Day with a donation of \$5000. They will cater beverages and snack food to volunteers.

IV. Community Comments

A number of the community members present had attended the monthly 6th District Police Service Area Meeting held prior to the board meeting. There was a general and informal discussion regarding the information provided by the police at that meeting.

Community residents are encouraged to attend the monthly 6th District Police Service Area meetings held in the Zubrow Auditorium PA Hospital, 8th & Spruce at 6PM - 7:00PM the second Tuesday of each month.

V. Membership

All of renewal letters will be sent email by July 15 and July 30. Follow up US mail will be sent to those who do not respond to the emails.

VI. Website and Communication

Tammy reported that she is hoping the new website will be launched by the end of the week.

VII. Zoning

Bob reviewed the following zoning proposals:

1203 Waverly Street – 3rd Floor addition with deck, applicant asked for an extension, new ZBA hearing date is October. No action taken by the Board.

Pennsylvania Hospital – New Sign at entry way. Applicant reduced the number of signs from the original application. Committee’s recommendation was non-opposition. The Board voted non-opposition.

818 Chestnut Street Application for a Dispensary – Variance required as the location is within 500 feet of a restricted use. The restricted use is thought to be a pawn shop on 7th St. The Committee recommendation was opposition to the variance. The Board voted 3 opposed to the variance 2 not opposed and 2 abstentions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM by Rick Spitzborg

THERE IS NOT AN AUGUST BOARD MEETING

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM Bluemle Building Room 101

October 15, 2019 is the deadline for individuals interested in serving as board members to notify the civic association. The board welcomes your participation!

~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.~