

Washington Square West Civic Association

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 13, 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. Sukrit Goswami, 10. Rick Spitzborg
- III. Election of Directors
- IV. Approval of minutes for October 9, 2018
- V. Community Comment

Two residents of 13th Street expressed concern regarding trash on streets and sidewalks. Rick informed them that, in an effort to maintain clean streets, Center City District street cleaning is sponsored by residential civic membership dues. It was noted that trash is a bigger issue when the pickup dates reflect holiday schedules that neighbors are not aware of the schedule change. The Civic will initiate an email blast to remind and notify residents on their website of the schedule change. The board will continue to explore other solutions.

- VI. Presidents Reports

Jefferson Unit and Jefferson Health will again sponsor the Clean Up Day with a donation of \$2000.

Judy, Bob and Rick went to the OTIS streets meeting. The repaving of Pine and Spruce will be done in Spring 2019. Bicycle lanes and parking will be reversed. All businesses have been notified regarding new delivery and no parking zones. 13th and 10th from Spring Garden to South Street will have expanded bike lanes. OTIS will meet with neighborhood organizations for their input. If residents feel there is a need for a delineated bike line south of Locust Street they should contact Midtown Village Merchants Association. Ways to increase safety for cyclist will continue to be explored and discussed.

Judy identified potential for grant funds to increase street lighting - Local Share Accounts Grants. Center City District has in the past partnered with Washington Square West to assist with managing this project.

- VII. Committee Reports

Neighborhood Cleanup Day Dec. 1  
Tami will receive the No Parking sign file and have the stickers printed.  
Fliers for cars will be distributed to board members on 11/20. Board members will select streets and distribute accordingly

Todd Kelley, Owner Graffiti Removal Experts, LLC will, with his two workers, will distribute and hang no parking signs.  
Councilman Mark Squilla will be contacted to make robo calls to any land lines  
Bicycle Coalition will be notified of lane changes  
Shredding will be available at Segar Park sponsored by Brian Simms and Senator Farnese from 9AM-12PM.

VIII. Treasures Report

Membership has decreased from 2017 to 2018  
Annual Fund drive is important to replenish the treasury  
Money has been spent on projects similar to those in past years  
No payables  
2017 Taxes filed

XI. Membership

273 members  
Annual fund letters will be sent  
Businesses have been a sharp drop off in membership

Zoning

LCB and WWCA request to continue to have a voice in conditional licensing discussions. All strongly in favor of 2003 condition allowing establishments to add conditions ie. maintaining a set number of seats. There will be a set list of conditions generated.

Judy will continue to communicate with the Enforcement Committee.

BarX L & I enforcement has been followed up with. The establishment continues to serve alcohol and climate is highly disruptive and a nuisance to residents. The Civic will continue to follow up with L & I regarding these issues.

In closing, it was conveyed to community attendees that the Civic meetings are public and the public is always encouraged and welcome to attend. The Civic is in need of individuals willing to be involved in the Civic activities and on serve on the various committees.

Meeting was adjourned by President, Rick Spitzborg at 8:10