

Washington Square West Civic Association

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2019

Bluemle Life Sciences Bldg. Room 105

- 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. Catalina Gonzalez, 6. Carl Engelke, 7. Rick Spitzborg, 8. Neal Pratt, 9. Jonathan Broh
- III. Guest Presentations
 - Philly Pride presented 29th Annual OutFest 2019 Information.
 - The City Commissioners Office demonstrated the new voting machines.
- IV. Approval of Minutes from July 9, 2019 meeting.
- V. Public Comment
 - There were no public comments.
- VI. President's Report given by Rick Spitzborg
 - A. Endorsements Requested
 - Carl Dranoff, of the Arthaus Condominium, requested WSWCA support of a construction carnival hosted by Dranoff on October 12th between 12-3PM. This involves closing the block of Spruce Street. The Board endorsed this request.
 - The Society for Small Streets requested support from WSWCA for the city to continue to fund the restoration of historically certified streets. The Board endorsed this request.
 - B. 11th Street Traffic Congestion
 - The Streets Dept. will be contacted to request a discussion of options and studies for traffic management.
 - C. After Bars Close: Street Activity Concerns
 - Met with managing partner of Tabu to discuss the concerns expressed by residents of WSW. Establishment has offered to monitor their premisses surrounding the bar after closing. Philadelphia Police Department was present and stated that they have increased their presence in WSW. There will be conversations with representatives at the state level to make them aware of the concentration of establishments with liquor licenses.
- VII. Pine & Spruce Streets Reconstruction Project
 - Contacted oTIS for schedule of completion of project. Still waiting for response.

- Obsolete polls and parking meters have been removed from the street. There is a request for creation of bicycle parking now that the polls have been removed and can not be converted to bike parking. WSWCA will work with oTIS to plan a way to increase bike parking strategically. Neal Pratt will take the lead.

VIII. Treasure's Report.

- Overall funds reflect a stable cash position with revenue and expenses in balance.
- Membership is down from historic averages, but we have measures in place to standardize the renewal process and it is having a positive effect.

IX. Committee Reports:

Clean Up Day:

- Special Event Application with Letter sent to Streets Dept.
- Shredding truck will be available, cosponsored by the offices of State Representative Brian Sims and State Senator Larry Farnese.
- Clean Up Day Committee Meetings Sept. 17, Oct. 1, Oct. 22 and Nov. 5 at 7 PM location Good Karma Cafe 928 Pine St.
- WAWA will be donating \$5000 and providing volunteers.

Membership: In the process of contacting residents to request joining WSWCA.

X. Zoning

The following zoning proposals were presented:

1000 Pine Street Coffee Shop were asked to return to present their business model and floor plan at a future meeting.

314 S 10th Street proposed partial demolition at rear and erection of an addition at rear of an existing attached structure. Recommending non-opposition and approved by board.

1101 Walnut Street design was presented for proposed building. The size of the project triggers the Civic Design Review process thus providing zoning committee with an opportunity to voice opinions and ask questions regarding the proposal.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM by Rick Spitzborg

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 15, 2019 at 7:00 PM Bluemle Building Room 105

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.~

