

Washington Square West Civic Association

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 13, 2020

Conducted Via Zoom

- I. Call to order by the President, Neal Pratt at 7:03 PM
- II. Attendance: 1. Neal Pratt, 2. Robert Sher, 3. Deb Sweeney, 4. Rick Spitzborg, 5. Judy Applebaum, 6. Catalina Gonzalez, 7. Tami Sortman, 8. Jonathan Broh, 9. Sukrit Goswami

III. President's Report:

2020 Fall Clean Up Day will not be taking place this year due to the temporary suspension of Special Events Permits as part of its effort to combat COVID19. We appreciate the continued support of the neighbors in keeping our neighborhood safe and clean. WSWCA is asking neighbors to continue a tradition of pride in making a special effort to keep their sidewalks and curbs clean. We are hopeful that a 2021 Spring Clean Up Day is a possibility.

- IV. Open Board positions are available. Applications are due by the October 13, 2020 board meeting. The board will solicit interest via social media.

- V. The board approved minutes from September 15, 2020 meeting.

VI. Treasure's Report:

Budget is stable with 268 current members.

There are 230 additional past members who have not rejoined. The goal is to ask these members what their current community status is. If they are currently living in the community then they will be asked to rejoin.

VII. Committee Reports:

Zoning-

Project 931 Clinton Street behind the apartment building owner is proposing townhomes with a lot and density variance. Recommended non opposition and approved by the board.

1220 Walnut St. referral for restaurant.

Waverly Ct. Proposal To legalize an Air B&B

Discussion of remapping and completing the paperwork to move WSW boundary to Market St.

Governmental Affairs-

The possibility of creating additional temporary street parking on both sides of the street on Lombard and Clinton will be considered.

Street Tenders Group-

Committee is on target to have application submitted to Parks and Recreation. 2021 planting is scheduled for week of April 24, 2021.

Garden leases must be renewed for another five years to 2022. The request must be submitted to the city for a renewal.

Marketing-

Thank you notes will be sent to new members for their membership support.

General Discussion-

12th Street mural discussions have been ongoing with proposed designs for the new building. Gloria's legacy is important to those involved in the preservation of the significance of the existing mural. There will a vigil and downhill zoom meeting to promote awareness and incorporating the current design into future designs.

Affordable housing will continue to be a focus of the 12th St. building project. A workshop to share the topic of affordable housing was suggested.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM by Neal Pratt.

NEXT MEETING: November 10 , 2020 at 7PM via Zoom

~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.~