

Washington Square West Civic Association

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

March 9, 2021

Conducted Via Zoom

- I. Call to order by the President, Neal Pratt at 7:02 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, 11. Richard Lee, 12. Marisa Shaaban

III. President's Report:

IV. The board approved minutes from the February 9, 2021 meeting.

V. Community Comment:

Joe Ferrero, of the police commission, reported that Philadelphia has emergency rent assistance funds available. Contact [philrentassistance.org](http://philrentassistance.org) or call 215-320-7880

V. Treasure's Report:

Community gardens are self supporting within their designated budget.

VI. Committee Reports:

Zoning Committee:

- There are no upcoming zoning cases.

Greening Committee:

- This year there were 8 vacant plots 1-Waverly, 2 Sartain and 5 in South Street Gardens.
- All current garden membership forms and fees have been submitted to Bob. The forms and fees for the 8 plots will be submitted upon plot confirmation of assignment.
- We talked about signage for the gardens. We plan to create a QR code and link information accordingly.
- Waitlist will be updated and available on the Civic website.

Preservation Task Force

-Group is putting together a panel discussion on April 6 from 6PM-7PM. Historical district discussion via Zoom. The goal is to involve the community in this discussion.

-A statement regarding the goal of the committee is being developed.

Spring Clean Up on Saturday, April 10 in conjunction with Philly Spring Cleanup 2021 citywide Streets Dept.

Tree Tenders:

Tree planting is postponed to the Fall due to a COVID related reduction in the number of staff necessary to visit the proposed tree planting sites. Residents and volunteers will be notified accordingly.

VII.

Air B&B legislation creates a registry of such to enforce accountability and required taxes paid.  
Purpose is to regulate these sites.

NEXT MEETING VIA ZOOM: April 13, 2021 at 7 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47PM

**~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.~**