

Washington Square West Civic Association

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

June 8, 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. Catalina Gonzalez, 5. Tami Sortman, 6. Jonathan Broh, 7. Richard Lee, 8. Marisa Shabban

III.

Neal recognized Judy Applebaum for her many years of service and contributions to the Civic Association and the Washington Square West neighborhood. Judy has resigned from the WSWCA Board.

III. Community Comment: NA

IV. Committee Reports:

Greening Committee:

The Washington Square West garden waitlist has been posted on the website for all three gardens. Individuals are identified on the wait list by the last four digits of their phone number. The list indicates position and preferred garden(s).

Preservation Committee:

There will be a preservation page added to the WSW website.

Washington Square West Trust:

Jacqueline Goldfinger, Board of Directors for WSW Trust, presented her role in Washington Square West and capital campaign projects. Individual grants provide a way to obtain financing for projects that benefit the neighborhood. Information may be found on the following websites:

General information: [washwesttrust.org](http://washwesttrust.org)

Standing grants: <https://sites.google.com/view/washwesttrust/standing-grants?authuser=0>

Zoning Committee:

Representatives of Jefferson Health presented information regarding the helipad and impact on the WSW neighborhood. Helipad flight control plans were presented. Mitch Mitchell thanked Wash West for its support with the trauma helipad on the western and southern front. The importance and significance of the service was emphasized as it relates to the life saving impact it has on so many patients. Building development continues to be considered in designing an ordinance that preserves this significant trauma pad. The flight map and underlying documents were available. The WSW Zoning committee recommended non opposition of the ordinance. This was seconded by Bob Sher. The Board approved the non-opposition unanimously.

Rick Webster said he is willing to work with the community to consider the frequency of the helipad visits. Concerns may be sent to Neal Pratt. He will arrange a meeting accordingly to discuss quality of life issues as it relates to the helipad use.

**Prior Business:**

After much discussion among the Board and with Council Member Squilla and the development team of 1101-1105 Walnut Street, the following mutually agreeable understanding was reached and voted by the Board on May 26, 2021;

**From:** Robert Sher

**Subject:** 1101 -1105 Walnut Street

*Dear Mr. Brett Feldman,*

*Regarding the proposed project at 1101-1107 Walnut, the Washington Square West Civic Association board votes in no opposition to the ordinances, and accepts your proposal as outlined below:*

- 1. Design/plan to PLANT STREET TREES AT 18 FOOT INTERVALS, discuss the planting details with the WSWCA's greening committee, and present to the community the streetscape amenities for trees and bike parking, , subject to obtaining all necessary approvals for the proposed trees and any landscaping from the City of Philadelphia as well as the issuance of project building permit.*
- 2. Prepare, complete, submit, cover the costs and commit to a historic plaque on-site THAT IS READILY VISIBLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC to commemorate an essential part of our past. It is expected that installation of the plaque will be made within 30 days after a Certificate of Occupancy is obtained for the project.*
- 3. Contribute to sponsor weekly neighborhood sidewalk sweep for the next five years AT THE CONTRACT RATE ESTABLISHED BY CENTER CITY DISTRICT. In the interest of establishing a maximum amount, the development team pledges to contribute \$62,500.00 to be paid in annual \$12,500.00 amounts over 5 years. The first payment will be due 30 days after the development team obtains a Certificate of Occupancy for the project.*

We thank you appreciate your support of the community!

*WSWCA Board*

CC Council Member Mark Squilla

Robert Sher

Treasurer

VOTES

Jonathan & Neal Abstained from the vote and discussion on the contents of the Agreement.

Rick Spitzborg did not vote, having taken leave from the Board.

Judy Applebaum did not vote or discuss the final Agreement having resigned from the Board prior to the final Agreement.

Of the remaining Board Members 5 voted in favor of the Agreement and two Board Members did not vote. There were not votes cast against the Agreement.

The Development Team has acknowledge the Agreement as well. I Received confirmations from the Attorney and the Developer as follows:

Email from Brett Feldman:

Thanks. Very much appreciated.

Please know that we look forward to continuing to work with you on this project. I am always available to discuss as we move forward.

Have a good day.

Brett

NEXT MEETING VIA ZOOM: July 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

**~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.~**