

Washington Square West Civic Association

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

September 14, 2021

Conducted Via Zoom and Recorded

- 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. Tami Sortman 5. Richard Le, 6. Marisa Shabban, 7. Casy Kuklick, 8.Sukrit Goswami, 9.Catalina Gonzalez, 10.Drew Moyer
- III. New Board Members:

Neal introduced Leigh Ann Campbell as a perspective board member. She has been involved in several community initiatives including the WSW Tree Tenders Group. She has attended many board meetings. Leigh Ann serves as the PHS urban design director and landscape architect. She has written grants and inspires others to create green space in the city. Questions were entertained by attendees. Neal motioned to fill the vacancy by Leigh Ann. This was approved by 1. Neal Pratt, 2. Robert Sher, 3. Deb Sweeney, 4. Tami Sortman 5. Richard Le, 6. Marisa Shabban, 7. Casy Kuklick, 8.Sukrit Goswami, 9.Catalina Gonzalez, 10.Drew Moyer

WELCOME LEIGH ANN!!!

2021 Board members with terms ending: Sukrit and Jonathan will let their intentions known. Rick will be retiring. The election will consist of 5 seats (3 seats at term and 2 vacancies).

- III. Community Comment: NONE

- IV. Committee Reports:

Preservation Effort:

In the spring, a preservation group was formed composed of board members and community members. The purpose of the committee was to discover the pros and cons of forming a WSW Historic District. Three public panels were formed composed of experts in the field of preservation. These public panels were offered to the community via Zoom. Next steps require a board vote to pursue the effort. A motion was made to reconvene the working group to research what steps need to be taken, contact the historic commission and present these steps and formal proposal/recommendation to the community. All board members present voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Cash level remains consistent but membership has declined. As a result, street cleaning has been reduced.

Zoning Committee:

1. Jefferson Project – Committee recommended non opposition subject to two provisos:
  - a. Zoning does not run with property if sold;
  - b. Jefferson to build substantially as shown to the community on the south side of the lot.

Board voted approval of the motion.

2. Toll Bros. Sansom Street – Committee recommended non opposition to variance for excess distance to offsite handicap parking spot. Valet service for the building will deliver the vehicle. This was originally proposed by the Zoning Committee.

Board voted approval of the motion with one no vote recorded.

3. 250 S. 11<sup>th</sup> St. No vote, applicant is in discussion with the neighbors and has sent a letter offering to meet the accommodations requested by the neighbors. They will likely make a second presentation for the civic at the next zoning meeting.

Variations requested for the project:

- a. Food Sales on ground floor – not allowed
  - b. 4 apartments on upper floor – one allowed
  - c. Roof Deck by Right – variance request removed.
4. 11<sup>th</sup> & Pine project. No vote, Jonathan is in discussion with applicant over location of tenant garbage bins. Variance needed for number of units and for height.

Meeting was adjourned by Neal Pratt at 8:22 PM.

**UP COMING MEETINGS**  
**ZONING MEETING: September 28th at 7 PM.**  
**BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM: October 12, 2021 at 7 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.~**