

Washington Square West Civic Association

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

December 14, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Washington Square West Civic Association (the “Corporation”, “Association” or “WWCA”) was held via *Zoom* at 7:00pm Eastern Time on December 14, 2021, pursuant to notice duly provided to the membership and each of the Directors. The following Directors were present:

Neal Pratt	Sukrit Goswami	Leigh Ann Campbell
Tami Sortman	Richard Le	Deb Sweeney
Robert Sher	Casey Kuklick	Jonathan Broh
Marisa Shaaban	Drew Moyer	Joseph Pappalardo
Patrick Coue	Katie Low	

Mr. Pratt called the meeting to order, and Mr. Moyer recorded the minutes. Mr. Pratt welcomed members attending the meeting. He recognized outgoing Board members and Directors who had served during the year, expressing appreciation for their service to the Association and the community. He also introduced new Board members who had been elected at the meeting held on November 9, 2021.

Ms. Sweeney reported on the Annual Clean-up Day held on December 4, 2021. The Board expressed its appreciation for sponsors, city departments, volunteers and others who contributed in various ways to make the event a huge success. Significant contributions by Wawa, Tinsel, Washington Square West Trust and others were recognized as important. Ms. Sweeney also expressed appreciation to State Representative Brian Simms and State Senator Nikil Saval for their leadership and sponsorship of the shredding event.

Community members in attendance at the meeting expressed concerns about bike

lines being blocked by alternative parking and street accommodations for Clean-up Day. The Board expressed its concern for bicycle safety and reiterated its commitment to pedestrian and bicycle safety throughout the neighborhood. There was discussion about the use of improved signage and neighbors were encouraged to raise additional suggestions for improvements. It was noted that Clean-up Day benefited from continuous improvement over many years and further improvements are welcome. Notices were provided in advance to the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia, but the Board and residents agreed that additional weather-resistant signage on-site would be helpful.

Mr. Broh reported for the Zoning Committee. He summarized activity regarding 1215-1217 Addison Walk which had occurred over the last month. The Board's action on this project was taken by written vote on November 30, 2021.

Regarding 1008 Addison Street, an application for a roof deck was reviewed and the refusal of the proposed setback was discussed. Mr. Broh reviewed the history of the project and neighbor objections. The Committee recommended non-opposition with a proviso that the portion of the roof deck in question only be used as contiguous space and cannot be used for access to the top of the additional room added on the roof (also referred to as the "pilot house")

The Board unanimously voted in favor of the Committee's recommendation of non-opposition with the proviso explained above.

Mr. Broh reported that executives from Wills Eye Hospital made a presentation at the most recent Zoning Committee meeting regarding their receipt of a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant from the State of Pennsylvania. RACP projects are authorized in the Redevelopment Assistance section of the state's Capital Budget Itemization Act, have a regional or multi-jurisdictional impact, and generate substantial increases or maintain current levels of employment, tax revenues, or other measures of economic activity. The

RACB grant will be used by Wills Eye Hospital to renovate and expand the facilities and services associated with its Glaucoma Suite. The Board expressed their appreciation for the presentation made to the community, and their support for the project.

Mr. Pratt explained that the Board would then proceed with organizational activities relating to Board roles, governance, and operations for the year ahead. He explained that Board members had been invited to express their interest in officer positions in advance of the meeting. It was agreed that if there were multiple candidates for an executive position, the other Directors would vote by email during the meeting by sending their ballot to Mr. Pratt. Mr. Pratt would then tally the totals.

Mr. Pratt invited each Director interested in an officer role to deliver a statement of their interest and candidacy. The following Directors delivered such a statement verbally for the position listed below:

1. Tami Sortmann – President
2. Marisa Shaaban – Vice President
3. Drew Moyer - Secretary

Joe Pappalardo had to step out of the meeting, but Mr. Sher reported that he had met with Mr. Pappalardo the previous week to discuss the treasurer role and confirmed Mr. Pappalardo's interest and qualifications.

Members of the community were provided with the opportunity for questions and none were raised.

In the absence of other interested candidates, and upon motion duly made and seconded to proceed with a vote on the slate of officers, the Board unanimously

RESOLVED, that the slate of officers as stated below are hereby elected to serve in the position noted until the next organizational meeting of the Board or until their successor is duly elected:

Tami Sortmann – President

Marisa Shaaban – Vice President

Joe Pappalardo – Treasurer

Drew Moyer - Secretary,

and further

RESOLVED, that the officers of the Corporation elected above are hereby authorized to carry out their fiduciary duties in accordance with the By-laws of the Corporation and as instructed by the Board.

Mr. Pratt expressed his encouragement for the new officers and the Board. He then delivered his resignation from the Board which was accepted with gratitude and appreciation for his service on the Board and as President for the past year.

There being no further business, the meeting of the Board was duly adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Drew A. Moyer
Secretary