

Washington Square West Civic Association

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 14, 2022 Conducted Via Zoom

- I. Call to order by the President, Tami Sortman at 7:02 PM
- II. Attendance: 1. Katie Law, 2. Deb Sweeney, 3. Tami Sortman, 4. Patrick Coue, 5. Marisa Shabban, 6. Jonathan Broh, 7. Richard Lee
- III. Minutes for May meeting were presented and will be approved via email vote due to lack of the required board quorum present at tonight's meeting.
- IV. Treasures Report:

Historic fundraising goal of \$13500 was accomplished.
The report phase is in progress. (Tami Sortman)
- V. Guest Speaker: Cathy Davis, Host for Hospitals Outreach Coordinator. Ms. Davis coordinates accommodations for patients and/or the patient's family requiring lodging during their treatment at our neighborhood hospitals and medical facilities. Hospitals Outreach is seeking hosts and asking that the community spread the word about this need and program. Contact: 215.687.1022
- VI. Police Report: Joseph Ferrero stressed that everyone must be diligent about locking their cars and not leaving valuables inside. There were not any residential burglaries to report. A resident expressed concern and asked for support with the homeless issues. It was suggested that those concerned contact Sargent Eric Brooks, eric.brooks@phila.gov or jomo.brown@phila.gov for assistance.

VII. Committee Reports:

-Membership: Membership letters are being prepared for sending to neighbors. The membership events are posted on the ePost calendar.

(Patrick Coue and Katie Law)

-Upcoming Events: July bicycle safety event is in the planning process.
(Katie Law)

-Government and Community Affairs: WSWCA is working with Segar Park and Phila. Streets Dept. to coordinate a pilot program for the installation of dog waste bag receptacles. The locations are in the process of being determined. (Tami Sortman)

-Greening Committee: The community is encouraged to walk by the community gardens and enjoy the work of our amazing gardeners. These gardens are located on Sartain, Waverly and South Streets. (Deb Sweeney)

-Safety: Residents are always encouraged to report any suspicious activities. A community member asked about the Civic's roll in the installation of street cameras and lighting. The civic has had conversations with the city regarding improved lighting on our streets. (Tami Sortman)

-Preservation Committee: Having met the Historic Preservation fundraising goal of \$13,500, the report phase is now in progress. (Tami Sortman) Ongoing information will be communicated to the community.

-Zoning Committee: The following properties are seeking variances (Jonathan Broh).

June -

-800-838 Market Street - A parking variance will be submitted to continue use as a parking lot.

July-

-704 Pine - Seeking to add a garage and addition

-308 Quince - Seeking visitor accommodations

-1221-1223 Market Street - Seeking use as a restaurant

NEXT MEETING VIA ZOOM: July 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM. Meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.