

Washington Square West Civic Association

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

July 12, 2022

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 July 12, 2022, pursuant to notice duly provided to the membership and each of the Directors. The following Directors were present:

Tami Sortman, <i>President</i>	Jonathan Broh	Leigh Ann Campbell
Casey Kuklick	Katie Low	Deb Sweeney
Robert Sher	Patrick Coue	
Marisa Shaaban, <i>Vice President</i>	Drew Moyer, <i>Secretary</i>	

Sukrit Goswami and Richard Le did not attend. Ms. Sortman called the meeting to order, introduced herself and welcomed the Board, community members and guests to the meeting.

The minutes of the meetings held on May 10, 2022, and June 14, 2022, and resolutions by written action from May 6, 2022, and May 26, 2022, were approved as written and circulated to all Board members in advance of the meeting.

Ms. Sortman asked if the special guest, Deputy Streets Commissioner of Sanitation, Mr. Keith Warren, was present at the meeting. Mr. Faruq Scott introduced himself as Assistant Administrator of the Sanitation Department and attending to sit-in for Deputy Commissioner Warren. Mr. Scott was welcomed to the meeting and thanked for his personal assistance with the Association’s clean ups days.

Mr. Scott provided an overview of the history and functionality of the Big Belly trash cans. They were installed a number of years ago as an intended improvement over

the previous wire open-topped baskets. Mr. Scott provided an overview of the number of trash trucks used for the neighborhood, worker shifts, days worked and other elements of capacity and coverage for trash collection. He discussed challenges associated with the post-Covid labor shortages and the current equipment level. A discussion period ensued with Mr. Scott, community members and the Board. The Board then thanked Mr. Scott for his attendance and participation.

Joe Pappalardo, Treasurer, reported on the success of fundraising for the Historic District Preservation application and designation process. He requested the Board and members now focus on the general operating expenses and solicitation of unrestricted membership dues and contributions.

Leigh Ann Campbell, Membership Chair, noted that the Association is a membership-based organization which relies on membership for income. She followed up on comments from Mr. Pappalardo regarding the need for membership renewals.

Katie Low reported on her work with the Membership Committee and the efforts to hold monthly events. The first Wash West Bike Day is planned for this Saturday, July 16, 2022, at Kahn Park with a schedule of activities relating to bikes. She reported that a new location at 7th St. and South St. will receive an Indigo Bike rack.

Mr. Kuklick reported on a pilot program approved by the Streets Department to address dog waste. Initial dispensers were donated by Seger Dog Park. These five dispensers are now being installed. A request for help and volunteers was made to further this program.

Mr. Broh reported for the Zoning Committee. There was no Zoning Committee meeting in June, but a meeting will occur in July with various projects under review including two Airbnb's.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.

Respectively submitted,

Drew A. Moyer
Secretary