

Washington Square West Civic Association

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

January 10, 2023

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 January 10, 2023, pursuant to notice duly provided to the each of the Directors. The following Directors were present:

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

Mr. Pappalardo and Mr. Goswami were unable to attend. Ms. Sortman called the meeting to order, and Mr. Moyer recorded the minutes. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the previous meeting held on December 13, 2022, were approved as written.

Ms. Sortman announced the appointments for committee leadership for 2023 as follows:

- Membership* - Patrick Coue and Adam Kesselman
- Government and Community Relations* – Casey Kuklick
- Safety and Community Police Liaison* – Richard Le
- Greening and Gardens* – Deb Sweeney
- Events and Social Media* – Katie Low
- Website and ePost* – Leigh Ann Campbell

Finance – Julia Hutnik (with Bob Sher, Treasurer)

Zoning – Jonathan Broh

All members were encouraged to join committees of interest by contacting a Board member leading the committee.

Mr. Broh introduced Philadelphia Planning Commissions guests Mason Austin and Ian Litwin. He described the remapping project and provided background on previous meetings and the launch of this project prior to the Covid pandemic in 2020. The information shared at the meeting will be presented again in person at the Brumle Building in two weeks on Tuesday evening, January 24, 2023. The Planning Commission and the Association would like to maximize community input to the project and encouraged attendees to inform other residents. Mr. Broh noted that the meeting was being recorded and would be available for replay on the Association's website. He also announced that a discussion regarding the Jefferson University Hospital helipad will be held at the next regular meeting of the Association on February 14, 2022. Councilmember Squilla and representatives from Jefferson will be in attendance. Members and residents are invited to submit questions in advance. The discussion is expected to cover a wide range of topics including noise, approved and unapproved uses of the helipad. Mr. Broh then turned the meeting over to Mr. Austin and Mr. Litwin.

Mr. Litwin shared a presentation and covered a variety of issues related to the project including the scope of zoning regulations; the objectives of the project; zoning districts in Washington Square West; proposed rezoning; remapping goals; completed remapping in other parts of Center City, next steps and resources.

The following remapping goals were described:

1. Protect commercial corridors.
 - a. Focus commercial on the more viable corridors.
 - b. Antique Row: Prevent residential uses on ground floors.

- c. 13th Street: Protect the scale and vitality.
2. Better manage the transition between neighborhood scale to the south and east and commercial scale to the north and west.
3. Encourage appropriate development on vacant or underdeveloped lots.
4. Protect rowhome fabric and single-family homes.
5. Correct zoning to reduce non-conformities.

Mr. Litwin, Mr. Austin and Mr. Broh responded to questions raised by attendees, including a significant number of comments and questions through the chat function on Zoom. Various issues were discussed and debated. It was repeated that the meeting was being recorded and will be posted on the Association's website. Residents were encouraged to attend the live meeting in two weeks. The Planning Commission presentation and discussion concluded at 8pm.

The Board then proceeded with committee reports. Mr. Sher delivered the Treasurer's report. Mr. Coue and Mr. Kesselman spoke about the importance of membership. Mr. Kesselman led a presentation covering facts about the Washington Square West community, along with initial ideas and objectives of the Membership Committee to increase membership and revenue for the Association.

The issue of trash at 12th St. and Locust St. was the subject of a meeting held earlier in the day attended by Ms. Sortman, Mr. Casey, the Sanitation Department, Councilmember Squilla and others. To address the issue, the Sanitation Department committed to go door-to-door to educate residents and announce violation procedures. Ms. Sortman explained that residents will be fined for putting household trash in or around the trash containers. Sanitation representatives will go through the trash and will find residents who violate the rules. The Board is committed to addressing trash in the neighborhood one section at a time.

Lynn Landes, Member, and Adam Kessleman, Board Member, attended the monthly Safety meeting earlier in the evening. They explained that certain published

statistics are incorrect since citations are not issued for minor offenses. A member also shared the idea of a sample letter addressed to residents and property owners about their responsibility for sidewalks.

Mr. Broh reported that there are no Zoning cases for a Zoning Committee meeting in January. There is one Airbnb applicant for February. He repeated that the February meeting will include the Jefferson helipad discussion.

The Directors are discussing Association fundraising efforts and membership with reference to a preliminary draft of a strategic plan from 2018. The Board is focused on being relevant and informative to community. The Association's ePost is consistently distributed on Tuesday mornings. Suggestions for improvement from members are welcomed.

There being no further business, the meeting of the Board Membership was duly adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Drew A. Moyer
Secretary