

Washington Square West Civic Association

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

February 14, 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 February 14, 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, <i>Treasurer</i>
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 January 10, 2023, were approved as written.

Mr. Sher delivered the Treasurer’s report and shared the 2022 full year financial results compared to 2021. He discussed significant variances from the prior year, noting that bookkeeping services were new in 2022 and there are on-going discussions surrounding the most appropriate software and outside services to utilize in the areas of bookkeeping and membership. There was a loss for the year of 2022 of approximately \$17,000 without the restricted contributions for historic district application expense in 2023. Cash balances include reserves and restricted funds and are about the same as prior year.

Tami Sortman then turned the meeting topic of the Jefferson University Hospital helipad over to Casey Kuklick, Committee Chair for Government and Community Relations. Mr. Kuklick welcomed Councilmember Squilla and asked the Jefferson guests in attendance to introduce themselves. Hugh Lavery, Jefferson SVP of Government and External Affairs noted the long history of Jefferson with the Association and expressed his appreciation for the invitation to the meeting and the opportunity to discuss the helipad usage. He then asked other representatives of Jefferson to introduce themselves. Tony Bracali, Senior Director of Design; Dixieanne James, President of Jefferson Central; Kevin Kleinshmidt, Director of JeffSTAT; and Sherry Hanley of Jefferson's Legal Dept. each introduced themselves.

Mr. Lavery suggested that two issues be covered to begin the discussion. There were an overview of use; and whether it can be used for commercial use or private transport. Mr. Kleinschmidt explained that the service provided by the helipad is restricted to Level 1 trauma center usage and is subject to licenses with the FAA and PA dept. of Transportation as well as periodic inspections by these regulatory agencies. Its use is restricted to emergent medical use only. Recent rumors of commercial use likely originated from a commercial helicopter service which may be engaged for the critical transportation of organs in connection with transplant operations at the hospital. No commercial or private use is permitted, nor had any occurred.

Councilmember Squilla then commented and invited continuing dialog on neighbor questions and concerns. There was discussion about use of the helipad for training purposes. Mr. Kleinschmidt explained that only JeffSTAT pilots could use it for training purposes and only between the hours of 9am and 9pm.

Additional comments by residents ranged from strong support of the life-saving role of the Hospital and helipad to safety concerns and a request to eliminate it completely. Jefferson staff responded to the questions and concerns and

committed to maintain an on-going dialog with the community.

Mr. Broh provided an update on the Planning Commission remapping project and an overview of Zoning referrals as follows:

1. 1110 Pine Street – for an antique store on first floor with 5 units above
2. 243-245 S. Camac – an addition for a walk-in cooler
3. Unit at 1134 Wavery Street - for a visitor accommodation

The following projects are likely to come before the Zoning Committee at its March meeting:

1. 726-728 Market St. – application for signage on an existing building
2. 254 Quince Street – visitor accommodation
3. 317 S. 13th Street – visitor accommodation

Adam Kesselman made a presentation covering the membership strategic plan, new member recognition, progress on the membership drive, new initiatives underway and next steps.

Deb Sweeney provided a Greening update including the status of renewal letters sent to existing gardeners at the community gardens. Katie Low explained work taking place for Spring events. A plant exchange is expected in April and a community yard sale in May.

There being no further business, upon motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectively submitted,

Drew A. Moyer
Secretary