

Washington Square West Civic Association

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

July 11, 2023

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 7:00pm Eastern Time by Tami Sortman, President of the Association.

2. Attendance:

Present:

- Jonathan Broh
- Leigh Ann Campbell
- Patrick Coue
- Sukrit Goswami
- Julia Hutnik
- Casey Kuklick
- Katie Low
- Drew Moyer, Secretary
- Marisa Shaaban, Vice President
- Robert Sher, Treasurer
- Tami Sortman, President
- Deb Sweeney

Absent:

- Pappalardo
- Mr. Le

3. President's Report:

Presented by Ms. Sortman. Ms. Sortman announced that Adam Kesselman had resigned from the Board and invited members interested in volunteering to contact her.

4. Updates:

- Leigh Ann Campbell is uploading information to bring the website up to date.
- Bob Sher reported on the process of uploading member information to the new membership software.

6. Membership Levels Update:

Patrick Coue shared a presentation detailing the updated membership levels and the clarification process for individual membership levels.

7. Event Announcements:

- Katie Low announced a Bike Event scheduled for the coming Sunday.
- The "Hot Summer Nights - Night Out" project is under development. Ms. Sortman stated that a grant has been received to support this initiative.

8. Greening Committee Report:

Deb Sweeney reported that the community garden season is underway. A meeting with the garden chairs resulted in a proposal to increase membership fees from \$30 to \$40, noting the rate hasn't changed in a long time. A motion was made by Deb to increase the Garden membership fee, which was unanimously approved.

Discussions ensued about allowing the community to access the gardens.

9. Updates on Initiatives:

Casey mentioned the tree planting initiative with 15 trees planned and applications for the Fall season.

10. Zoning Matters:

Jonathan Broh reported no projects are scheduled to be heard in July. Recap from the last meeting: Alexander Inn's new owners are likely to purchase the building across the street to combine with the Alexander Inn.

11. Public Comments:

- An issue was raised regarding a fire at 1016 Pine St. It has been reported to 311 as it poses no immediate danger but is an eyesore.
- Concerns about trash in the neighborhood were voiced.

12. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made, seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Drew A. Moyer
Secretary