

Winston Downs Community Association
Meeting Minutes March 17, 2020
Meeting via Zoom Web/Phone Conferencing

Present on phone/web

Board: Tim Rooney, Terry Telfer, Joanna Milewski, Jane Lorimer, Jerry Shustrin, Wendy Glazer, Marsha Badanes

City Council: Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer District 5

Neighborhood residents: Carlyn Parker, Jackie Robb

Call to order 7:07pm by Tim Rooney, President
Meeting ground rules reviewed (one speaker at a time, courtesy to speaker, etc)

Resident Forum

No one offered a topic

Information Sent via Email for Recording

Treasury: As of 2/29/2020 Checking: \$2918.86 Savings: \$7007.87

Membership: 44 with dues income of \$660 and added gifts of \$345

Safety Report – Jerry

- For second month in a row, no crimes reported for Winston Downs area
- Jerry addressed a need to heed COVID19 distancing and talked about food supply at store and new senior hours planned for shoppers
- Jane mentioned beware of corona virus scams already circulating via email, fake internet postings and even robo calls (per DA) DA suggests fact check if not sure.

Zoning Committee – Carlyn, Jackie

- Jackie Robb offered her email (added confidentially to Mail Chimp and current GoDaddy Eblast list and asked for copy of the Zoning “charter” and time to add input from the current zoning group
- Carlyn advised a meeting was held “last week”. Zoning group was reminded that from the beginning there were Standing Rules which stated a board member needed to be present; the meetings must be public and posted for open attendance per city code related to our standing as a Registered Neighborhood Organization, and that minutes should be shared for any meetings they hold.
- **Action Item**: Tim agreed to send draft to entire list of current Zoning committee members [*Jane provided emails 3/18; completed 3/19*]
- Jackie asked to be considered as chair of Zoning committee to replace Larry Leeman when he is off as chair April 1. Board agreed to consider and requested Jackie present something about herself before next meeting. This is a Board appointed seat which requires approval by board.

Communications

- Newsletter will go out in March and is done quarterly. This issue will have separate page membership application and pre-addressed envelope
- Joanna reported we have 6 advertisers for this issue. Income \$1225 to include some who paid for annual inclusion.
- Website had glitches and was down for a period recently. It is still in construction with goal to be online within two weeks.
- Wendy suggested a couple additional revenue sources: FaceBook ads, business directory on the website

- Marsha reported she has canvas bags “Welcome to Winston Downs” and welcomes contributions to put into the bags and perhaps if advertisers want to be included, another revenue source.

Group Living Ordinance Update

WDCA had planned a special public meeting at Cook Park in early April. The city facilities are not available; BMH is also not available so this meeting cannot be held. Amanda advised that voting on this issue is “on hold” and **suggested WDCA send an email or letter to Andrew Webb (Andrew.webb@denvergov.org) stating we are formally requesting a postponed vote until our neighborhood has had an opportunity for a resident’s meeting.**

Pit Bull Ordinance Status

- Amanda advised the following
- City Council passed the change to allow pit bulls and that was vetoed by the Mayor
- Council re-voted on the ordinance change and it failed. It will not be reviewed by Council again. The original ban stands: Not legal to own pit bulls in Denver County.
- There are rumors a group is gathering the needed 8300 signatures to put this to Ballot in November. No confirmation – just a rumor.
- Amanda stated only 20% of dogs have registration and leash law stands but is often disregarded.

Bike Lane on E Virginia Status

- Amanda advised the City is going through extreme budget cuts due to lost revenues from restaurant, lodger and tourism taxes, so it is doubtful this project will continue in 2020.
- Amanda indicated since no meetings can be held the project is on hold.

What is our role in COVID 19 information dissemination?

Article in newsletter that suggests ways to remain occupied, perhaps a neighborhood project for kids to do together (ex: drawings in windows that reflect a common theme)

- Reminders that social distancing is not the same as isolation
- Amanda offered links to Colorado Crisis Hotline for those suffering with stress and emotional support
- Call your neighbors to ensure they are safe and have what they need
- Generate a version of kindness each day; remind people to support local restaurants by ordering take out or home delivery. Discard the containers, use your own dishes, sanitize the counter where the package was, wash your hands before eating.

Annual Meeting

- Although it is specified in bylaws to hold in April of each year, all meetings must remain at 10 people and holding a mass meeting via Zoom or online conferencing is very difficult to manage and to give equal participation
- Board unanimously agreed when the City permits meetings and facilities are available for meetings, we will hold the meeting
- Article in newsletter to explain the “on hold”

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm
Regular BOD via Zoom April 21, 2020