

**Winston Downs Community Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
April 21, 2020  
Via ZOOM**

**Present**

Tim Rooney, Terry Telfer, Joanna Milewski, Jane Lorimer, Wendy Glazer, Marsha Bandanes, Jerry Shustrin (Quorum present)

WD Residents: Jackie Robb, Harvey Cohen, Anne Callison, Carlyn Parker, Gary Tessler, Wm. Primono, Derek Cocovinis

Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer, Kathleen Le'Veque, Assitant Director, Denver Parks & Rec

Called to order 705pm

**Open Forum Topic – (First 45 minutes of meeting)  
Neighborhood Park for Winston Downs**

There have been requests to explore having Denver purchase larger properties in WD for purpose of neighborhood park. Derek initiated the discussion earlier this year.

**Background**

- City has hired a real estate person who will have the task of identifying, negotiating and purchasing properties within Denver's neighborhoods. That department will also develop the processes for the future.
- The City has a desire to insert parks for neighborhoods without a park within a ten-minute walk. They recognize the value of green space and parks for a healthier lifestyle.
- The first such park is near Iliff/Colorado Blvd. (formerly was Ground Covers Nursery). It is about 5 acres and City paid \$5million for the land. The area is high density, on transit lines and currently has no nearby parks. The process was several years.
- Ideal size lots are 2 or more acres without parking unless special circumstances prevailed. Residents in the area would input desired amenities based on the space (ie fencing, lighting, playground equipment)
- The City would be responsible for maintenance, trash pick up, lighting (if added). Neighborhoods with parks generally have volunteers who may do added enhancements.

**Concerns**

- Safety issues, crime, lighting disturbing neighbors, noise, dogs/poop, fencing to protect adjacent homes
- Why can't city buy homes for sale now (no budget)
- Property values – how impacted and are there properties large enough to warrant a park

**Next Steps**

A survey or meeting to determine the neighborhood interest in pocket park or larger in Winston Downs.

**A motion was made** by Wendy to have a survey done, seconded by Marsha. Motion passed 6 in favor, 1 abstention. Derek was asked to lead the survey effort. Jane advised INC has a free use of Survey Monkey (she is the manager of it) and is willing to work with Derek on the survey if he desires or grant him access to create a survey.

**Minutes**

Minutes from February 18, 2020 and March 17, 2020 Board meetings were approved.

**Motion made** by Marsha to accept both reports as submitted, seconded by Wendy- passed unanimously

### **Safety – Jerry**

- Theft from vehicle parked outside at 463 S Niagara
- Quebec/Alameda assault with weapon
- April 4, gunshots at S Oneida Wy/E. Virginia Ave – drug deal gone wrong. Very alarming to the homeowner where it happened. The incident did not show up on crime report and there was concern it inflates or dilutes violent crime reports that should be reported. Reason it has not been reported is because it did not directly impact a resident

### **Zoning – Tim, Jackie**

Jackie has received support to become the chair of zoning committee from the current members of the Zoning group. Larry Leeman served as chair through April 1. When WDCA can meet in person, Jackie can be considered for approval as chair. The “charter” was shared with the current group. It is preferred that members become member of WDCA as well.

### **Website – Tim**

The new website is up. Needs a few tweaks and the online membership is working now. He has developed email list for Mail Chimp.

### **Newsletter – Tim**

The newsletter went out in March only by email for those for whom we have email addresses. It was not hand delivered due to COVID19 issues and having our block captains leaving something on doors. Thank you to Jane for doing the newsletter.

### **Membership**

Membership is low so far. The changeover with website caused a few issues with the online application process. It is working now.

### **Virginia Bike Lane – Tim/Councilwoman Sawyer**

- DODI’s response to WDCA’s letter was basically saying they’d like to meet via Zoom to discuss the answers to issues we posed in the letter. Those issues were restated 1,2,3, etc in their response to us. Amanda suggested we take the meeting to work on compromises we want. We need to be prepared in advance to address things of interest to us.
- The meeting will happen in May
- Paving is set for E. Virginia for June. Concern expressed about having Leetsdale paving project to the south and E. Virginia at same time. One is CDOT and other City – no changes will be made on paving schedules lest we lose the opportunity for money to be spent on paving now.
- DODI did re-assess traffic in February during school hours. It was pointed out that synagogues were not part of the traffic consideration and especially on holidays – parking overflows through the neighborhood.
- Although this is only about 3 miles of the total 125 miles of bike paths, this is a thorn in the side to DODI that we pushed back.
- A suggestion was made to file an injunction to stop the work if compromise is not achieved.
- Marsha moved to take the Zoom meeting, seconded by Jerry. Passed unanimously (*Wendy was not present for this vote, but there was still a quorum present for voting*)

**Leetsdale Paving and Request for Noise Variance**

- Amanda advised there would be 8 total hours for the four months of paving project that relate to the noise variance.
- Board decided to not oppose the request nor to take any formal action on this.

Meeting adjourned at 915p

Minutes submitted by Jane Lorimer, Secretary

Next BOD meeting Tuesday May 19, 2020