

WINSTON DOWNS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Meeting Notes – Annual Meeting September 22, 2020
Meeting held via Zoom and open to all residents

Present:

Board – Tim Rooney, Jane Lorimer, Joanna Milewski, Marsha Badanes, Wendy Glazer, Harvey Cohen (Board quorum present)

Residents/members – Derek Cocovinis, Laurie Brock, Bob/Jacquie Marks, Gary/Jan Friedland, Jerry Shustrin, Jeff Wedgel, Gary Tessler, Michael/Cara Monroe, David Franklin, Gail Wheeler, Paul Hoskins, Ben Wiederholt, Anne Callison, Marge Price, Margot Gilbert Frank, Carlyn Parker, Peggy Latourette, John Milewski

Guests- Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer, JoyAnn Ruscha, Dist 5 Council Aide

Meeting called to order 705pm (Member quorum also present)

[CLICK HERE](#) to see slides presented at meeting.

YEAR IN REVIEW (April 2019-September 2020)

Changes in meeting format/election process

- Due to Covid19, WDCA had to move meeting formats to online (Zoom)
- Annual meeting was delayed in hopes in person meeting would materialize by fall. That didn't happen, so annual meeting held online as well as election of new board members.

Safety

- Thank you to Jerry Shustrin who served as Safety Chair for multiple years. Safety chair is open.
- Recent crimes – opportunistic crimes (theft from vehicles), home burglaries, discharged weapons
- Urging all to increase awareness, lock vehicles, lights on at night

Issues Addressed This Term

- Held multiple information meetings about Conservation Overlay District. There proved, at that junction, to not have adequate support to continue the process, but can be re-opened
- 660 S. Monaco Pkwy – property was not kept in compliance with city codes (number of people living there, rodent infestation) and illegal activities (drugs, stolen property)
- Virginia Bike Lane – by using DOTI's own research, Board got DOTI to change the approach and location of bike lane. DOTI is now in Phase 2 assessment of evaluating possibility of extending bike lane east on Virginia Ave. to S. Quebec St., and the north/south routes from shared-use sidewalk on Alameda Parkway to the resulting route that began at Kearney and ended at Niagara.
 - Cara said important to keep Denver Green School informed and to know their thinking.
 - Anne suggested that a count be made of bike racks provided versus information DOTI indicates at GWHS and for that matter, also at DGS
- Neighborhood park – Derek initiated a WD area survey which was conducted as a mailed paper survey to all residents within WD. Found high level of interest for park in neighborhood.
 - City budget will not support currently, but park request will be included into area plan- "coming soon." WD needs to make its desires known
 - It is a multi-year process

Group Living Amendment Changes/GLAC

- WDCA Board took a formal position to oppose the amendment changes in full and to support INC's Resolutions (2) asking to de-bundle the omnibus changes for further study of the consequences of introducing poorly if done as written currently.

- At the request of members, WDCA conducted a survey of all listed registered neighborhood organizations/RNO (192) in Denver to learn what, if any, position they are taking, whether they favor all, some or none of the GLAC. 58 responses received from 53 different RNO's. See meeting slides for more details.
- CW Sawyer is against this. See article she and District 4 co-authored [HERE](#)
- GLAC review by Denver's Land Use Transportation & Infrastructure Committee (LUTI) to be held Oct 6 at 10:00am. [CLICK HERE](#) for information.

Treasury/Membership

- 138 members
- Increases in income from Ad sales revenue – Thank you John Milewski
- Expenses increased due to postage for mailed surveys and newsletters, improved website and teleconference services
- Bank balance as of September 1: \$9,635 (down from \$10,551 in April 2019)

Volunteers Wanted

- Resident volunteers wanted to fill open chair seats for Zoning, Safety, Social activities.
- Margot volunteered for the Beautification chair role.

ELECTION

- All current members as of September 13 were invited to vote via email for slate of candidates online; those without email received paper ballots delivered to their doors along with a pre-paid, pre-addressed envelope. Election was open from September 13 (758pm) through midnight September 21.
- 48 votes were received in total (5 paper ballots). Votes were tabulated automatically by Survey Monkey tool.
- New board members congratulated: Derek Cocovinis, Jacquie Marks, Marsha Badanes, Jane Lorimer.
- Current board members Tim Rooney, Wendy Glazer, Joanna Milewski continue to next annual meeting.
- At next regular board meeting (October 20), the new board selects officers (president, secretary, treasurer)
- *Due to "Zoom bombers", a disruptive group of interlopers, at end of this meeting, only alias email addresses will be available to contact board and all personal emails are removed from the website.*

RESIDENT OPEN FORUM

J. Wedgle- Utility communications boxes in front yards

Communication boxes are popping up in people's yards. CW Sawyer explained they are placed on public access area of yards (4 feet) and if yards are not put back together properly to advise her offices. Verizon is installing 5G throughout Denver. If it is another carrier, her office can learn who pulled the permit.

M. Monroe- Speeding through 4-way stop signs

People are speeding through 4-way stop signs near DGS. Discussion included option to request "stop bars" (painted crosswalk lines) which require 20 people crossing on foot in a one-hour time frame.

- 4-way near DGS should qualify for review and then funding must be found to install
- Other 4-ways are ignored at E. Exposition/S. Oneida Wy and Virginia at S. Oneida Wy

J. Marks - 716 Poplar Way

What's update on this property? This home was sold to Cottonwood Community Association to be used for a legally protected class of individuals. [CLICK HERE](#) to see that information from 2019

CW Sawyer- Pit bulls on ballot

Pit bulls as a legalized breed permitted in Denver will be on November ballot

D. Cocovinis – 660 S Monaco Pkwy current issues.

- Colo. Dept. of Corrections provided rental vouchers for male parolees to live in this property now owned by KBY Synagogue (Rabbi Aaron Sirota).
- It is out of compliance with Denver zoning codes. Property was issued a citation and 30 days' time to file to be in compliance. Board and Derek have contacted State and County DOC offices. CDOC seems to have only responsibility to provide parolees with locations of available properties and not to have to check legalities of those properties to rent space to over-the-limit number of unrelated adults. Board also learned County corrections can place people within Denver and both State and County operate independently
- City attorney office has not responded.
- Perhaps WDCA and owner can set up a Good Neighbor Agreement related to this property – must be reviewed legally.

Notes taken by Joanna Milewski and compiled by Jane Lorimer
Next WDCA Board meeting October 20, 2020

ADDENDUM September 29, 2020

WDCA Board was asked to vote on the following for the Delegate authorized vote:
Yes – 0, No – 2, Abstain - 5

The motion proposed at INC Delegate meeting October 10 is as follows:

Denver Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) is anti-racist, and is against all forms of racism. Accordingly, all actions considered by, taken by, or supported by INC shall be clearly shown to have the effect of eliminating racism and racially-disparate impacts.