

**Winston Downs Community Association
Board Meeting May 17, 2022
Location: BMH BJ Congregation Library**

Meeting called to order 7:05 PM

Quorum present: Jane Lorimer, Joanna Milewski, Tim Rooney, Jeff Aldrich, Brandon Harrelson (by phone)

Other attendees: Mickey Greenburg, Logan Fry

Minutes: Minutes of March 15, 2022 were approved via email prior to the annual meeting by former Board members with one abstention. Notes from the Annual meeting do not need approval as no formal actions other than elections were taken. Raw notes are online and will be “fleshed out” soon.

Presidents Report – Jane Lorimer

- Welcome to new Board member Jeff Aldrich
- Dave Halterman was elected to INC Board of Directors
- 660 S Monaco Pkwy has been purchased and a new owner is listed with city records. It is being remodeled.
- 333 S Oneida Way – nothing has changed regarding the Change of Use application for this property.
- May 24 – WDCA is hosting a special meeting for City update on the Near Southeast Area Plan. All Board members are urged to attend. Harvey Cohen set up the meeting at BMH.
- Social events are all calendared now:
 - Sunday May 22 Mickey and Sue Greenberg
 - Friday Jun 17 Dave and Jean County
 - July to be event hosted by WDCA as “Focus on Safety” Mickey Greenburg will check with BMH for ability to host in parking lot and use small rom for Neighborhood Watch training
 - Friday August 19 Jeff Aldrich
 - Sunday September 18 Helene and Paul Orsulak

Treasurer report - Joanna Milewski

- Bank balances:
 - Savings balance: \$7,009.19
 - Checking: \$5,382.86
- Membership increased from 154 since the March 2022 meeting
- Total revenue was \$3,070 from membership applications plus \$752 extra revenue from 41 other individuals
- In all, 44 people signed up using Paypal (28% of total)

Choosing our positions President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer

- President must have served 6 months on board and Jane has agreed to continue if no objections
- Joanna Milewski has agreed to continue as Treasurer
- Tim Rooney has agreed to continue as Secretary
- Jeff Aldrich as agreed to serve as Vice-President
- Board unanimously approved all positions

Denver Expanded Waste Services Proposal

Jane Lorimer made a request for the Board to consider taking a unified stand against the proposed changes to the trash program based on 70% of those at annual meeting who opposed it and because it is not well thought out. The program stands to collect \$20 million in revenue when costs are reported at \$32 million; city leaders have not advised how the program will be adequately capitalized – where does funding come from to buy new equipment, add personnel, training, new barrels and what are projected annual increases? The program burden is on 180,000 homeowners, which is 52% of total residential units in Denver. None of the burden goes to developers, construction or businesses. The City could not say what percent of material landfilled comes from these 180,000 homeowners versus the remainder who live in condos, apartments and/or from businesses. The measure is based on prevention of generation of methane from the landfill, much of which is captured for reuse and perhaps tied to federal dollars. The “business” side is missing.

WDCA supports the goals of lowering emissions of CO₂, biogas (of which methane is a primary constituent) and other greenhouse gases. However, the total cost of this program and associated benefits are not well understood. It places an unfair burden to households. From a business standpoint, more due diligence is needed as the financial and technical performance of the program has not been studied and other unintended consequences (e.g., exceeding ability of recycling market to absorb additional material) may reduce the effectiveness of the program. We do not know what the fate of the materials we are currently recycling. Tim Rooney asked whether there has been a bid process for new equipment (e.g., barrels, vehicles and other) that would be required for the program.

There are other options that need to be considered either before or in conjunction with this program: 1) Increase recycling collection and reducing waste collection frequency; 2) Require commercial recycling before we target homeowners. Commercial and industrial customers represent 80% of the waste generated in Denver. Waste Management serves most commercial customers.

Jeff Aldrich moved to send a letter to City Council opposed to the current proposed waste management plan. Joanna Milewski seconded and the Board approved unanimously.

Crime Update

- 5/6 Hit & Run 6500 E Alameda
- 5/2 Traffic accident Alameda/Quebec
- 600 Block of S Monaco – theft of auto parts

Safety – Mickey Greenberg

- Agreed to become Safety leader and is hosting out front event with handout of Neighborhood Watch signage
- Mickey Greenberg is also talking to DPD to see if we can do Neighborhood Watch on a neighborhood basis instead of on a block-by-block basis.
- Logan Frye can print training materials for distribution to neighborhood outreach events.
- Board asked for neighborhood watch yard signs from DPD. Yard signs may be more effective as a deterrent and also to raise awareness for involvement.
- We also will continue eBlast and newsletter publicity
- Dog walkers are a good resource while they are out and about in the neighborhood

New Business

- We would like to donate another \$150 to BMH for permitting another large meeting. Amount in increments of \$18 is not that critical. The Board approved this expense.
- Proposal was made to hold regular meetings by Zoom and only have in-person meetings for particular policy issues that make an in-person meeting critical – agreed to by Board members by assent
- GWHS Student complaints about gathering at Leetsdale steps area; leaving trash, loud music, smoking pot.
- Marsha wants to transition away from Facebook administrator, and we need a new administrator. Marsha will remain as welcome chair. Jessica Zalkin can provide information on sales in the neighborhood. Marsha needs this information to distribute welcome bags.
- A new communications chair could help reduce the burden of eBlasts and newsletter drafting and production. This does not have to be a Board member.

Meeting adjourned

Minutes submitted by Tim Rooney, Secretary