

Winston Downs Community Association Board Meeting –Minutes

Date: 9/20/2022

In attendance (by Zoom): Jane Lorimer, Tim Rooney, Jeff Aldrich, Joanna Milewski

Guests: Logan Fry and Mickey Greenburg, Harvey Cohen

Time started: 7:05 p.m.

Approval of August Minutes: Draft minutes amended to include attendees and outcome of call between WDCA, Denver mediator and owners of Watsons property. Plus, one bullet moved to relevant section for clarity. Jeff Aldrich moved to approve minutes as amended; Joanna Milewski seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer/Membership Report – Joanna Milewski

Account balances as of August 31 are as follows:

\$7009.38 Savings
\$3405.58 Checking

WDCA gained 1 member for a total of 157 members providing \$3,130 of total revenue. 42 members gifted \$762 additional funds (over and above standard membership fee).

Security/Safety – Mickey Greenburg

- Due to leadership change in District 3, we have new group to deal with at DPD
- Neighborhood watch meeting Sept 22. We do publicize meeting times and locations, but it is hard to get people to leave house to attend.
- Board agreed that we can try another neighborhood meeting focused on safety and security more broadly – highlighting concerns about gunshots and street racing as a way to pull people in
- We can also address other community concerns as Fall and Winter are approaching – Lights On, Halloween safety and snow shoveling requirements and needs
- Mickey to evaluate possible October dates that do not conflict with religious holidays and research DPD availability. Wednesday nights worked last time for DPD

WDCA Property Inventory

- Jane Lorimer to distribute draft list for additions by Board members

Discussion of Cleanup of Vegetation on Parcels Bordering S. Quebec

- Multiple calls to 311 made regarding debris cleanup at Watsons property. Watsons owners have had sufficient time and opportunity to complete promised cleanup.
- Calls also have been made regarding weed cleanup at former farmhouse property and 420 S. Newport Way (formerly 430 S. Newport Way)
- District 6 has assisted with mowing of right of way bordering S. Quebec South of E. Exposition Ave.

- Proposal to use WDCA funds to clean up weeds in right of way for homes bordering S. Quebec due to blockage of sidewalk, potential cover for homeless people to make camp and general ugliness
- Board generally agreed with the aim of the cleanup, but Tim Rooney suggested that it would set a precedent that it would be difficult to reverse and that the cost would likely be prohibitive. Plus, we would need to get permission from individual homeowners as we do not have the right to manage private property. Tim Rooney suggested that in the past we have mailed a letter to residents reminding them of their requirements under city code.
- Jane Lorimer volunteered to draft a letter to homeowners for input by Board members
- A key component of the letter will be looking for volunteers to lead a group to ensure that snow shoveling is done on a timely manner and possibly evaluate options for ongoing vegetation management. Some homeowners are not able to do it themselves. Jeff Aldrich offered to help with his electric snowblower.
- WDCA did not receive an additional bid for sidewalk weed removal on Quebec and Monaco. Jane Lorimer to continue to seek another bid.

Communications

- Newsletter frequency for 2022 to be reduced to three times/year
- Currently, managing printing and distribution of newsletters to volunteers for distribution managed by Jan Hoskins and does not create an additional work burden for Board members
- Question raised about how outreach is done to new members? Marsha Badanes is still able to send out new neighbor bags, but we do not have a regular process for letting her know when and where new residents live. Logan Fry can provide additional reusable bags that we can use to contain WDCA welcome information.

Other Neighborhood Issues

- Mickey Greenburg has question about responsibility for sidewalk repairs – specifically related to poor condition of sidewalks on Monaco south of Center Ave.
- Tim Rooney noted that in the past, we sought some clarification of this as the sidewalk borders a parkway. However, the answer seemed to be that Denver Parks & Rec maintenance responsibilities were limited to the median and that the sidewalks are the responsibility of the adjacent homeowner. Logan Fry will evaluate this and let us know.
- Question was raised about ongoing fiber optic cable installation with cones on Exposition. In past, CenturyLink was stringing cable targeting houses where customers were requesting but it appears now that CenturyLink is stringing cable proactively in larger areas in the neighborhood.
- Jane Lorimer noted that 4-way stop lines on road at intersection of Oneida and Virginia have not been repainted following road work
- Utility box at corner of Virginia and Quebec has been replaced
- Southeast Area Plan survey still available on-line, but survey is very lengthy and appears to be weighted towards getting answers DOTI wants to obtain. Few local priorities appear to be specifically addressed in draft policy recommendations in plan.
- Joanna motioned Tom seconded 8:15

Motion to adjourn made by Joanna Milewski. Tim Rooney seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by Tim Rooney, Secretary