



Winston Downs Community Association

ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 2023

PLEASE REGISTER AT SIGN IN AREA

Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- WDCA Review & Projects
- Chair presentations
- RESIDENT OPEN FORUM – What's on your minds
- Board Elections

Meeting will end at 830pm

Many thanks to BMH-BJ Synagogue for use of this space

WDCA Purpose

To empower and encourage residents to have a voice and work toward, and achieve common neighborhood goals.

To promote and foster a sense of unity and caring among people in the neighborhood.

To ensure Winston Downs has a voice within the city.

Current Leadership

BOARD

- Jane Lorimer, President
- Jeff Aldrich, Vice President
- Tim Rooney, Secretary
- Joanna Milewski, Treasurer
- Brandon Harrelson – Director
- Vacancy
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CHAIRS

- Harvey Cohen, Steering Committee, Near SE Area Plan
- Dave Halterman, Delegate, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation
- Mickey Greenberg, Safety Chair
- Marsha Badanes, Welcome Chair & Facebook Updates
- Jan Hoskins, News Delivery Team

A Little Background About Us

- Winston Downs Community Association/ WDCA is a Registered Neighborhood Organization/RNO within the City of Denver and was established in late 1970's
- We are a member of Denver INC
- Resident membership is by household and is voluntary
- Board and other leaders are volunteers from the neighborhood. Board meets via Zoom the third Tuesday monthly
- Board deals with a variety of issues such as zoning, clean up, safety, information flow, unity-building social events, etc.

All residents are welcome to attend our meetings & to reach out to us with concerns, questions, suggestions.

What We Do

- Keep city and area information flowing to residents and how to access various city services and local area events
- Answer concerns, questions, suggestions expressed to us by residents
- Monitor, review and inform residents about neighborhood related changes and impacts
- Set up public meetings for neighborhood-wide concerns such as safety, hot topics, zoning changes, etc.
- Set up social events to encourage neighbors to know one another which helps to unify our community of residents

How We Communicate

- Two printed newsletters a year and we distribute door hanger announcements for public meetings, events
- Neighborhood signage for public meetings
- All residents may opt into our eNews – dues not required. 60% of the occupied households are signed up currently.
- Current updates and calendared items also entered on website
- Board meets via Zoom for ease of attending
 - eNews invitations to attend board meetings are sent to all registered
 - All residents are welcome to attend all of our meetings

Neighborhood Updates

- 333 S Oneida Way: Change of use to religious assembly was abandoned; house was sold and is now occupied by a family
- Winston Downs, in full, will now fall under Council District 5
- Newport/Alameda traffic light installed in fall of 2022 to support safe ped and bike crossing north/south across Alameda
- Welcome bags delivered to over a dozen new neighbors
- Timing reset on light at E. Expo/Monaco for safer student crossing
- WDCA initiated: Verizon claim to fix sidewalk at Monaco/Center in process through City of Denver
- *Cash for Trash* program was passed by City Council and initiated in January.
- Voters approved sidewalk fees to begin in 2023

Key Current Projects

- Quebec Street Improvements/S Poplar St Coalition
- Building Neighborhood Watch & Safety Advocacy
- New committee to address traffic calming
- Repeated safety event
- Perimeter Clean up/Weed abatement- **Sunday April 23**
- Friday/Sunday social events at various host residences
- WDCA hosted neighborhood social
- Neighborhood wide garage sale this summer

Where We Need Help

- Serve on committees – see back wall for opportunities
 - Social events in warm months
 - **Clean up of trash on streets – Sunday April 23 from 10a-noon**
 - Safety / Traffic
 - Communications support on WordPress website, eNews
- Notifying us of new neighbors
- Timely feedback on issues of concern
- Advising us if you want a public topic addressed

Treasurer Report/Membership

Joanna Milewski, Treasurer

- Treasury as of end of March 2023
 - Income from dues \$2,380
 - Income from added donations \$996
 - Total in bank \$11,045 (3/31/2023)
 - Budget is about \$5100 per year
- Membership to date = 119 households = about 22% of occupied homes (540 +/-) within our neighborhood – includes rentals
- Dues remain at only \$20 per household/per calendar year
 - Can join anytime – Payment Options: online, by check or cash

What Dues Pay For

- Newsletters, printed announcements to each household
- Website, eNews, Zoom access to board & other meetings
- Neighborhood perimeter weed abatement
- Meeting Venues (such as BMH)
- Operations and cushion for unexpected expenses
- Signage for Meetings & Events
- Neighborhood socials, every other year garage sale

Denver's Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

Dave Halterman, Delegate to WDCA

- Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation's mission:
To advocate for Denver citizens by bringing together, informing and empowering Denver neighborhood organizations to actively engage in addressing City issues.
- INC is an all volunteer group
- WDCA is a long-standing member within this organization

Safety Report

Mickey Greenberg, Safety Chair

- PRIORITY: Know Your Neighbors, Help Your Neighbors
- Successful safety event held for Winston Downs drew over 50 attendees
- RESOURCES – [See handout on back table for details](#)
 - *CAB (Community Advisor Board) –*
 - *Neighborhood Watch Training –*
 - *Pocketgov renamed Online Services Hub*
 - *Daily Crime Alerts Denver Crime Stats by Neighborhood*
- CAR THEFT PREVENTION
 - *DenverTrack Register cars with trackers*
 - *License Plate Anti-Tamper Screws free at DPD District 3*
 - *Auto-Theft Crime Stats Dashboard*

Safety continued

- Denver Police You Tube Channel
- Self Defense Class held in April may be repeated
- Phone Numbers and Contacts
 - Emergencies CALL 911
 - Non-Emergency Police Response CALL 720-913-200
- Community Resource Officers - available for personal help and questions
 - Officer Mike Borquez
 - Officer Matt Grimsley
 - Community Engagement Program Manager Christie Mochoruk

Contact info is on handouts at back of room

QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS ??

Near SE Area Plan

Harvey Cohen, Steering Committee

- ▶ CPD review- April 19 (tomorrow)
- ▶ Multiple opportunities for attending nearby public meetings and responding to online surveys over past couple of years
- ▶ Very low turn out at WDCA hosted public meeting for Winston Downs this past summer
- ▶ Known: No duplexes for NW area of WD; ADU's TBD as appropriate, and as zoning codes morph



Winston Downs Resident Open Forum

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

SUGGESTIONS, CONCERNS, FEEDBACK?

WDCA Board Elections

- WDCA uses a staggered board election to ensure year over year continuity; participation is voluntary
 - Seven seats total
 - Term is two years
 - This year we elect four (4) seats
- All are elected as “directors” and that group determines who will serve in which positions/roles based on willingness, time, ability
- Having a board ensures Winston Downs will continue to have a voice as a Registered Neighborhood Organization, and that we may be a member with Denver’s Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation- the umbrella group of RNO’s

WDCA Board Election

➤ **Candidate introductions/ballot voting**

- Candidates must be WDCA members
- Each candidate has 2 minutes to present themselves
- Ballots for voting given to members only
- We will count and announce outcome at this meeting
- Please mix and mingle and check out exhibits while you wait
- Thank you to Paul & Jan Hoskins for counting ballots for us



Thank you for participating!
Neighborhoods work best when we
work together!

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