

**Winston Downs Community Association
Board Meeting – Minutes
Date: 05/23/2023 via Zoom**

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

Guests: Danielle Taro, Logan Fry, Jo-Nell Herndon

Time started: 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Annual meeting notes do not require board approval since a member quorum vote was required for board election.

President’s Report – Jane Lorimer

- Watson’s – Watson’s has not done much cleanup since the last meeting. Containers are still there but rocks and other debris that could house animals are a little larger concern. Removing debris would be a good faith indicator indicating progress. WDCA did historically pursue city mediation to resolve problem. The City granted an extension of Watson’s May 9 deadline for cleanup because Watson’s did remove two vehicles from the site. Possibly thank them for some ongoing progress
- Quebec sidewalk update – Denver Parks & Recreation have pushed this issue off to DOTI. Management and leadership at city agencies may change with new administration. Jo-Nell Herndon may be able lead Poplar St. Coalition

Treasurer/Membership Report – Joanna Milewski

Account balances as of April 30, 2023 are as follows:

\$7,013.10 Savings
\$4,063.41 Checking

As of April 30, 2023, WDCA has a total of 14 members providing \$2,820 of total revenue. Of the member, 54 gifted an additional \$1019 in funds (over and above standard \$20 membership fee). In all, 40 members (28 percent) paid using PayPal.

Noted that it is helpful to bring membership applications to events (FOF, other). Treasurer paid for doorhangers, Zoom and web hosting bills. We do seem to be getting 30 or more doorhangers back after delivery – possible need to review zone maps to ensure correct counts. For future reference,

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Jo-Nell Herndon works with a title company and can generate custom homeowner/area maps.

Board Member Appointments

- Tim Rooney made a motion to appoint Danielle Taro as a board member to fill a vacant seat. Jeff Aldrich seconded. Motion passed unanimously
- Joanna moved to appoint Jo-Nell Herndon as INC delegate. Danielle Taro seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously

The Board reviewed current officer roles and agreed to maintain the same officer roles for now, with possible reconsideration of the secretary position in June. Jane Lorimer is looking for ways to delegate some jobs.

Summer Events – Open Discussion

- Four hosts are in place for “out front” socials – 2 Friday events, 2 Sunday Events
- Board needs to set date for neighborhood wide garage sale
- Board also needs to determine neighborhood wide party date, what WDCA will pay for, exhibits that might add value (fire department, Sprouts Garden, membership, etc.) and recruit volunteers to help.

Traffic Calming Task Force

No progress since last meeting but he requested that City take active role in traffic calming on Virginia and Exposition. With Logan's help contacting DOTI, Jeff Aldrich wrote letter on behalf of community association. He was instructed to submit issue 311, which he did. The City opened a case file, sent out a traffic inspector and determined there was nothing more to be done. However, Exposition Ave. is on radar of City due to traffic speeds.

Discussion:

Jo-Nell Herndon asked about whether school time motorcycle stops could be an option?

Jane Lorimer noted that people are not stopping at 4-way stop at Oneida Way & Virginia Ave at Denver Green School pickup time – per video and traffic survey - video and survey at pickup time. This time period and Friday (due to religious holiday) are both significant concerns. Dips cause natural slowdown on Virginia on east side of neighborhood, but west side is problematic because there's little or no physical barrier to traffic speeds.

Logan provided relevant contacts:

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DPD Neighborhood Enforcement Team 720-337-1030
Photo enforcement request: ddpdpeu@denvergov.org

Susan Bernard asked why there are no flashing signs or heavy yellow crosswalks. One issue is that neighbors don't like nighttime lights. As far as crosswalks - it's a 311 request. Typically, white stripes are used for pedestrian crossings. Logan Fry has not seen yellow or green stripes. The City currently has a part-time contractor taking these requests, so there are delays in getting engineers to respond. Green stripes are bike crossing markings. Logan Fry mentioned that there are some mandates for traffic measures around schools and he will see if there are other resources that can be brought to bear.

Xcel Outages- Open Discussion

What should WDCA do to support resident complaints?

Xcel currently seeking a rate hike with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission. Xcel has not been addressing distribution level deficiencies that have been a problem known at least since the 1990s. Open comment site: https://www.xcelenergy.com/company/rates_and_regulations/rates/rate_cases/co_electric_rate_review

Marsha Badanes is taking complaints about rolling outages. Her suggestions included having residents call outage number and ask to speak to someone. The outages we have experienced affect the same block of 1,078 homes.

Logan to send government contact - Grace Lopez Ramirez – that may be able to serve as liaison between WDCA and Xcel.

Jo-Nell Herndon asked if Xcel has data on assets? What is source of problem? Tree trimming, transformer age, other issues? In short, yes Xcel has data and can study local issues.

Ca was whether Xcel can bury lines? Xcel refused this due to costs (to Xcel and homeowners). The comment was made that people on the other side of Monaco probably did not pay \$10,000 per household to have lines buried.

Open meeting could be helpful with Xcel. Jane Lorimer to evaluate.

Adjourned 827p
Submitted by Tim Rooney, Interim-Secretary