

**Winston Downs Community Assn
Board Meeting June 20, 2023
Via Zoom**

Call to order 7:02

Welcome and Introductions as needed

Attendees: Tim Rooney, Joanna Milewski, Jeff Aldrich, Susan Bernard, Danielle Taro, Courtney Grosso

Guests: Jo-Nell Herndon, Mickey Greenberg, Logan Fry

Agenda

Tim Rooney moved to approve modified agenda which involved minor organizational changes. Joanna Milewski seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of May Board Meeting Minutes

Several minor edits requested including adding Jeff Aldrich to attendee list, typographic error correction and changing Jo-Nell Herndon's work reference from working "for" title company to working "with" title company.

Susan Herndon moved to approve board minutes as amended. Jeff Aldrich seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report – Joanna

- Savings balance: As of 5/31 savings balance was \$7,013.78,
- Checking balance: As of 5/31, checking balance was \$3,992.09
- Membership gained 1 new member for a total of 144 members with \$2,840 total revenue. Of the total membership, 54 gifted an additional \$1,019 over and above the \$20 standard dues. In all, 41, or 28% of total, paid by Paypal.
- Payments included doorhangers for \$201.34, \$215.43 for signs and stands plus regular monthly expenses (Zoom, technology subscriptions).

Safety Report – Mickey

- Safety report was provided separately by email
- Discussion focused on what special program topics we could include for a Fall meeting. Prior topics mentioned included fraud, aging. Others?
 - Susan Bernard suggested adding block party as an anchor for safety symposium in September that can discuss "lights on" for safety as daylight savings ends, back to school, AI scams, etc.
 - Have tent with table with literature and community resources for residents and school children
 - Possible to have companies talk about catalytic converter etching? Can't do it on site because you need to put car on lift but we can have information and possibly a rep from the DenverTrack program.
 - Possibly enlist Denver Fire Department to bring "smoke trailer" to show how people can escape smoke-filled rooms

- Not possible to have DPD Community Resource Officer (CRO) on Sunday) but would CRO be able to attend a FOF event? July 21 event could be opportunity. Mickey Greenberg to see if that might work.
- Mickey Greenberg to see if anti-fraud group can have a table at the block party
- DPD is having a meeting with synagogue (believe was BMH BJ community). DPD asked the Rabbi to talk to new DPD recruits about unique aspects of Jewish community
- Jess Wiederholdt asked to speak re incident with her adopted son, but she is not present due to a family emergency. We will postpone until they are available and we wish their family the best.

Traffic Calming Committee Update – Jeff Aldrich

- Updates to wait until August – things are going slowly as administration changes over.
- Mickey Greenberg has volunteered to be on this group as well.
- Radar speed monitor to be set up on Exposition to collect data, with study to extend all the way into Glendale in the first part of 2024
- It would be helpful to have someone from DOTI attend our meeting like they do for Lowry association. Logan Fry agrees – temporary rep from DOTI is leaving the city. Changeover in administrations does cause a problem.
- Exposition - DOTI did change signage at intersection with Monaco to reflect single westbound lane (instead of right-hand turn and straight/left), which doesn't make sense because the street has 24 foot wide lanes. This is another item to add to engineering study scope.
- Jeff Aldrich asked if we could add Virginia Ave. to that scope. Logan Fry will talk to traffic engineers.

Action Items - Status

- Jane passed along Poplar St Coalition project to Jo-Nell Herndon- due to illness have not met to discuss.
 - Have not met yet so no updates at this point
- Sidewalk fee exemption denied.
- Jane passed along city list and our current neighborhood list to Susan Bernard she will establish her own membership development plan and present to board
 - Susan reviewing list and will be doing door-to-door discussions with households who have not been members historically
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- Updates to social event signs ordered and will be available Jun 21. Signs in good shape, getting strips for address and new wire stands as needed \$216
 - First FOF is June 23 - Dave County will place signs
 - This Summer, two events are on Friday and two are on Sunday
 - We will have membership applications at all events
- Garage sale event dates agreed to be July 22 – 23. This is convenient because it is followed by Denver Solid Waste Large Item pickup on Tuesday

July 25. We will meet beforehand to discuss logistics. We can publicize to Winston Downs community well in advance so residents can prepare. Much of the broader advertising can wait until the week before the event because people tend to forget if it's much earlier.

- Proposing we not do block party unless at least 5 board members can be present on the date, and consider since we are late into season, whether or not we even need this in 2023 in addition to the four summer socials
 - Board wants to hold the event in 2023 and Board members will be available to help plan and run the event.
 - Amanda Sawyer's office will cosponsor and get any City fees waved if we do the event outside of Denver days.
 - Police/Fire Department may be more available if we do it on an "off" period.
 - Board most interested in location on Virginia right in front of school from Oneida to about one block west. Need approval from immediate neighbors as part of the application.
 - Need to talk to DGS – they don't want us using their trash receptacles.
 - Possible food vendors could include ice cream truck, Brooklyn's pizza and Mordy's. It was also popular to buy Otter pops and hand out with water.
 - Jeff Aldrich might have a line on a Barbershop quartet and a face painter is popular with families with children.
 - Sunday August 27 is the best date given other event and holiday conflicts. Board agreed on this date.

Other Items

Jo-Nell Herndon reported on the latest INC meeting.

INC Climate & Sustainability Committee asked for RNOs to take a position on one motion – to join the Greener Denver Platform (<https://greenerdenver2023.info/>) and have new mayor and city council to continue on with this type of platform.

Discussion noted that our neighborhood has had mixed experiences with some of the types of sustainability initiatives that the City has adopted. New sidewalks impact the right of way on residential properties and can displace existing landscaping. The fees are significant for homeowners. It is not clear how the wide-ranging plan balances equity and environment.

Sometimes aspects of these initiatives do not align well with community values. It is difficult to have broad agreement on a wide-ranging proposal such as this.

INC is targeting having a vote by July 7. Discussion centered on whether we can abstain or if Board should vote no because of the lack of time to explain the platform to our community.

Tim Rooney made motion to vote no (opposing adoption of the platform). Danielle Taro seconded. The vote was unanimous. The Board felt that it was important to

explain the rationale for this decision. There simply is insufficient information available about the platform and its implications for residents to support it. Incoming mayor Mike Johnston does have a Greening Denver platform and it is appropriate to let that process proceed.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 PM

Proposed liquor license for Mama Africa Café

WDCA voted via email not to have any objections to the following application for a liquor license (six board members responding to inquiry with no objections and one abstained)

Application information is as follows:

Applicant: Mama Africa Cafe
Business Address: 6603 Leetsdale Dr. Unit F
Business File Number: 2023-BFN-0020959
Liquor License Type: Hotel and Restaurant

Minutes submitted by Tim Rooney