

Winston Downs Community Association Board Minutes February 20, 2024 via Zoom

Attendees

Board: Jane Lorimer, JoNell Herndon, Joanna Milewski, Susan Bernard-Gross, Danielle Taro
(Quorum present)

Chairs: Mickey Greenberg, Safety

Guests: Dan Levine, PattiJo Strelzer, Jerry Shustrin, Carrie McLaughlin

Call to order : 7:08pm

Minutes

A motion was made by Susan and seconded by Danielle to approve minutes of the Jan 16 WDCA Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously

• **Treasurer/Membership Report – Joanna**

As of 1/31/24: Checking: \$3810.29, Savings: \$7018.67 - Total \$10,828.96

• Membership -109 Members (was 70 last month)

Dues revenues: = \$2180 less PayPal fees of \$35.00 = Total \$2145 in dues revenues
46 (almost 50%) have gifted \$935 extra. 26 paid via PayPal = 24%

- Side note: There are about 535 occupied households in WD area. 109 = 20%
- Mickey advised new neighbors on Oneida Street and he will get them to join

Reminder: To officially remain on the board, you have to be a paid member. Start recruiting for open positions. Who is rerunning? Jane, Tim and Jonell are termed but can rerun.

President's Report - Jane

- All were urged to take the Exposition Traffic Study survey – see last eNews or our Website
- Jane and Barbara Callahan, resident met with the Denver Green School today re traffic, double parking dangers, asking if students could be involved with solutions for traffic in an attempt to “own” the solutions, learned ECE is not a current program there now, the school may be open to public meetings for our community, school is overwhelmed with 590 students – many with language barriers that are taught separately.
- Good news re voter approved sidewalk fees – the review committee has recommended a flat rate per year that represents an average that would be collected via the linear foot planned charges. It also recommends setting priorities that align with needs. Board was urged to fill out the online survey seen in eNews and is also posted on our website.
- Lowry held a meeting to discuss how a proposed Block Builders program might work for them in addressing some 10,000 households in that RNO. Mickey offered to get a recap.
- 6750 E. Exposition ADU hearing. WDCA's letter was entered for the record. Our request was for a separate address. Response to us was that all ADUs need separate addresses for utilities and safety code regulations. ADUs are allowed within WD if they meet the land use guidelines.
- A resident on E. Virginia requested help in getting exemption for medical providers to park in bike lane so they don't have to park around the corner. Other residents have asked if one side of the bike lane can be changed to M-F parking restrictions. Jane sent request to DOTI and District 5 for answer. She indicated the medical provider issue impacts all of Denver.

Safety Report – Mickey

- Mickey reinforced the request to take the E. Exposition Traffic Study survey with comments by Jane that the survey is really not well done so not sure what they hope to gain. Mickey and Jane are panelists on that study and both submitted similar comments.
- The initial public presentation about this study is virtual on **February 27 meeting 6:00P**. Find the link on website and in recent eNews. eNews will include reminders as well.

- Mickey reported there is no budget at this time to make changes. Ideas include adding reflective tape on stop signs or paint a white lines at crosswalks.
- The WDCA hosted Safety Meeting is scheduled for May at BMH and will feature speakers from the new leaders at District 3 DPD and speakers from 911. Mickey will check whether or not we can bypass required security guard fees at this event since armed police will attend.
- Speed indicator light is out on eastbound E. Exposition -batteries died. He is getting the data found and noted data is not broken down by time of day or day of week so it is a general average.

New business

- Derek Cocovinis, a resident, had a bike accident crossing Olive and Alameda during peak traffic. He was cited for causing a car accident; he is looking for support for court which WDCA cannot offer for liability reasons. It was an unfortunate accident that reminds us to all beware if cannot personally see safe passage across that intersection and to prompt use of the Newport crossing light which was installed at residential request to ensure safe crossings for pedestrians, bikers and scooters.
- **333 S Oneida Way** has 2 free libraries that have generated complaints from many residents saying they are "tacky" and it is not clear why they are there. Mickey will talk directly to neighbor about this.

Annual meeting- April

- BMH is booked for Tuesday April 16 from 630pm to 9pm; **BMH** requires security guards which cost \$180 for the night. Jonelle made motion to approve increase to the budget, Susan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously
- Clarification of Speakers at meeting
Susan invited representatives from the Botanic Gardens (water wise planting) to make a presentation and Denver Water (Water Wise) will exhibit or provide handout materials. She is requesting Resource Central in Boulder (Garden in a box) to provide information to distribute.
- Potential outline/schedule for the evening:
- 6:30 meet and greet, sign up for committees, Denver water table and other info available
- 7:00 business and elections (20 minutes) and questions
- Botanic Gardens present 40 minutes; may have a slide show 30 minutes
- General comment: Due to budget cuts, Denver may not have any flowers in public areas so this new information will be timely :)

Beautification Project Update

- Susan: Denver Water is may use the intersection at S Olive and Alameda entrance as a trial for one of their programs; Maybe ask parks to move some grass and add flowers and use the sprinklers for the garden. Parks supplies water and maintenance for this entrance along Alameda Ave.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm
Minutes submitted by Danielle Taro