

# WINSTON DOWNS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes August 21, 2018

BMH Synagogue

## Present:

Tim Rooney, Joanna Milewski, Jane Lorimer, Jerry Shustrin, Marsha Badanes,  
Jeff Herman via conference phone  
Jim Mauck – Member guest

## 705P call to order – quorum present

### Minutes

- Reviewed Minutes from July 17, 2018 Board meeting for action items
- Marsha will schedule a meet with Jeff re Transportation Committee
- Marsha and Tim will meet re newsletter for FALL push on membership
- Bank update is squared away
- Social chair still unsettled

Marsha moved to approve minutes. Joanna seconded. Passed unanimously

### President Report-Tim Rooney

1. Rabbi Bernard/BMH emailed Tim to ask if WDCA has ideas or help for skunk control. Board discussed issue. Skunks have been in neighborhood for decades and seem currently fueled by development, food gardens and lack of predators. Ideas for discouraging them:
  - Milky spore put on lawns to prevent larva – Tim will check with Meg who runs Green School farm about how neighbors can buy the product from them.
  - Tim will talk to city for ideas as skunks may carry rabies or fleas
2. Tim talked with Denver real estate representative re 716 S Poplar (City owned). City is trying to find another non-profit to take property. WDCA agreed to keep pushing as a concern.
3. Communications:
  - Tim praised Marsha for her diligence in keeping Facebook updated and fresh
  - He is working hard to keep e-blasts up to date
  - He and Marsha will work on upcoming Fall newsletter – due out October
  - Tim will recheck with Block Captains re delivery before that newsletter

### Treasurer/Membership – Joanna Milewski

- WDCA currently has 208 members as opposed to 246 in 2017. Attribute change to turnover in neighborhood, some newsletters not delivered for three issues and demographics.
- WDCA funds: Checking \$3042.92, Savings \$8004.95 for total: \$11,047.87
- Membership has received \$960 additional as donations from 79 members. Membership is still \$15 per household

### Safety-Jerry Shustrin

- Good news is there has been no recent action in our neighborhood except for an armed robbery on August 14 at Alameda/Monaco gas station.
- 31 offenses reported along the Leetsdale Corridor (assault, drugs)
- City is responsible to deal with steps to making Leetsdale safer. (Lighting was suggested but many crimes occur during daylight)
- Discussion about Leetsdale steps and how that is monitored

### Traffic Committee – Marsha and Jeff organizing

- Tim shared an outline of possible directions to begin with identifying problems
- Suggestions included hosting a community meeting where all concerns could be put on the table, invite INC Transportation to discuss City plans, invite Councilman Kashmann or his aide to support Drive 25 in this neighborhood
- Big issue is consideration for main surrounding street arteries

- Car racing and driver speed has caused fence damage along Quebec. Jim Mauck reported having to fix his fence three times as a result.
- Jerry indicated District 3 Police is listening and monitoring areas of their responsibility but Quebec is not under District 3

### **The Body Shop**

Jane reported having seen this week and at least 3 to 4 times in 2018, auto transit carrier trucks going up S. Oneida Way and E. Exposition Ave. Trucks are delivering to The Body Shop at Monaco/E. Exposition Ave. They are permitted to deliver and park for up to two hours but are not permitted to enter middle of this neighborhood.

Because The Body Shop cleans the bus stop at Monaco across from GWHS, WDCA wants to keep a good relationship with them, but also to notify them of the trucks on interior streets.

Jane will follow up with delivering cookies to the shop with a note of thanks from the neighborhood, inquire about trucks and also if they have enough supplies from RTD. Jane will also inquire why no sign is in place recognizing the shop for bus stop maintenance.

### **Parameter Clean-up Especially Quebec - Jane**

Jane requested Board pay to have weeds whacked and weed killer applied to weeds growing between curb and gutter along Quebec. Discussion ended up with Board leading the effort to do this work themselves and to request neighborhood support and help.

Jane moved that the Board will lead the effort, cover cost of weed killer and bags on August Saturday 25, 9am; Tim will send eblast for help. Meet up at Virginia/Quebec. Marsha seconded and motion passed without exception.

Jeff advised that trees overhanging to street can be cut without permission because general air space can be cut straight up. After this effort, WDCA will make another effort to meet with S. Poplar neighbors regarding street appearance and what we can/cannot do to help.

### **Block Party Recap**

Thinly attended-75 out of 1200 population may have been because: Time-heat of the day, needs additional signage and banners at event, Police – did not interact, Fire didn't come and neighborhood demographics has changed where kids attend schools all over the city.

Discussion evolved to need for a "Welcome Committee" for new residents. Marsha offered to chair (approved)

### **Budget-Joanna**

Joanna presented a budget and summary to date with comparisons to 2017. Kudos for the easy to read layout. Jane moved to accept the budget with category change from "donations" to "donations/dues"; Marsha seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **INC Update - Jane**

- INC annual awards dinner is end of January 2019 at Holiday Inn. Set up as buffet style arrangement.
- INC has been highly focused on I70 issues as they impact Globeville, City Park storm drainage and impact on Park Hill and the Park Hill Golf Course issue (PHGC has been leased for five additional years so no change coming).
- Next meeting September 8 at Cook Park – all Denver residents may attend.
- Denver Decides will be held with TV8 at District 3 Police Station – now is open to attend (Jane reported it was not open to attend, but learned after it moved so that people could attend)

Adjourned 8:28pm

Next Board meeting September 17, 2018

Submitted by Jane Lorimer