

**WINDSOR SQUARE
HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD AND SPECIAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MINUTES
October 1, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Board members present: Ken Mosesian, Alex Meyers, Julia Fitsimones, Dawn Dauphine, Cristín Duerinckx, Jeffrey Long, Steve Caniglia, Phil Sheinbein, and Kristy Roschke

Board members absent: None

Guests Attending: Linda Pollock, homeowner

Approval of Minutes: Phil commented that the September 3, 2015, minutes should be amended to reflect that he has not yet ordered the pooper scoopers but will do so. With that amendment, Jeffrey moved to approve the amended minutes of the September meeting; Alex seconded the motion. Motion passed 9-0.

Treasurer's Report: Julia circulated updated financial information. As instructed by the Board at the September meeting, Julia canceled the SocialGo contract. The Board is satisfied with the current status of finances.

Ad Hoc Committees:

Home Tour: Jeffrey reported on the current status of planning and preparations for the April 3, 2016, Home Tour. SunUp has agreed to be the sponsor again. Book advertising is underway. We are expecting to print 2,500 books and are targeting to sell 2,000 tickets, which is an increase from last year's successful Home Tour. Plans are also underway for the Second Annual Square Ball, to be held the evening before the Home Tour. Jeffrey agreed to circulate the advertising packet to Board members for everyone to assist in soliciting advertising.

Kids Club: Kristy reported that there will be an arts and crafts party in November.

Zoning: Steve reported that the commercial property on 7th Street north of Denny's (which includes a taco shop and oil change shop) has been sold to NDCP North 7th Street, LLC. The zoning is C-2, which allows for 30' height. The new owners have not yet submitted plans to the City. The Board agreed to reach out to the new owners and to continue monitoring. Steve also reported that the old Midas shop across the street on 7th Street is on the market

Linda Pollock reported on her meeting with the Historic Preservation Office regarding 219 E. Oregon. The homeowners received HP approval for some demolition and remodeling in 2009 but did not begin the work at that time. They started the work in 2015 with full approval.

Linda reminded the Board of the importance of preserving historic homes within Windsor Square. Historic District rules require that 65% of the homes must be eligible for the national register or the entire neighborhood will be de-listed. We do not have information about the current percentage within Windsor Square. The Board agreed that homeowners should be reminded of this rule and encouraged to preserve

their homes and be aware of HP applications being submitted by other homeowners. Linda agreed to write an article for the next newsletter to remind and inform homeowners about these issues.

The Board also discussed 690 E. Colter. UpTown Development representatives had agreed to attend tonight's meeting but communicated their unavailability shortly before the meeting. Ken reported that he, Phil, Dawn and Linda previously met with UpTown Development to discuss their plans for the property. They had indicated intentions to tear down the 690 E. Colter home and divide the property into two lots for development, and had provided a structural report on the home. They have agreed to allow the Board to designate an engineer who would be provided access to the home. Linda agreed to arrange for the engineer access. The Board agreed to monitor the situation and intends to oppose any HP application requesting approval to demolish the home and divide the property into two parcels.

Neighborhood Beautification: Julia reported that dollars budgeted for these matters have been spent, and there is no further news.

Security issues: Alex reported that more Blue Steel security signs have been posted throughout the neighborhood, with more to be posted. Alex distributed Blue Steel reports showing that homeowners have been reporting suspicious activity, and Blue Steel has been responding to the calls. Some of the reports identify security personnel contact with unidentified individuals who had been observed knocking on doors throughout the neighborhood, suggesting that the security is working as a deterrence. The Board agreed to continue monitoring the security reports and to be prepared to make a presentation at the next annual meeting about the efficacy of the security contract.

Uptown Plaza: The Board discussed the development activity at Uptown Plaza and will continue to monitor.

New Business:

Newsletter: The Board thanked Kristy for her work on the excellent Fall newsletter. Kristy reported that the newsletter was distributed to additional homes within the Special Planning District boundaries. The Board agreed to continue the increased distribution.

Website: The new website is up and running. The Board is very pleased with the new website and thanked Cristín for her great work on the project. A newsblast will be sent out notifying homeowners of the new website.

2015 Block Party: The Board agreed that the annual Block Party will be held on Sunday, November 8 from 1:00 to 4:00. Phil agreed to lead planning efforts, and other Board members agreed to help. Ken will send out invites to city representatives.

2016 slate: The Board discussed the need to recruit new members for 2016. It is expected that Tom Fitsimones will chair the nominating committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Dawn Dauphine, Secretary