

**WINDSOR SQUARE  
HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD AND SPECIAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
ANNUAL MINUTES  
February 29, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Board members absent: Steve Caniglia

Membership attendance: Category 1 members from 38 homes in attendance

Guests: Mayor Greg Stanton, Councilwoman Laura Pastor, Security Action Officers Matt McKinsey and Mario Lozoya, Vintage partners representatives David Scholl and Casey Treadwell

**I. Welcome and State of the Square**

Board President Ken Mosesian welcomed everyone and provided an overview of past and future activities for the neighborhood to enjoy. In addition to ongoing Kids' Clubs activities, the Annual Home Tour this year, and the annual block party and holiday parties, the Board is planning adult events this year, to include wine and cheese tastings. Ken reported that the Board has been active in monitoring development in and near the neighborhood, and although we do not always obtain everything we wish, we have developed good working relationships with the City and developers that have enabled us to advocate for and obtain benefits and protections for our neighborhood. Ken encouraged all members to get to know their neighbors, to be involved in the community, and to be active in monitoring events that affect us all.

**II. Guest Comments**

Mayor Greg Stanton and Councilwoman Laura Pastor each presented an update of City actions and activities that affect the neighborhood. Mayor Stanton noted that the City has a surplus of money this year and has approved additional police hiring that will add security officers to neighborhood patrols and increase police pay. He also noted that City funds will be used for long-deferred street improvements and extension of the light rail. He remarked on Windsor Square's unique commitment to community involvement and quality of life. Councilwoman Pastor spoke about her work with the Four Corners historic districts to obtain traffic calming funds from OmniNet to address anticipated traffic in the Pierson Place and St. Francis neighborhoods. She advised the membership to be vigilant in watching for upcoming development along Camelback and 19th Avenue. She also noted her work to obtain funding for after-school programs to keep students involved in safe activities after school. She encouraged everyone to attend her Coffee Chats and be involved in the community. The Mayor and Councilwoman answered questions from the membership.

Vintage Partners representatives informed the membership about new and anticipated businesses in Uptown Plaza. They noted that new businesses, like Flower Child, Muse Apparel and Zooks report significant success in their new locations. Shake Shack will be opening soon, as will a pizza restaurant and other retailers. Discussions are ongoing with Bashas. Vintage Partners is planning a unique mural to

commemorate the history of Uptown Plaza, and encouraged the members to view their website for more information. Questions were answered about anticipated noise and parking issues, and Vintage Partners representatives encouraged members to contact them with specific issues that may develop.

### **III. Security Issues**

Security Action Officer Matt McKinsey reported on police activities in the area. The police department took 120 calls this year from the neighborhood to check on suspicious activities. In addition, the officers themselves generate more “welfare checks” on the neighborhood than are generated by neighbors calling in. He urged all members to call the police to report thefts, burglaries and any suspicious persons or activities. He noted that the police department is short more than 700 officers, and that each officer’s patrol area is extensive, and thanked neighbors for understanding that officers are dispatched based on recognized priorities, so it may take awhile for police to respond when suspicious activity is not actually in progress. Officer Matt noted that the most number of violent crimes are reported just a few miles away, at 19th Avenue near Bethany Home Road. He urged residents to be vigilant and work together and with the police to keep the neighborhood safe.

Board member Alex Meyers reported on the private security trial over the past 8 months with Blue Steel Security. He presented a map showing significant number of crimes in and surrounding Windsor Square. He also noted that crimes reported during the 8 month trial period were half the number of crimes reported in the same 8 month period the previous years. He also noted that Blue Steel regularly provides incident reports describing their activities in monitoring suspicious activities and escorting suspicious persons out of the neighborhood. Alex reported that the Board would like to re-up with Blue Steel for this year and even increase the number of hours that Blue Steel patrols the neighborhood. Based on the participation of only 1/3 of total residents this past year, the Board suggests an annual contribution of \$200 per member, with any financial contribution appreciated. A number of Board members and residents shared their concerns about crime and opinions about the Blue Steel program. The Board will follow up with Newsblasts and other information as to how members may contribute for this coming year.

### **IV. Bylaws Amendments**

Secretary Dawn Dauphine reported to the members about the Board’s recommendation for amendments to the Bylaws to (1) provide for official notice through electronic means; (2) correct a numbering typo in the current bylaws; and (3) streamline the Board nominating process. Copies of the proposed amendments were provided to members in early January by personal delivery to their homes, and additional copies were handed out at the meeting. A motion was made and seconded from the floor to approve the proposed bylaws amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

### **V. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Julia Fitsimones provided copies of the proposed annual budget and gave a report on expected income, expenses, and contingencies. Julia reported that about only 1/3 of the members contribute to annual dues, and that we encourage all to participate at levels that work for them. A motion was made and seconded from the floor to approve the proposed annual budget. The motion passed unanimously.

### **VI. Election of Officers**

President Ken Mosesian thanked outgoing Board members Alex Meyers, Julia Fitsimones, Kristy Roschke, Cristín Duerinckx, and Steve Caniglia for their service. Tom Fitsimones, Chair of the Nominating Committee, announced the slate of candidates for the 2016-2017 year:

Ken Mosesian - President   Phil Sheinbein - Vice President   Hideto Tsujimura - Treasurer  
Dawn Dauphine - Secretary   Susan Biegner - Member-at-Large   Kate Cochran - Member-at-Large  
Emily Groh -Member-at-Large   Jeffrey Long - Member-at-Large (to share a vote with H. Tsujimura)  
Anne Thorne - Member-at-Large   John Waldron - Member-at-Large

A motion was made and seconded from the floor to approve the slate of candidates. The motion passed unanimously.

#### VI. Other Business

Home Tour Committee Chair and Member-at-Large Jeffrey Long informed the members about the status of the upcoming Home Tour and Square Ball. Other historic neighborhoods have had increased attendance this year, and we expect the same. All planning is progressing well, and both events are expected to be great fun and very successful. Jeffrey encouraged members to purchase their Square Ball and Home Tour tickets.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Dawn Dauphine, Secretary