WINDSOR SQUARE HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD AND SPECIAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES February 4, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

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

Board members absent: Julia Fitsimones, Steve Caniglia

Guests: John Waldron, Jennifer Delgado

Approval of Minutes: Kristy moved to approve the minutes of the January 2016 meeting and Alex seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Delgado presented the Board with a request for funds for the Kids' Club for 2016-2017. After discussion about the anticipated Kids' Club events and their ongoing value to the neighborhood, Dawn moved to adopt the requested budget for presentation to the membership at the Annual Meeting in February, and Phil seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Ad Hoc Committees:

<u>Home Tour</u>: Jeffrey reported that planning is progressing on course, with 12 homes and 2 gardens expected to be on tour. Board members agreed to provide assistance with advertising sales for the tour book. The Home Tour Committee expects to have a successful Home Tour and Square Ball.

Kids Club: Nothing further to report.

Zoning: Dawn reported on her discussions with the Historic Preservation Commission regarding 690 E. Colter and will follow up. No new zoning requests or activity was noted.

<u>Commercial Liaison</u>: The Board discussed Cristín's draft letter to neighboring restaurants seeking their participation in a Rewards Card program for neighbors, and the Board approved the letter. The Board agreed that additional work on the Rewards Card will be a priority for the new Board at the March meeting.

Neighborhood Beautification: Nothing further to report.

Old Business:

<u>Security Issues</u>: Alex reported on his analysis of crimes reported during the second half of 2015 compared to the prior year, and noted a significant decrease in crime. He presented information about Blue Steel's activities in the neighborhood and proposals for a new contract with Blue Steel. The Board agreed that the Blue Steel services are very valuable to the community and would like to see them continue. Alex agreed to prepare a summary of his findings to be distributed by Newsblast to the neighborhood, and will be prepared to give a presentation at the Annual Meeting in February to determine neighborhood interest in further and expanded Blue Steel security services. The Board agreed to increase the contingency in the 2016-2017

proposed budget to \$15,000, which would be available not only to provide for legal representation if needed to address development issues but also to cover a potential shortfall in donations for security patrols.

<u>Uptown Plaza</u>: Ken reported that Vintage Partners will make a presentation at the Annual Meeting in February.

Nominating Process for 2016 Slate/2016 Annual Meeting/Bylaws: The Board noted that it was pleased with the candidate slate for the upcoming term. Dawn reported that the slate of candidates, along with the proposed by-laws amendments, were delivered to all neighbors. Ken reported that Mayor Stanton, Councilperson Pastor, and designated public security officers will be in attendance at the Annual Meeting and give brief presentations.

<u>Monuments</u>: The Board discussed competing ideas for monuments, ranging from a mural to additional monuments like the one at Central and Medlock. Jeffrey reported that he has been in contact with potential vendors and discussed potential sites for monuments. Cristín reported on estimates she has obtained for a mural at the wall on 6th and Pasadena. The Board discussed the alternatives and agreed to continue discussion once more specific information is available.

<u>Parking issues</u>: Phil reported that he had 8 responses to his email regarding Medlock parking concerns, and he will continue to meet and work with interested neighbors. The Board again agreed that it would not take a position on the matter, but that it will continue to advise members through Newsblasts and Phil's involvement.

<u>Pooper scooper station</u>: Phil reported on the current status of ordering pooper scooper stations. He has identified homeowners who are willing to have the stations placed on their property, but needs an additional location. Phil will follow up with getting the stations installed once they are delivered, with help from Board members.

New Business:

<u>Roof rats</u>: Cristín reported on damage to her car caused by roof rats and the need for members to seal their houses to prevent damage. The Board agreed to send a Newsblast reminder about roof rats.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Dawn Dauphine, Secretary