WINDSOR SQUARE HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD AND SPECIAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES September 1, 2016

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

Board members present: Ken Mosesian, Phil Sheinbein, Hideto Tsujimura, Dawn Dauphine, Jeffrey Long, John Waldron, Emily Groh, Anne Thorne, Susan Biegner

Board members absent: Kate Corcoran

Guests: Homeowners Liz Therani and Dr. Phil Lufty; David Longoria from Councilwoman Laura Pastor's office

Approval of Minutes: Copies of the June 2, 2016 minutes were distributed to the Board members. Phil moved to approve the minutes; John seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

Treasurer's Report: Hideto reported on the status of the funds in the bank account. To date, 82 homeowners have contributed to Blue Steel security patrols. Phil agreed to further investigate website methods for making security patrol payments.

Guest speakers: David Longoria of Councilwoman Pastor's office addressed local issues. He reported that the City Planning Department is closely monitoring the many applications for medical marijuana dispensaries in the neighboring areas. Regarding traffic studies and traffic calming, he agreed to coordinate with Phil and a neighborhood committee to review the 2011 traffic study and move forward with a new traffic study. Neighborhood resident Liz Therani raised concerns about trash cans and lack of screening at Uptown Plaza. It was agreed that original plans should be obtained to determine expectations for screening the development along Medlock, and that the issues would be raised with the City Planning Department and Neighborhood Services.

Ad Hoc Committees:

Kids Club: No report.

Zoning: Phil reported on recent zoning applications. Ken presented information from the Madison United Neighborhood Association regarding efforts to block re-zoning of two residential properties on the northwest corner of 14th Street and Missouri to residential/office use. The Board agreed to review materials and coordinate a formal response. Additionally, the Board agreed to send out a newsblast to all homeowners so that individuals could express their opinions at the September 7, 2016, City Council Hearing if they wish.

Commercial Liaison: Anne and John reported on the soon-to-be-announced "Windsor Square Advantage" card program. The Advantage cards have been printed and look great. Anne and John have drafted a letter of explanation and invoice to be delivered to residents in about late October or early November. They currently have 7-8 neighboring businesses that have agreed to give discounts ranging from 5%-10%. Board members agreed to approach other neighboring businesses to invite participation. The program will likely be rolled out at the Fall Block Party. The Board agreed that any residents who contribute to dues/security will be entitled to receive the Advantage card.

<u>Neighborhood Beautification</u>: Susan and Jeffrey reported about gardening beautification undertaken on the Oregon/Second Street divider. Given an unusually large water bill, the Board expressed concerns about a potential leak at the divider. Susan agreed to follow up with the contracted landscaper, and will follow up to get a quote from an alternate landscaper as may be appropriate.

<u>Security</u>: Emily provided examples of Blue Steel reports demonstrating that the security company is doing a good job monitoring the neighborhood. The Board noted that we have not been hearing about thefts in the neighborhood, which suggests that the security patrols are contributing to crime deterrence.

New Resident Welcome: John reported that he delivered 5 new-resident baskets.

<u>Newsletter</u>: Jeffrey requested assistance in ad sales, and the Board members agreed to assist with ad sales information to be circulated with requests for Advantage Card participation from neighboring businesses. Jeffrey reported that Tom Evans requests Fall newsletter content to be delivered to him by mid-September. Dawn agreed to help coordinate content for the newsletter, and Board members identified content that they agreed to write.

Old Business:

<u>Monuments</u>: Ken has reached out to Uptown Developers to obtain monetary contribution for monuments, but has not heard back. Jeffery and John agreed to work together to obtain quotes for alternative types of monuments.

New Business:

<u>Fall Block Party</u>: Phil agreed to take charge of the Block Party again this year. The event will be held on Sunday, November 13, 2106, from 1-4 p.m. at the football.

<u>Neighborhood Adult Events</u>: The Board had previously agreed that adult residents might appreciate more frequent gatherings to socialize, have fun, and appreciate the benefits of their annual contributions. Ken agreed to host the first Neighborhood Adult Wine and Cheese party at his home on a weekday evening to be announced.

<u>Irrigation District</u>: Phil, who is also a member of the Irrigation Board, reported that they had recently made \$43,000 in repairs to aging pipes. He also reported about efforts to include the north side of Colter Street and up to Georgia in the Irrigation District.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Dawn Dauphine, Secretary