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- **Quality of life issues**
- **Architecture and local history**

**or any other topics that may interest your neighbors?**

**If so, please consider becoming a writer/reporter for the WSWCA Post. A great neighborhood deserves a great newsletter, and we need your help to make it happen.**

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## WSWCA Meeting Highlights For the months of June and July, 2004

### June 8, 2004

Present: J. Applebaum, C. Baker, J. Brazino, K. Cushing, M. Davidson, A. Earling, I. Gold, J. Jordan, J. Menegakis, V. Trosino

Absent: J. Arneith, M.J. Barrett, S. Batcheler

#### I. GREETINGS

President Judy Applebaum called tonight's meeting to order.

#### II. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A correction was made to last month's Minutes (Announcements Section) replacing the phrase "WSWCA organized a charrette for Penn's Landing" with "WSWCA participated in the planning of a charrette for Penn's Landing." The minutes were then unanimously adopted.

#### III. TREASURER'S REPORT

John Jordan presented highlights of the treasurer's report which was unanimously adopted.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

Bob Hornsby and Michael Schultz were newly elected to WSWCA's Board tonight in a unanimous vote. Their terms expire 10/05 and 10/06 respectively and the Board is very pleased to welcome them both.

HARBA requested WSWCA make a donation to their Culinary Arts Festival as it has in the past. The issue of donating WSWCA member dues to other organizations was raised. Board members expressed varied opinions and decided the issue could not be adequately addressed tonight.. Motion: A motion was passed to table the decision of making a \$250 contribution to HARBA's Festival with 5 in favor, 3 opposed and one abstention,

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Government Affairs  
*Starbucks – 8th & Walnut Streets*  
A new Starbucks is planned for the ground

floor of the St. James' apartment building. Operating hours are 7 days/week, 6am-9 or 10pm, depending on traffic. The entrance will be on Walnut where there will be some outdoor seating. Garbage will be stored inside the building and sidewalks cleaned on a regular basis. Starbucks presented their plans at the last Government Affairs Committee meeting and requested WSWCA's support for a variance to allow take-out. The Historical Society has already signed off.

Motion: WSWCA's Board of Directors voted to send a letter of non-opposition to Starbucks providing "take-out" subject to provisos that Starbucks comply with the City's regulations regarding outside seating and signage; and adhere to stated operating hours, "a no cooking" policy, litter control and indoor trash storage. The motion was passed 9 in favor, two abstentions.

#### *Western Union Building*

The developers, architect and associates who presented plans to the Board (as reported in last month's minutes) to turn the Western Union Building into luxury condominiums will return to the Government Affairs Committee meeting on June 22nd (the 4th Tuesday of the month). Depending on the outcome, another presentation to the Civic will follow in either July or September since the Board does not meet in August. As always the community is welcome.

- B. Awareness  
The Committee has achieved a \$175/ month savings on the printing of WSWCA's newsletter, "The Post" by changing printer vendors and making alterations.
- C. Membership  
Newly elected Board members, Bob Hornsby and Michael Schultz graciously agreed to take on the Membership Committee. Community volunteers are encouraged to lend a hand.
- D. Safety and Security

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## WSWCA Meeting Highlights, *continued*

The Streets Department has relaxed the hours trash can be set out by extending the 10pm minimum to 8pm Tuesday evenings. Residents who put trash out before 8pm or after pick-up Wednesday morning are being ticketed.

Twenty-three robberies occurred in Wash West last July-August. One man was convicted of three of those crimes at a hearing attended by Board member Kathy Cushing who also provided testimony. The perpetrator was sentenced to 40-60 years for 3 offenses. It was suggested a follow-up

thank you letter be sent from WSWCA to Judge Means.

Motion: A motion was unanimously passed to send Judge Means a letter of thanks for taking testimony from the community.

There has also been a rash of graffiti as well as nuisance vandalism particularly on Camac and Waverly Streets. Those responsible for the graffiti have been caught and will be taken to court. Police are also pursuing the vandalism problem.

Wash West Lighting Project contracts have

been signed and delivered. Next, the contract will be put out to bid. WSWCA's President Judy Applebaum will meet with State Representative Fumo, Councilman DiCicco and representatives from Will's Eye Hospital to request the latter partner with us on this initiative. Pennsylvania and Jefferson Hospitals will similarly be approached.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Iris J. Gold, Secretary

## July 13, 2004

Present: J. Armeth, C. Baker, M.J. Barrett, S. Batcheler, K. Cushing, M. Davidson, A. Earling, B. Hornsby, J. Jordan, V. Trosino

Absent: J. Applebaum, J. Brazino, I. Gold, J. Menegakis, M. Schultz

### I. GREETINGS

Vice President John Armeth called the meeting to order.

### II. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the June meeting were adopted.

### III. TREASURER'S REPORT

John Jordan presented the highlights of the Treasurer's report which was adopted.

### IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### A. Government Affairs

Chair of Governmental Affairs Sarah Batcheler led the discussion of five matters:

1. 271-275 South 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Gerry McGuire presented drawings for two townhomes to be built on the property. The Committee recommended nonopposition to the needed variances provided that conditions as to building materials were imposed, and the Board accepted the recommendation.

2. 1231-39 Walnut Street/139 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street. A sandwich shop is proposed for the above location, although the proprietors were not sure what variances were needed. The Board did not vote on this matter since the location is outside the district.

3. 471 South Quince Street. The owner was seeking non-opposition for a variance to erect a highly visible roof deck with an enclosed stairwell and permanent cabinetry, adjacent to a house with a similar deck. Opposition was noted by a Jessup Street neighbor whose west view would be affected by the roof deck, and who also expressed concern for the precedent it would set. The neighbors were asked to try to negotiate the issue. The matter was tabled.

4. 929 Clinton Street. Alex Rice discussed changes to a previously approved request having to do with the rear addition and a rear window and deck. The Committee recommended non-opposition and the Board accepted the recommendation.

5. Western Union Building. A zoning hearing is scheduled for August 4, 2004. Cecil Baker reviewed the plans in place for the work to be done to restore and convert the Western Union Building into a condominium with ground-level retail to be shared by a gourmet market and a Walgreen's drug store. The current proposal contains 100 units and 100 parking spots beneath the building. The zoning refusals have been issued for the following reasons: (1) floor area ratio, (2) the opposing wall not meeting the required distance between windows, (3) the setback on Locust Street, (4) maximum building width on the north side of Locust Street having frontage on a numbered street, and (5) active space frontage on Locust Street. The recommendation of the Committee was not to oppose the variances requested provided that the owner agrees to numerous stipulations

to be further negotiated concerning business hours, signage, lighting, delivery schedules, loading hours and similar issues which have been discussed in the past several meetings to meet concerns of the Board and the community. The vote approving the recommendation was six in favor and two opposed.

#### V. MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

John Armeth advised that WSWCA has been asked to join with Society Hill and the Washington West Citizens League to co-sponsor a Meet the Candidates Night at a date to be determined in the fall. The Board approved the proposal.

#### VI. HARBA

Alan Carpel, a Board member of HARBA, appeared to renew the request for a \$250.00 contribution to HARBA for the Street Fair recently held. There was discussion concerning the Board's policy regarding contributing to other non-profits and also the ability to make a contribution in a year in which the Civic lacks additional income from house tours in the spring.

#### VII. POLICE MATTERS

Kathy Cushing met with the police and reiterated the importance of reporting all crimes.

#### VIII. GREENING COMMITTEE

Virginia Trosino reported that 42 trees had been planted this spring with the \$1,000 grant received from the Washington Square West Trust.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Jane Barrett, Acting Secretary

## 2004 Membership Form

Washington Square West Civic Association  
1209 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107  
215-545-3260, Fax 215-545-9150, email [info@washwestcivic.org](mailto:info@washwestcivic.org)

Name _____	Seniors and Disabled	\$7.00
Business Name _____	Individual	\$20.00
Address _____	Household	\$30.00
_____	Individual Patron	\$100.00
Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____	Small Business (1-15 emp.)	\$30.00
Email _____ Fax _____	Medium Business (16-35 emp.)	\$60.00
	Large Business (36+ emp.)	\$100.00
	Other Contribution	\$ _____

## The Washington West Civic Association Calendar of Events

### Arts/Culture

#### **The Titanic Artifact Exhibition at The Franklin Institute**

July 10, 2004 through January 2, 2005

#### **Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts phone 215-790-5800 | tickets 215-893-1999**

Tuesday, Sep. 7-12  
Academy of Music  
The King and I

Thursday, Sep. 16-18  
Perelman Theater  
Shen Wei Dance

Friday, Sep. 17  
Verizon Hall  
Ornette Coleman

Saturday, Sep. 18  
Verizon Hall  
Dame Kiri Te Kanawa

Sunday, Sep. 26-27  
Perelman Theater  
Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia:  
Mendelssohn "Scottish" Symphony

#### **Creative Collective Craft and Arts Fair**

When: Every weekend from Memorial day weekend through October 24th. There will be no show July 10-11. Where: Under shelter of Historic Headhouse Shambles, rain or shine, 2nd and Pine St., Society Hill. Time: Saturdays: 12 noon- 11 pm, Sundays: 12 noon to 10 pm. Contact: 215-790-0782

### Library Events:

#### **Independence Branch**

18 S. 7th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106  
Phone: 215-685-1633

Friends of the Independence Branch Used Book Sale - Wed, August 25 at 12:15 pm In the library courtyard until 2 p.m.

Coming to Pennsylvania: Immigrants and Refugees - Wed, September 08 at 6:30 pm Fernando Chang-Muy will discuss the scope of recent immigrants to our area and their contributions to the economy and culture.

### Health

#### **Pennsylvania Hospital Educational Seminar: Outpatient Diabetes Education Program**

Location: Classes are held on the first floor of the Ayer building at the 8th and Spruce St. hospital. Dates and Times: Every Tuesday from 10-12:30 pm and Wednesday from 1-3:30pm in June. Contact: 215-829-5725

#### **Free Health Screenings at Womens' Health Source**

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital  
Suite #1990  
Call 1-800-JEFF-NOW

#### **Thomas Jefferson University Hospital Events**

Register online or call 1-800-JEFF-NOW  
Location: Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Gibbon Building, 10th and Chestnut Streets, Suite 1990, Philadelphia

#### One Day Lamaze

A complete childbirth preparation course in one day. Tour, lunch and parking included. Time: 9am to 5pm, Sundays. Location: 111 S. 11th Street, Room 1840 Gibbon. Fee: \$140. Register: Preregistration is required. Please call 1-800-JEFF-NOW.

Prepared Childbirth Lamaze Series. Weekly classes for preparing for labor and delivery. Tour included.

Times: Evening Series - 4 weeks, 7pm to 9pm. Saturday Series - 2 weeks, 9:30am to 1:30pm. Location: 111 So. 11th street, Rm. 1840 Gibbon. Fee: \$85. Register: Preregistration is required. Please call 1-800-JEFF-NOW.

Lupus Support Group  
Lupus Foundation of America, Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter Support Group. Second Tuesday of the Month, 6:30p.m.-8:30p.m. Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, 1025 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA. Please call the Lupus Foundation to confirm that the meeting will be held. For more information call (215) 517-5070.

### Education

#### **Henry George Birthplace Museum**

413 South 10 Street, Ph: 215-922-4278  
Saturday Programs: 10 am –Noon. Space is limited so pre-registration for these programs is requested.



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## **McCall School Meeting, August 24, 6pm at the McCall Auditorium**

McCall School is planning to construct a new recreation area for ages 5-12, which will be available to neighborhood kids after school hours. It will contain the latest and greatest in slides and climbing equipment, atop a safe rubber surface. Careful attention is being paid to the color and design to make it respectful of our historic neighborhood.

The School District's Team is working to ensure that the playspace is a positive addition to the community. In July, they sent a letter inviting the immediate neighbors of McCall to voice suggestions and ideas. This meeting will present the proposed design and allow community members to comment. They have been in close communication with the SHCA's Zoning Historic Preservation Committee to insure compliance with all procedures and guidelines. The area is already zoned as a "play and recreation space" under the R10 classification.

**Come and here about our new recreation area!**

# **SAVE THE DATE**

## **OF THE UPCOMING WSWCA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2004**

**Al Borden from the Lighting Practice will be attending to discuss our Street Lighting Pilot Project on Pine Street, and Board Member elections will be held.**