



## **WAMM QUARTERLY MEETING**

**DECEMBER 11, 2018**

### **MINUTES**

Lane Llewellyn, Vice-President and Acting President, called the meeting to order at 4:20pm.

#### **1. Introduction of Officers**

Lane Llewellyn introduced the officers present at the meeting, including herself as Vice-President and Acting President, Diane Baker, Second Vice-President, and Maria Morandi, Secretary/Treasurer.

#### **2. Introduction of two new attendees**

Two new attendees were present. Mr. Thawda Aung is an investor who recently purchase the two apartment buildings located at 3611 and 3707 on Graustark. He resides in one of the apartments and wants to be appraised of what is going on collaborate with WAMM's activities. Lane introduced Ms. Isabelle Dom, who has recently taken a position with the Annunciation Orthodox School (AOS). She was formerly with the Houston City Ballet. Ms. Dom indicated that she is not a WAMM resident. Lane mentioned that there are a number of neighborhood issues with school activities, especially related to parking in the nearby residential streets and traffic congestion particularly along Kipling. Lane said it would now be possible to speak directly with Ms. Dom in order to address these problems when they arise. Lane also suggested that perhaps it might be possible to hold a future WAMM quarterly meeting at the AOS. Ms. Dom responded that it was a good idea.

#### **2. Order of Business**

Lane Llewellyn indicated that there were no invited speakers for the meeting. The main topic to be discussed was the application for additional parking permits to be submitted to the City of Houston. She briefly explained how the application works. Some residents of WAMM have had parking permits for well over 1 year, and she listed the streets that are already included. The permits would help address the problems posed by restaurant and entertainment venue clients parking along these and other streets in WAMM residential areas. The permits restrict parking during preselected hours to non-residents of the area, typically from 11:00pm to 7:00am. Restricted hours for parking can be set for different streets. There was a discussion about the

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inclusion of multifamily dwellings. There is a limit for eligibility for multifamily dwellings. Mr. Aung was indicated interest in participating. Lane responded that she would work with him to determine if his buildings are eligible, and how to include them in the deed restrictions.

Lane indicated that Kathy Conti graciously accepted to be Chair of the Block Captains and the Residential Parking Committee. She again summarized the streets that already have permits (Yupon from Hawthorne to Harold St and Harold from Yupon to Mulberry St.), and listed some of the streets eligible for additional parking permits. There was further discussion about the eligibility of multifamily dwellings, which apparently excludes buildings with eight or more units. Lane explained that the parking-restricted hours could vary by street. After the application is received, it is reviewed for completeness and verification of residential information. The City will send an evaluator to perform a parking survey. Once the survey is completed, a Parking Management Official convenes a public hearing in front of a tribunal that includes a City attorney. All interested parties are notified to attend this meeting. It is important that as many residents as possible attend the hearing. The tribunal will submit their recommendation to City Council for approval. Once approved, residents will be eligible to purchase parking permits for their vehicles (approximately \$30 per year). All other vehicles parked in the restricted parking streets will be towed.

There was discussion about the streets that are eligible for additional permits, specifically the 1100 and 1200 blocks of Hawthorne, and Kipling and Marshall in the Park Towers area. Bob Lacy indicated that he could get the Park IV Board of Directors to support the application.

To finalize the list of eligible streets and leads to help collect residential signatures, Lane proposed to have a meeting with the Kathy Conti, Maria Morandi, and Diane Baker. It will be held at Kathy's home on December 20 at 4:00pm.

### **3. Other Business**

Lane asked if there were any other issues that needed to be discussed. Mr. Aung asked about the poor condition of Graustark St. and described that an expensive vehicle had suffered damaged when driving over the long-standing, deep pothole at the corner with Kipling. After the accident, the City moved quickly to patch the hole. Lane responded that the condition of local streets is an on-going concern for the residents and that we are trying to obtain information from the Office of Mayor Pro Tem Cohen regarding the standing of this area in terms of street repair priorities. In the meantime, dangerous conditions should be reported to 311. She was trying to get an invited speaker from the appropriate City Department for our next quarterly meeting.

Ms. Dom informed us that AOS would be opened for ½ day on December 21, and then closed until classes resumed on January 8, 2019. She explained that traffic could be a problem during

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school events, because AOS parking areas overflow. Lane asked her to let us know of the planned events in the future so they can be posted in the newsletter

#### **4. New Business**

None.

#### **5. Other Announcements**

None

Meeting adjourned at 17:06pm.

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