

RIDGEWOOD-WILTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES OF 10 SEPTEMBER 2019

- I **Call to Order** 7:30 pm Kazor residence. In attendance: Board members: Bob Reeves, Katie Skoien, Anna Lodder, Tim Gogan, Ginny Kazor, Evan Phoenix, Dick Herman. Committees: Mary Rajswing. Association Members: Agnes Kuncar, Lindsey Gallagher
- II. **Approval of Minutes** from August meeting. Moved, seconded, passed.
- III **Treasurer's Report**, Katie Skoien, Treasurer.
A. No Treasurer's Report was given
- IV **Old Business & Committee Reports**
- A. RWNA Operations
- a. Border between RWNA and SASNA. Dick Herman reported an inconclusive and unhelpful conversation with Rory Cunningham. Ginny Kazor noted that we are conflating the boundaries RWNA and SASNA with the City's designations of neighborhoods.
 - b. RWNA Policies: Bob Reeves read a proposal for a policy mandating that any RWNA related event be open to any Association member. Tim Gogan pointed out that this was new business and should be deferred.
- B. Streets & Traffic
1. Light at Wilton Pl & 2nd. Mary Rajswing. Pleased to report complete success with traffic changes. Some adjustment as people encounter the new system, but an overall reduction of speed, noise and confusion with switch to flashing red between 9pm-6am.
 2. Traffic Enforcement, Wilton Pl weight limits, Bob Reeves reported a conversation with Officer Arellano (West Traffic) He stated "Vehicles are illegal if over 6000 pounds with no local business in the neighborhood" He has been present for enforcement, but has found few violations; he added that occasional violations will not warrant a lot of interest from West Traffic, nor would officers follow a vehicle to see if it is making local deliveries or breaking the law. Ginny recalled earlier success with school buses by reporting them to their companies. Tim suggested replacement signs, Evan suggested contacting the businesses where the trucks are advertising themselves.
 3. Four-way stop at Ridgewood & 1st Status. Lindsey Gallagher whose residence is on the N-W corner, stated her firm opposition to a four way stop because of increased pollution, noise and accidents. Bob reported that the DOT engineer had submitted a recommendation that has been approved and a work order will be prepared.
 4. Street light petition, Wilton Pl., 1st to Beverly, Status, Evan. No status update.
- B. Preservation Issues, Illegal modifications
- a. 250 N Wilton Pl., Evan checked permit office for new permits, permit revisions have been submitted but no other information was available.
 - b. 116 Wilton Dr. Windows corrected. Bob said owner is in the process of amending windows and railing on 2nd story
- C. Block Party. Permit, Signature collection, entertainment. Katie - Oct 18th Katie will provide entertainment along with neighbors, will complete paperwork this week for permit
- D. Filming
- a. CBS on Wilton Dr – received two checks for filming (\$500 each) for filming of The Unicorn, future episodes most likely
 - b. Dance Saves Lives on Ridgewood Pl. – have not contributed, most likely will not
- E. Neighborhood Security, Policing Issues, Bob brought crime report, our area is not reporting much crime, possibly due to underreporting. Tim suggested increasing announcements for instructions on how to report a crime

- F. 2nd St. Island. Tree trimming, water repair. Evan reported a water break at 1st island which was repaired. Evan also reported that he contacted an arborist to assess oak tree at 2nd street island prior to trimming.
- G. PO Box. Check Requested, nothing further. Katie to give Bob a check after meeting
- H. Parking tickets issued for residents with permits. Bob suggested that this is the sort of issue that interests Councilman Ryu but there has been no contact as yet.
- I.

V New Business

A. 103 S Wilton Pl. Height of fence, removal of extended rafter tails. There are no permits filed for changes being made, no sense of further work planning to be done. Board unwilling to intervene. Question of how to introduce new residents to Historic District standards and requirements. Katie volunteered to gently introduce herself and explain neighborhood's historical significance and standards.

B. CD 4 candidates. Sara Kate Levy and Nithya Raman have asked for meetings. No Action taken.

C. Commendation letter for SLO Pelayo Acting on a suggestion that a letter of commendation be prepared for the efforts of SLO Pelayo regarding the 2nd/Wilton Signal Project, Bob requested a draft from Mary Rajswing which she prepared. Bob contributed a description of the project and edited Mary's draft to make it clear that the letter was from the Association and to focus on SLO Pelayo's contributions. Mary stated that she declined to sign the combined version. Ginny worried that the letter could be perceived to be detrimental to SLO Pelayo, suggesting that if he did more than the scope of his job he could be reprimanded. Bob stated that the letter had been delivered. Mary became upset that the letter was sent without her consent, expressed strong disappointment and left the meeting.

D. Homelessness – Dick Herman reported that an encampment was removed at 2nd St. Katie and Anna asked what humanitarian aid we can offer. Bob reported procedures used by the Pico Blvd. BID, including contacting the Bureau of Sanitation MY311 ap and LAHSA Homeless Outreach Portal, at www.la-hop.com.

E. Inquiries & Requests for help. Topic covered in New Business A.

VI Comments and Issues from Association Members

B. Burglary on Wilton Dr. Neighbor Agnes Kuncar stated that entry occurred through an open window while homeowner was home; no one was hurt and only small items were taken. Reminder to be vigilant about safety precautions.

VI Announcements – None

VII Meeting Adjourned 9:05 pm