



## I. Call to Order and Introductions

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Logan Square Neighborhood Association was held May 9, 2017, at The Franklin Institute, 222 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

The meeting was called to order by President Drew Murray at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Drew Murray (President), Andy Toy (Treasurer), Dennis Boylan (Secretary), Bill & Lynn Armstead, Wendy Blume, David Cardy, Edward Dougherty, Laura Foster/Aaron Goldblatt, Michael Hoffberg, Barbara Krassenstein, Rich Leimbach, Hassam Mirsaeedi, Edward Novack, Francine Pollock, Gayle Ruggeri, Tully Speaker, Joe Sirbak, Robert Sutton, Pat Toy, Linda Wong, and David Searles (Ex Officio), Sheryl Johnson (City View North), Jim Fennell (Tivoli), Louise Quattrone (Kennedy House), Sean Kardon (The Arches).

Not Present: Jovida Hill (Vice President), Zac Arbitman, Brett Goldman, Manish Pathak / Shree Madbhavi, Edward Panek, Anita & Dan Solis-Cohen, Nancy & Don Weinberg, Max Tuttleman, Sven Schroeter (2200 Arch), Matthew Cohen (River's Edge), Donna Ferrari (Beechwood Commons), Robert Funk (2201 Condominium), Rich DiNublia (Murano), Jim Ruddick (City View South), Jennifer Robinson (Watermark).

President Murray welcomed all in attendance to this monthly meeting of the association; the Secretary reported that a quorum was present. President Murray thanked The Franklin Institute for their generous hospitality and use of the facility.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the LSNA Meetings held on April 11, 2017, were submitted for approval.

*Motion to approve the April 2017 LSNA Monthly Meeting minutes.  
Seconded. Approved*

## II. Announcements

- a) The Patriot Cruise Line will host a special half-price cruise for LSNA members on May 5, 2017. President Murray proposed that LSNA pay for the remaining half cost of the cruise and requested an allocation from the Association of \$750.00 to do so.

*Motion to allocate \$750.00 for this event. Seconded. Approved.*

- b) President Murray thanked those who participated in the /neighborhood Clean up, in particular Hassam Misraeedi.
- c) There was a Winter Street Greenway meeting was held on April 6, 40 attendees, plans were shown and a straw vote was taken for a favorite design.
- d) Love Your Park will take place on May 13-21.
- e) The Philadelphia Civilian Police Academy is seeking applications for its August 7, 2017 class.
- f) The LSNA Nominations Chair is David Searles, nominations for next years LSNA Board are being accepted, with a cut off date of April 21, 2017, for candidates to submit their names, which will be announced at the May 9, 2017 LSNA meeting.
- g) LSNA photos by Jim Fennell were shown.

### **III. Committee Reports** (see Attachment A - Consent Agenda)

### **IV. Presentations & RCO Presentations**

1. Congressman Dwight E. Evans (PA-02) provided an update on his first 100 days in office as our new representative in Washington, D.C. Rep. Evans has been appointed to sit on the Agriculture, Small Business and Innovation sub-committees. He noted that infrastructure projects would seem to be an expeditious and quick course of action to benefit the economy. Rep. Evans welcomes visits to his office in the capitol and he took about 15 minutes of questions from those in attendance.
2. Nominations Committee: 2017-2018 LSNA Officers & At-Large nominations. David Searles reviewed the process of how the nominations were solicited and the work of the committee. He read the list of names to be put forward at the LSNA General Meeting on June 13, 2017, where the election will take place.
3. Science Leadership Academy. 3 students and their teacher described their recent trip to Cuba and thanked LSNA for their support of the school in the past.

4. David Holloman, Director of External Affairs, Office of Homeless Services, City of Philadelphia, provided an overview of the issue of homelessness with emphasis on how it exists in the Logan Square neighborhood: census figures, the impact of opioids, the rise in young adult statistics, and legal issues.
5. Background informational presentation on a proposed development to be located behind the Rodin Museum. Michael Garden a board member of the Friends of Rail Park, provided a description of the various property owners associated with the land behind (and below grade) the Rodin Museum and what appears to be a new initiative to develop a high-rise apartment building on this land.
6. Century Park at Park Towne Place. Chris Desis (Aimco) and Julie Bush. This project was first presented to LSNA three years ago and is now being presented again because it is seeking a RACP funding grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for its construction. Photos, rendering and plans were presented. The project developers are seeking a letter of support from LSNA to accompany the grant request.

#### **V. Zoning Report (see Attachment A - Consent Agenda)**

Joe Sirbak co-chair

- a) Century Park letter of support.

*Motion: to write a letter of support for the RACP grant request for the century Park project. Seconded. Approved*

- b) ZBA update: the variance for 1816 Callowhill was not approved; the Target sign variance request was approved, with the condition that the sign not be illuminated during non-business hours.
- c) The development on the old Please Touch Museum site needs to be built closer to the near neighbors than what was originally presented. The developer realized this existing NDA has been made.
- d) The Granary Building may be moving toward an either allowing the owner/developer (Perl Properties) to build up or demolish the structure.

**VI. Old Business**

None.

**VIII. New Business**

LSNA will participate in a survey being conducted by the Cross Town Coalition.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm

CONSENT AGENDA

**TREASURERS REPORT (A Toy)**

April 1 – April 30, 2017

TD Bank Checking Balance as of March 31, 2017 \$ 77,407.74

Cash & Check Receipts

April

- Dues and Contributions \$ 90.00
- Deposit \$
- PayPal Transfer \$

Total Receipts \$ 90.00

Payments

April

- Jennifer Hallgren (Flyers) \$ 85.57
- Matthew Cohen (Young Friends event James) \$ 330.40
- Frank Tavani & Assoc (Traffic Study Review, 23<sup>rd</sup> St) \$ 1,575.00

Total Payments \$ 1,990.97

TD Bank Balance as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 \$ 75,506.77

Additional funds still in PayPal as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 \$ 298.28

**TOTAL BALANCE as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 \$ 75,805.05**

(Balance TD Bank on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016: \$39,412.46)

**LSNA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

April 7, 2017 – May 4, 2017

May 9, 2017 Board Meeting

**FY16-17 Members – 370**

Residential – 339 (256 Renewals; 83 NEW) 31 due for renewal

Commercial – 31 (18 Renewals; 13 NEW)

- 13 Bldg./Condo Associations (10 Renewal; -3 NEW) 1 due for renewal
- 18 Businesses or Institutions (8 Renewals; 10 NEW) 7 due for renewal

**FY16-17 Membership Income – Total \$16,475**

Residential – \$9,790

Commercial – \$6,685

- Bldg./Condo Associations - \$3,500
- Businesses or Institutions - \$3,185

Submitted by Pat Toy  
Chair, Membership Committee

**FY15-16 Membership Summary**

Total Members – **336**

Residential – 310

Commercial – 26

- 14 Bldg./Condo Associations

- 12 Businesses or Institutes

Total Income – **\$13,505**

Households/Individuals – \$9,555

Bldg./Condo Associations - \$2,750

Businesses or Institutions - \$1,200

**FY14-15 Membership Summary**

Total Members – **309**

Residential – 278

Commercial – 31

Total Income – **\$16,365**

Households/Individuals \$9,445

Residential Buildings \$3,700

Commercial Members \$3,220

**ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. 210 North 21st Street (Museum Estates) – An issue regarding the location and footprint of the houses arose within the past few weeks. The developer made changes to the plans, which would have been permitted as of right. Two north near neighbor meetings were held, an agreement with the developer and HOA developed and an addendum executed.
2. 60 N. 23rd Street – LSNA continues to work with Council President Clarke’s office to develop the revised language for the ordinance. Once ordinance is finalized, work will continue on NDA. The final passage of ordinance in City Council will not occur until the NDA is executed.
3. 1816 Callowhill Street- On April 26, 2017, the ZBA voted to deny the variance request of the applicant. LSNA had voted to oppose the variance.
4. The Dalian-Members of the LSNA Zoning Committee and the Planning & Design Committee continue to work with Victor Rodin to add trees and/or planters to the site.
5. 21<sup>st</sup> & Race-Trees have been added to the site. LSNA continues to work with the developer on other outstanding issues.
6. 2001 Pennsylvania Ave (Target)-At the April 11, 2017 Board meeting, the LSNA Board voted a letter of on-opposition for the variance request regarding the monument sign.
7. MANNA-Signage was installed at the 20<sup>th</sup> Street entrance that is not in compliance with the recorded NDA. LSNA is looking into future action.
8. Revised LSNA Neighborhood Plan-Andy Toy and Sam Little will co-chair the committee to revise the LSNA Neighborhood plan.
9. 1801 Vine Street (Former Family Court Building)-The Park Service of the Department of the Interior has reversed its original decision to deny the historic tax credits. Schematic designs of the proposed hotel are expected to be complete by the end of May 2017. If variances are required, LSNA expects the developer to present by the end of 2017. Opening of the hotel is expected to occur in the Fall of 2019.
10. Centennial Park-Parks & Recreation, Ground Reconsidered and AIMCO will present current plans at the May 9, 2017 Board Meeting.

### **PLANNING & DESIGN COMMITTEE REPORT**

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May 3 / Tivoli Community Rm.

Discussion Summary:

1. **2200 Park Town Place Way – Century Park**, PPR and Aimco has requested a letter of support from LSNA for state RPAC funding. The proposal looks to be similar, if not the same, as what was presented to the LSNA Board a couple years ago as a passive park with the ability for special event programs. The design is consistent with the neighborhood plan and includes durable materials used in other public parks in the area. Questions were raised about deterring skateboarders and discouraging the homeless having to do with how the park will be managed and maintained.
2. **Next PDC Meeting**  
The next PDC meeting will be Wed., June 7<sup>th</sup> at Baldwin Park during Park on Tap.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sven Schroeter & David Searles  
with thanks to Jim Fennell for his contribution

**EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Save The Date: The 2017 LSBA Block Party will be held on September 17, 2017 (Location: TBD)

**HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Police District Advisory Council (PDAC)**

With the warm weather and increased use of the Schuylkill Trail comes an increase in theft from auto at Kelly Drive parking area. Flyers have been posted advising owners to not leaving anything in cars.

Captain's Town hall meeting is held each month at 9<sup>th</sup> District Police Headquarters, 401 N. 21<sup>st</sup> St. May's meeting is scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. All are welcome. The time is subject to change each month; check the website for dates and times.

<http://www.phillypolice.com/districts/9th/>

***N.B: If a report from a specific committee is not listed above, there is no report this month.***