



I. Call to Order and Introductions

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Logan Square Neighborhood Association was held September 12, 2017, at the Winnet Student Life Building of the Community College of Philadelphia, 17th 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, Michael Eckstein, Laura Foster/Aaron Goldblatt, Michael Hoffberg, James Kelly, Rich Leimbach, Hassam Mirsaeedi, Edward Novack, Gayle Ruggeri, Joe Sirbak, Anita & Dan Solis-Cohen, Tully Speaker, Paul Stavrakos, Pat Toy, Linda Wong, Sven Schroeter (2200 Arch), Jim Fennell (Tivoli), Jim Ruddick (City View South), Steven Goldberg (River's Edge).

Not Present: Sheryl Johnson (Vice President), Zac Arbitman, Rusty Faircloth, Jovida Hill, Barbara Krassenstein, Francine Pollock, Robert Sutton, Colleen Walsh, Nancy & Don Weinberg, and David Searles (Ex Officio), Donna Ferrari (Beechwood Commons), Robert Funk (2201 Condominium), Jennifer Robinson (Watermark), Louise Quattrone (Kennedy House), Sean Kardon (The Arches), Sandie Farrell (Hamilton Town Houses), Earl Wolfe (City View North).

President Murray welcomed all in attendance to this monthly meeting of the association; the Secretary reported that a quorum was present. President Murray thanked Lynette Brown-Sow, Erica Harrison and the Community College of Philadelphia for their generous hospitality and use of the facility for this evening's meeting.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the LSNA Meetings held in July were not available for this evening's meeting, they will be distributed for approval prior to the October LSNA meeting.

II. Announcements

- a) President Murray asked for a moment of silence in memory of Gerry Grandzol a member of the Spring Garden Civic Association who was tragically murdered on September 7, 2018. President Murray noted that a memorial fund had been established to support the Grandzol Family and asked those present to consider making a donation

to this fund. Secretary Boylan made a motion for LSNA to make a contribution of \$250.00 to the Memorial Account.

Motion: that LSNA contribute \$250.00 to the Gerry Grandzol Memorial Fund. Seconded. Approved.

- b) The LSNA Block Party will be held on Sunday, September 17, 2017, from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. at The Palazzo (formerly the Boy Scout Parking lot), 22nd & Winter Streets.
- c) The 6th Annual School Fair will be held at the Franklin Institute on October 17, 2017, from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.
- d) Thanks to all who attended Parks on Tap at Aviator Park.
- e) Thanks to Colleen Walsh and Michael Eckstein for their support of PHL First Responders Appreciation Day.
- f) The Coxe Park Movie Night was a big success, thank you to all who attended and helped out.
- g) LSNA is proposing to organize a "Shredding Event" in the spring of 2018. The plan is to rent an "Iron Mountain" type shredding truck. Participants would be asked for a donation of \$5.00 to help offset the rental expense.

Motion: to approve the expenditure of \$1,100 by LSNA to rent a shredding truck in the spring of '18. Seconded. Approved.

- h) LSNA photos by Jim Fennell were shown.

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

IV. Presentations & RCO Presentations

1. State Representative Larry Farnese discussed issues related to the current state budget approval process and the spending program passed in July 2017. There is \$100m allocated for education, ports, tourism in the passed budget but no way to pay for it The issue is taxes, particularly for shale, gross receipts and electronic gaming. Representative Farnese took a series of questions from those present.

2. Monument Lab. Paul Farber was unable to present but a series of slides about this project were shown.
3. Fireflies / Association of Public Art. Caitlyn Martin described the Fireflies Public Art project, commissioned by the Association of Public Art on the occasion of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway's Centennial. This project will run from September 15 until October 8, 2017. Reservations to ride the pedicabs are required.
4. **RCO: Hannover North Broad** presentation by Gary Clarke (Counsel) and Steve Luna representing the Hannover Company. The request is for a variance for one flat wall sign along 15th Street. This variance is for one of the signs in the previously approved sign package, to replace a proposed blade sign with an illuminated flat wall sign along 15th Street. This wall sign will break the roof line, and thus requires a variance.
5. **RCO: River Walk. This** project is "as of right" and no variance is requested. This proposed project will be submitted to L&I and the civic design board in first week in October. This was an informational presentation to show the current plan for the site. Slides of the plan with elevations and renderings for the two towers (32 stories / north tower) and (28 stories / south tower) were shown. A description of the materials which will be used in the construction was provided: brick metal and glass. A landscaping plan was shown, including the flood plain, parking and loading vehicle traffic patterns.

Michael Volpe, a resident and board member of the River's Edge Condominium Association made a statement for record. By unanimous decision of the Rivers Edge residential board: that Cherry Street from 23rd to the River is a one lane street. The Board at Rivers Edge believes the development plan (as presented by River Walk) regarding traffic on Cherry Street will not work. There are problems with this plan still to be resolved.

6. US Senator Robert Casey letter regarding idling CSX trains was read to the meeting. (see Attachment B)

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

Joe Sirbak co-chair

- a) Sidewalk alteration on the south side of Cherry Street from 23rd to the river. This is a request by the River's Edge Board. The LSNA Planning and Design Committee has

expressed a concern that completely removing the sidewalk would not be in accordance with the urban character of the neighborhood. It is recommended that there should be a 7' to 10' minimum sidewalk.

Motion: that a 7' sidewalk be allowed on southern side of Cherry Street, seconded. This motion was amended: that if trees (preferable) or planters if are possible they should be placed along the sidewalk. Seconded. Approved

b) Hannover North Broad sign variance request

Motion: that LSNA would take the same position as the Art Commission on this request. And base don this outcome issue either a letter of non-opposition or opposition. Seconded. Approved.

VI. Old Business

None.

VIII. New Business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm

ATTACHMENT A

CONSENT AGENDA

TREASURERS REPORT (A Toy)

July 1 – August 31, 2017

TD Bank Checking Balance as of June 30, 2017 \$ 73,998.91

Cash & Check Receipts

July & August

- Dues and Contributions (July/August) \$ 7,030.00
- Deposit \$
- PayPal Transfer(July/August) \$ 1,300.00

Total Receipts \$ 8,330.00

Payments

July

- Nationwide Insurance, General Liability \$ 1,711.00
- Drew Murray (copies & Rob Stuart award) \$ 220.01
- Phila Insurance, D&O \$ 1,497.00
- Hessam Misaeedi (Spring cleanup) \$ 91.66

August

- Colleen Walsh (1st Responders hoagies/luncheon) \$ 812.68

Total Payments \$ 4,332.35

TD Bank Balance as of August 31st, 2017 \$ 77,996.56

Additional funds still in PayPal as of August 31st, 2017 \$ 29.92

TOTAL BALANCE as of August 31st, 2017 \$ 78,026.48

(Balance TD Bank on August 31st, 2016: \$49,709.22)

LSNA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

FY17-18 July 10, 2017 - September 8, 2017

September 12, 2017 Board Meeting

FY17-18 Members - 311

Residential - 305 (12 NEW; 257 Renewals; 36 Carry-over) 141 renewals due

Commercial - 5 (1 NEW; Renewals; 4 Carry-over)

- 1 Bldg./Condo Assoc. (NEW; Renewals; 1 Carry-over) 12 renewals due (Sept)
- 4 Businesses/Institutions (2 NEW; Renewals; 3 Carry-over) 15 renewals due

FY17-18 Membership Income - Total \$8,455

Residential - \$8,355

Commercial - \$100

- Bldg./Condo Associations - \$
- Businesses or Institutions - \$100

Submitted by Pat Toy
Chair, Membership Committee

FY16-17 Membership Summary

Total Members - 372

Residential - 341

Commercial - 31

- 13 Bldg./Condo Associations
- 18 Businesses or Institutions

Total Income - \$16,520

Residential - \$9,835

Bldg./Condo Associations - \$3,500

Businesses or Institutions - \$3,185

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) – Construction continues.
2. 60 N. 23rd Street/2301 JFK Blvd/Riverwalk – RCO presentation will be at the September 12, 2017 LSNA Board Meeting
3. 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.
4. Revised LSNA Neighborhood Plan-Andy Toy and Sam Little will co-chair the committee to revise the LSNA Neighborhood plan.
5. 322 North Broad Street (Hanover North Broad) – The attorney for the applicant will be presenting to LSNA as the RCO at the September 12, 2017 Board meeting. The presentation is in regard to the signage.

PLANNING & DESIGN COMMITTEE REPORT

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September 6 / Tivoli Community Rm.

Discussion Summary:

1. **Variance for the Signage at (Hanover) 322 & 329 North Broad:** The size and placement of proposed building identification signage is such that an approved installation requires the consent of the Art Commission and the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The LSNA Planning and Design Committee suggests adhering to the Art Commission's recommendation from their next meet at the end of September.

However, the committee has several comments on the submitted design featuring lit channel lettering along the very upper floors of the building, facing 15th Street (between Callowhill and Vine Street). The exact nature of the illumination of the sign was not clear from the presentation, though it appears to be backlit illumination. There are concerns with the varying dimensions of the lettering (the dimensions of some of the letters being out of scale with other letters), that the placement of the signs does not seem to serve pedestrian recognition and thus appeared to be more advertising than site identification.

2. **2301 JFK Blvd, Riverwalk at Arch Street:** This is an 'As of Right' project per through an Ordinance by City Council for which LSNA negotiated a NDA. However, the size of the project qualifies it to be reviewed the Registered Community Organization (RCO) and go through the Civic Design Review (CDR) process. As part of

the review process, LSNA funded a traffic study to address concerns about the level of entrance and egress to the building. At an earlier full LSNA Board Meeting, LSNA voted to approve a NDA as a result of negotiations to not oppose the developer's ordinance. The PDC requests a review of the design development regarding the following items, previously raised as concerns for this project:

- 1) Arch Street extension curb cut should align with the existing Arch Street carriageway east of 23rd Street.
- 2) Continuation of bike trail access path south of Cherry Street.
- 3) North façade of south tower needs more articulation and/or openness, particularly through use of glass.
- 4) Discussion needs to be had on the design of the parking garage north façade to focus on the aesthetic and light pollution impact potential on Rivers Edge. Perhaps some "green wall" vegetation, could make an appreciable difference to the resident's immediately across Cherry Street.
- 5) Continued negotiations with LSNA regarding width of Cherry St. west of 23rd St.
- 6) Pedestrian scale light poles along 23rd St.
- 7) Street trees along 23rd St. at an interval of at least every 20'.
- 8) Public use of open space at the termination of Arch St. overlooking the Schuylkill River Trail
- 9) A piece of public art commissioned for the public open space at the termination of Arch St. overlooking the Schuylkill River Trail.
- 10) Plans and renderings of any phased approach to the full development presented to LSNA for review.

Regarding item #5, width of Cherry St. for loading, the committee recommends retaining either all or some of both sidewalks to maintain the urban fabric and provide ample pedestrian access and opportunity for street trees.

Next PDC Meeting

The next PDC meeting will be Wed., October 4th in the Tivoli's community room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sven Schroeter & David Searles
with thanks to Ed Dougherty for his contribution

COMMITTEE REPORT **CSX Update**

See attached letter (ATTACHMENT B) from Senator Casey to CSX CEO, Hunter Harrison.

EVENTS COMMITTEE

LSNA Block Party; September 17, 2017, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Location: Palazzo (Former Boy Scout Building) @ 22nd & Winter Streets

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The 6th Annual CCRA/LSNA/SOSNA School Fair will take place on October 17, 2017 at The Franklin Institute from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

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

ROBERT P. CASEY, JR.
PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEES:
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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 6, 2017

Mr. E. Hunter Harrison
CEO
CSX Corporation Inc.
500 Water Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear Mr. Harrison:


I write today to relay concerns raised by constituents regarding reports of ongoing issues with idling trains. Residents in close proximity to CSX tracks in the Philadelphia region are reporting that idling trains are having a negative impact on their families and communities. Freight trains have been found idling for extended periods of time, creating substantial levels of noise disturbance and air pollution. In addition, increased freight traffic, especially with potentially hazardous cargo, creates potential safety hazards. I urge you to investigate these problems and identify operational solutions that ensure CSX is a good steward and neighbor to communities located near the railroad's tracks.

Over the past year, Philadelphia residents have noticed an uptick in parked CSX trains idling on tracks adjacent to the Schuylkill River Trail. Residents who live nearby are very concerned about the safety and noise level of these trains. I have been informed that on several occasions, the stationary trains idle overnight, producing loud vibrations and intense rumbling, which has prevented residents from sleeping. In addition to noise pollution issues, these trains emit significant amounts of diesel exhaust fumes.

In densely populated cities with miles of railroad tracks, such as Philadelphia, it is critical that rail companies invest in rail safety and are good neighbors to the residents who live close to these tracks. Safety must be of the utmost importance in the Commonwealth and across the nation. As such, investments in rail safety are paramount as freight transport continues to expand, and is especially vital given recent derailment incidents, such as in the town of Hyndman, PA.

Given these concerns, I respectfully request that CSX identify alternative accommodations for these idling trains and that a CSX representative meet with affected constituents in Philadelphia to further discuss this issue and issues of rail safety. I stand ready to assist you in any way to ensure that their concerns are addressed as quickly as possible. I look forward to continuing to work with you on efforts to make shipping commodities by rail safer, while also ensuring local communities' needs and concerns are thoughtfully considered. Thank you for your time and your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senator

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