



## I. Call to Order and Introductions

The scheduled semi-annual General Membership Meeting of the Logan Square Neighborhood Association was held December 12, 2017, at The Watermark at Logan Square, 2 Franklin Town Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19130

The meeting was called to order by President Drew Murray at 7:05 p.m. This being one of the LSNA semi-annual General Membership Meetings, a quorum of 43 members present was recorded by the Secretary.

President Murray welcomed all in attendance to this General meeting of the association. President Murray thanked the The Watermark at Logan Square for their use of the building and meeting room.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the LSNA Meeting held on November 14, 2017, were submitted for approval.

*Motion: to approve the LSNA minutes for the November 2017 LSNA meeting. Seconded. Approved.*

## II. Announcements

- a) The LSNA Holiday Party will take place Sunday, December 17, 2016, from 4 until 7 pm in The Granary, 1901 Callowhill Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130.
- b) Christmas Treescycling will take place on January 6, 2018 from 9:30 to 12:30 at the Palazzo (Boy Scout) parking lot.
- c) LSNA Neighborhood Development Plan Revision. Sam Little and Andy Toy have been working with John Gibbons on a proposal to revise the 2009 LSNA Neighborhood Plan. It will take about 6 months to complete. At the January 2018 regular LSNA meeting, the Board will be asked to vote on the approval for the funding (approximate cost \$36,000.00) needed to move forward with this proposal.
- d) Fundraising Committee has been established to offset the expenses of the proposed LSNA Neighborhood Plan; it will be chaired by Jovida Hill and Sam Little.
- e) Thank you to all who attended the Town Hall Meeting with State Representative Brian Sims.
- f) Photos by Jim Fennell of all the ongoing construction projects in the LSNA area were shown.

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

**IV. Presentations**

1. Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University. Lisa Willis provided a presentation on the Academy's proposed outdoor display "Extreme Bugs" which will be similar to the "Dinosaurs of the Earth" display constructed two years ago.
2. Winter Street Greenway Update. Sarah Clark Stuart provided an update on the plans for the proposed greenway along Winter Street between 21st and 22nd: a dog run and a children's play space. PENDOT, Philadelphia Streets Department and Philadelphia Parks and Recreation have provided support, LSNA provided funds for a concept schematic. Council PResident Darrel Clarke approved \$15,000 toward the design costs. Seeking two design proposals for the dog park and for the children's play area. Dost estimate for the design is: \$100,000. Cost estimate for the constructions \$1.3 million. Facebook and GoFundMe pages have been created. A "Friends" Group is now needed to demonstrate community support.

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

- a) There was a request by the Academy of Natural Sciences for a letter of support for their "Extreme Bugs" proposal.

*Motion to provide a letter of support to the Academy of Natural Sciences for the extreme Bugs exhibit. Seconded. Approved.*

**VI. Old Business**

None

**VIII. New Business**

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

**TREASURERS REPORT**

Treasurer's Report (A Toy)  
November 1 - November 30, 2017

TD Bank Checking Balance as of October 31, 2017 \$ 75,539.52

Cash & Check

Receipts November

- Dues and Contributions \$ 800.00
- Deposit \$
- PayPal Transfer \$

Total Receipts \$ 800.00

Payments

November

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- Gerry Grandzol Memorial Fund \$ 250.00
- Christine Brisson - Go Daddy domain name renewal \$ 24.44
- Drew for Halloween, copies, card for Valerie, school fair \$ 630.30
- Town Hall with Rep Sims \$ 120.00

Total Payments \$ 1,024.74

TD Bank Balance as of November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 \$ 75,314.78

Additional funds still in PayPal as of November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 \$ 635.92

**TOTAL BALANCE as of November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 \$ 75,950.70**

(Balance TD Bank on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016: \$55,623.71)

**LSNA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

FY17-18 November 11, 2017 - December 7,  
2017

December 12, 2017 Board Meeting

**FY17-18 Members - 355**

Residential - 337 (32 NEW; 269 Renewals; 36 Carry-over) 127 renewals due

Commercial - 18 (2 NEW; 12 Renewals; 4 Carry-over)

- 9 Bldg./Condo Assoc. (NEW; 8 Renewals; 1 Carry-over) 1 renewal due
- 9 Businesses/Institutions (2 NEW; 4 Renewals; 3 Carry-over) 17 renewal due

**FY17-18 Membership Income - Total**

**\$11,010** Residential - \$9,460

Commercial - \$1,550

- Bldg./Condo Associations - \$950
- Businesses or Institutions - \$600

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 –Ground breaking is expected by the end of December 2017.
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 report on status at December 12, 2017 Meeting of General Membership.
5. 2000 Arch Street-Parking lot is proposed for this parcel. Attorney for applicant presented at the November 14, 2017 2017 Board Meeting. The LSNA Board voted to oppose variance requests for the project. The applicant asked for a continuance at the ZBA Hearing in order to meet again with representatives of LSNA. The new date of the ZBA hearing is January 31, 2018 at 2:00 pm. A meeting of members of the LSNA Zoning Committee, Planning & Design Committee, Board Members of Walden Walk and the LSNA Representative of the Kennedy House will meet with Parkway Corporation to review reasons for opposition and discuss next steps. The applicant will present again at the January 9, 2018 LSNA Board Meeting.
6. 1839 Callowhill Street-63 unit mixed use apartment complex is proposed for this parcel. Attorney for applicant presented at the November 14, 2017 2017 Board Meeting. The LSNA Board voted to oppose variance requests for the project.

## **PLANNING & DESIGN COMMITTEE REPORT**

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6 December 2017 / Tivoli Community Rm.

Discussion Summary:

#### **1. Academy of Natural Sciences: Xtreme Bugs**

The Academy of Natural Sciences will present plans to place a promotional item at the approximate location where the moving dinosaurs were sited last year. The item is part-promotional, part-entertainment, but all to draw the passers and drivers-by to an exhibit that will be opening soon that has insects as its main theme. So a bug, of uncertain shape and size, will sit to the right of the Academy's front door. More details will be forthcoming as this was more of a 'heads-up' notification. In any event, the PDC had no objections to content.

#### **2. 2018 Iteration, Upgrade of the Neighborhood Plan**

At a series of earlier PDC meetings, the notion of revisiting the earlier Neighborhood plan - circa 2009 - was considered and then encouraged so as to allow LSNA's voice and petitions before the various zoning and planning and approval agencies in the city the strongest possible weight. Also, a comprehensive Neighborhood plan is a key guide for the development community as they look to better utilize open space or reconsider the uses of existing structures. LSNA and the PDC were made to understand, repeatedly, that our voice had more weight and credibility because of the quality of the earlier Neighborhood plan. But ten years is about the effective shelf life of these plans, and even more so in this neighborhood where the pace of development is what it is, and also where many of the visions of the earlier plan had been realized through actual development. The discussion here was on process and Next Steps in the formulation of a new plan.

The PDC moved on a proposal to re-retain John Gibbons, a professional planner, who had a guiding hand in the first plan, to develop a second such plan. Members of a steering committee within PDC - with Sam Little and Andy Toy in the lead - have reviewed initial drafts that include Scope of Work, Length of Engagement, and anticipated Work Product. PDC is awaiting modifications to this first draft from John and will review at the next PDC meeting for approval and then forwarding to the full board and membership for review.

The Committee discussed several items that they would wish to see emphasized in an updated plan, items that themselves reflect changes in the neighborhood. For instance, the issue of parking receiving more attention than it did in the last; some provision for changes in the transportation grid; applying best practices from other cities as it relates to mandated topics like affordable housing. Further, there was extended discussion on the need for enhanced graphics and visuals to comply with the rapidly changing audience expectations in that area. As well, there was extended discussion about the way in which otherwise dense and arcane material is communicated to an audience not made up entirely of architects, planners and developers.

In terms of Next Steps, the PDC would review a final draft of the Statement of Work, submit changes, review those changes, and then present to the board for full consideration and for approval of the expenditure. As the work product takes shape, PDC is anticipating at least two full membership presentations. From a current mock-up of a possible schedule, this would be a late- winter, early spring activity. The submission of a fully updated and board-approved Neighborhood plan could happen by

early Summer. Fundraising for this project has commenced. The last Neighborhood plan was funded by a grant secured by former State Rep. Babette Josephs. Similar avenues of support are being pursued at this time. The expenditure may come in at approx. \$35K.

### 3. Old Business; Two Items

Parkway Corporation, the large manager of parking lots throughout the city, has responded to last month's Letter of Opposition to the proposed makeover of the old Avis lot at 20th and Arch Street with a request for an additional meeting with LSNA. See Zoning Committee Report for additional details.

#### Next PDC Meeting

The next PDC meeting will be Wed., January 3 at the Tivoli community room.

Respectfully

Submitted, David

Searles

With thanks to Ed Dougherty for his contribution

## **HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE** **REPORT**

**December 5, 2017**

Officer Kiefer advised caution when using ATMs. The 9<sup>th</sup> District Police website describes how ***skimmers*** have installed undetectable devices on the machines that secretly record bank account data and cameras that record customer PINs. If the card reader on your ATM looks like it has been tampered with (taped, or loosely attached) do not use the machine and call 911. [https://  
philapolice9th.weebly.com/atm-machines.html](https://philapolice9th.weebly.com/atm-machines.html)

**Crime Report** is available on LSNA website. Crime is generally down for the period.

Areas of concerns for the committee to monitor/research/report:

Offensive messages posted at Smith's Restaurant in center city. Intervention provided by another restaurant owner from PDAC has addressed the issue. The restaurant appears to agree to comply with requests to discontinue the offensive messages, but residents are encouraged to contact Colleen Walsh [colleen@cwalshcpa.com](mailto:colleen@cwalshcpa.com) if any are spotted.

The Salvation Army Memorial park has ceased construction, but barricades still block 22<sup>nd</sup> Street between Chestnut St. and Market St. creating dangerous situations for pedestrians and cyclists. H&S will report via 311. **Update since meeting: construction has resumed; no reports will be filed by H&S at this time.**

#### **Reminders:**

**SAFECAM** is a program on the Police website that provides residents a means to register their residential cameras with the police department. This DOES NOT allow the police to take over or control the individual systems; it merely informs the department which residents have cameras that may have captured video useful in apprehending and/or prosecution crime suspects in the area.

**Code Blue** for homeless to help bring persons off the street when temperatures drop: dial 215-232-1984 for Outreach. Contact for any issue related to a homeless person(s).

Lighting up your neighborhood by keeping the porch light on at night has proven to be an effective crime deterrent and recommended by our local police. members are invited to attend the meeting or send the committee concerns that they would like discussed.

Respectfully  
Submitted, Colleen  
Walsh, Chair  
[colleen@cwahshcpa.com](mailto:colleen@cwahshcpa.com)

**CENTER CITY**  
**DISTRICT**

LSNA President Drew Murray will represent LSNA as a Board Member of the Center City District. Drew Murray will report quarterly on issues affecting Logan Square,

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