



I. Call to Order and Introductions

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Logan Square Neighborhood Association was held September 11, 2018, at The Alexander, 300 Alexander Court, Philadelphia, PA, 19103.

The meeting was called to order by President Drew Murray at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Drew Murray, Sheryl Johnson, Dennis Boylan, Andy Toy, Karen Belding, Wendy Blume, Edward Dougherty, Michael Eckstein, Aaron Goldblatt, Michael Hoffberg, Rich Leimbach, Hessam Mirsaedi, Francine Pollock, Robert Sutton, Paul Stavrakos, Pat Toy, Colleen Walsh, Nancy Weinberg, Linda Wong, David Searles (ex officio), Frank Janitor (2201 Condominium), Jim Ruddick (City View South), Earl Wolf (City View North), Steven Goldberg (River's Edge), Louise Quattrone (Kennedy House) and Jim Fennell (Tivoli).

Not Present: Bill & Lynn Armstead, Gino Capobianchi, Jr., David Cardy, Adam Greenspan, Jovida Hill, Barbara Krassenstein, Karen Rivera-Gorski, Gayle Ruggeri, Joe Sirbak, Tully Speaker, Sven Schroeter (2200 Arch), Jeff Krimstock (Beechwood Commons), Sandie Farrell (Hamilton Townhouses), Sean Kardon (The Arches), Pam Doggett (The Phoenix) and Sandie Farrell (Hamilton Townhouses).

President Murray welcomed all in attendance to this monthly meeting of the association; he thanked Tinesha Sykes and The Alexander for their generous hospitality and use of the facility for this evening's meeting.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the LSNA monthly meeting held on July 10, 2018, were submitted for approval.

*Motion to approve the July 10, 2018, minutes.
Seconded. Approved*

The Secretary reported that, with the assistance of President Murray and in accordance with the LSNA bylaws, the minutes and records for the LSNA 2017-2018 year, and the records of several past LSNA Presidents have been deposited in the Urban Archives Special Collection in the Samuel Paley Library at Temple University.

II. Announcements

- a) Friends of Coxe Park Movie Night (Solo) will be held on Friday, September 14, 2018
- b) LSNA Annual Block Party will be Sunday, September 16, 2018, from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm in the parking lot behind the old Boy Scout Building on Winter Street. Ed Novack, Chairman.

- c) 45th Annual LSNA Halloween Party will be held on October 31, 2018, from 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm in Coxe Park.
- d) Parkway Council 100th Anniversary Closing Soiree. A request for funding has been made by the Parkway Council to LSNA for this event. LSNA provided funding (\$2,500) for the opening event and the Parkway Council has now asked for support (funding) for this closing event. Request by the Parkway Council: \$2,500.

Motion: to provide \$2,500 to support the closing events for 100th Anniversary of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Seconded. Approved.

- e) LSNA Block Party will be held in the former Boy Scout parking lot on September 16, 2018, from 4-8 pm.
- f) Jim Fennell's construction up-date photos.

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

IV. Presentations

1. Captain Danielle Vales, Commander, 9th District, Philadelphia Police Department (police.co_09@phila.gov) and Officer Steven Kiefer, 9th District, Crime Prevention Officer. Crime statistics for the 9th District: auto theft is down 39%, this is attributed to good police work and community participation; burglaries are also down. Made In America (MIA): the attendance was 30,000 the first day and 35,00 the following. There were very few arrests. Of note were *fence jumpers*, which required 9th District personnel support to the MIA Private Security firm to address this problem. This should be an item to be corrected for next years MIA. Additional issues regarding MIA have been forwarded to the City Managing Director's Office. There will be a meeting with the Managing Director's Office in a few weeks to discuss MIA (LSNA President Drew Murray will attend).

There were a number of follow on questions from the floor:

Q: After MIA ended, street closures and inaccurate information made it difficult for movement, how do we fix this?

A: Police do not handle road closures, thats Streets Department responsibility.

Q: Crime Prevention and Security: the Next Door list serve, seems to indicate there has been an increase in crime in the District. Has there been?

A: The Next Door list serve may be right but the information is not getting to 9th District. 3 officers monitor the Next Door site. Police Officer Kiefer is on shift from 2-10 pm and he provides updates to the District.

Q: Is there an update on 9th District Station move to Broad Street (the former Inquirer Building)?

A: Will take place in a couple of years.

Q: Barricade “horses”: a number are left around the District particularly in the Parkway area. What can be done about this?

A: Call the District, for the “G” Tow Squad for barrier removal.

Q: The groups of kids on bikes, riding up and down the Parkway, what can be done about this?

A: The District monitors their behavior to make sure they are not causing a problem for other Parkway users and residents.

Q: Deliveries left on front step are being stolen, this will only increase with the holidays approaching, what should be done?

A: Instruct your deliveries to not leave the packages on the front steps..Drew Murray there will be a meeting in a couple of weeks.

2. **Cathy Davis, Host for Hospitals**, Outreach Coordinator, who has 18 years experience in going out to communities, seeking help from individuals who could provide lodging for families, as their loved ones get treatment in local hospitals. The “Hosts” provide support and lodging for people coming into area. They stay at these volunteer houses; similar to an Airbnb arrangement. A three minute video was shown, depicting how the program works. There is an email list to sign up to receive requests; however a request is not a commitment. The process is simple, an assessment of your available amenities (household) is made is made by host for hospitals group; the host then can make additional decisions as to availability etc. After being a host for the first time, the second time is much easier. Guests are responsible for their own food and transportation. Other ways that Host fo Hospitals is seeking help, without being a host, is to: distribute flyers, be a communicator to newsletters, churches and clubs. Over the last 18 years 134,000 “nights” have been hosted with a savings of \$10.75m to the families. Cathy Davis responded to a number of questions.
3. **RCO presentation 1601 JFK Boulevard**. Brett Panofsky, representing 1601 JFK Boulevard, (1 Penn Center). Location is at present in a CMX 5 district. This request is for a variance for the 19th and (sic) 20th floors of this building. The tenant, operates a co-work space and wants to convert the present 19th floor into two floors due to the high (double height) ceilings (it was a former law library). The conversion of this space into two floors, would exceed the present FAR of the building, so a variance is required before construction can be permitted. There will be no change to the exterior of the building. This is an interior reworking of the space to create additional square footage for the co-working space. Plans and elevations were shown. There were several follow on questions.

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

1. **Cross Town Coalition (CTC)**. LSNA was a founding member of this organization, which has now grown in size and scope. LSNA has one vote at these meetings,(they meet 6x a year). The LSNA delegates to CTC at present are: Andy Toy, Sam Little and Drew Murray. The issues added at the meeting are: zoning, fair housing, billboards and parking issues. At present whenever there is a vote, the LSNA delegates always abstain because we don't have enough time to discuss the issues with the LSNA Board beforehand. The delegates a, along with the Zoning Committee would like to be able to vote on the CTC issues and they are now asking the LSNA Board for permission to have the authority to vet CTC issues and vote.

Motion to approve. So moved, seconded. Discussion: can the Delegates report back to LSNA Board on what was voted on? Answer: yes. Motion with amendment: that the LSNA delegates along with the Zoning Committee are authorized to, after their evaluation, vote on the CTC issues for a one year trial period and that the delegates will report back to the LSNA Board what was voted on and the results. Seconded. Approved.

2. **1601 JFK Boulevard request for variance.**

Motion: That a letter of non-opposition for the requested variance be sent to the ZBA for this request for variance. Seconded, approved.

VI. Consent Agenda (see Attachment A - Consent Agenda)

No questions.

VII. Old Business

Neighborhood Development Plan Committee: next meeting is 24 September at Cherry Street Tavern with a proposed presentation in-mid October at the Moore College of Art.

Trash Police in force, rules for recycling on website. cleanphl.org has a chart.

VIII. New Business

There was no new business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

ATTACHMENT A

CONSENT AGENDA

TREASURERS REPORT (Andy Toy)

July 1 – August 31, 2018

TD Bank Checking Balance as of June 30, 2018	\$	75,566.23
<u>Cash & Check Receipts</u>		
July		
• Dues and Contributions	\$	6,061.00
• Deposit	\$	
• PayPal Transfer	\$	250.00
August		
• Dues and Contributions	\$	740.00
• Deposit	\$	
• PayPal Transfer	\$	1,000.00
<u>Total Receipts</u>	\$	<u>8,051.00</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
July		
• Nationwide General Liability	\$	2,065.00
• Sarah Stuart for DCED Application Winter St Greenway	\$	100.06
o Hessam Mirsaeedi Spring Clean-up and refreshments	\$	72.20
o Philadelphia Insurance – D&O Insurance	\$	1,497.00
August		
• City of Phila. - Street Closure Permit	\$	25.00
• Crosstown Coalition Dues	\$	250.00
<u>Total Payments</u>	\$	<u>4,009.26</u>
TD Bank Balance as of August 31, 2018	\$	79,607.97
Additional funds still in PayPal as of August 31, 2018	\$	<u>379.76</u>
TOTAL BALANCE as of August 31, 2018	\$	79,987.63

(Balance TD Bank on August 31, 2017: \$77,996.56)

LSNA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

FY18-19 July 1 – September 6, 2018

September 11, 2018 Board Meeting

FY17-18 Members – 293

Residential – 288 (8 NEW; 265 Renewals; 15 Carry-over) 186 renewals due

Commercial – 5 (- NEW; - Renewals; 5 Carry-over)

- 2 Bldg./Condo Assoc. (- Renewals; 2 Carry-over) 9 renewals due
- 3 Businesses/Institutions (- NEW; - Renewals; 3 Carry-over) 13 renewals due

FY17-18 Membership Income – Total \$8,470

Residential – \$8,470

Commercial – \$

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

Submitted by Pat Toy
Chair, Membership Committee

FY17-18 Membership Final Report

Total Members – 383

Residential – 360

Commercial – 27

- 11 Bldg./Condo Associations
- 16 Businesses or Institutions

Total Income – \$14,280

Residential – \$10,080

Bldg./Condo Associations - \$1,650

Businesses or Institutions - \$2,550

FY16-17 Membership Final Report

Total Members – 372

Residential – 341

Commercial – 31

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

Total Income – \$15,520

Residential – \$9,835

Bldg./Condo Associations - \$2,500

Businesses or Institutions - \$3,185

FY15-16 Membership Final Report

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 Final Report

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 – Construction continues.
3. 113-127 N. 23rd Street-Demolition of the structure is complete. Construction of houses began the week of September 4, 2018.
4. 1601 JFK Blvd – The attorney for the applicant will present plans for an internal mezzanine.

PLANNING & DESIGN COMMITTEE REPORT

1601 JFK Boulevard

The plans submitted for PDC review indicate the application is for additional SF area as an interior fit-out with no affect to the exterior environment. If granted approvals by the City L&I (building code review) then PDC recommends no opposition to this proposal.

Next Meeting: 7pm, Wed. October 3 at the Tivoli Condominiums

ALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

August 6, 2018 at Tivoli Community Room

Made in America Festival: Drew Murray and Colleen Walsh were meeting the following day with city staff and representatives from Roc Nation along with other neighborhood and

business associations to voice concerns. **[Update:** Issues voiced at the meeting by LSNA included the need for a greater police presence when concert is over; better access for residents driving to and from their homes; noise control, including helicopter activity; more trash receptacles, more port-o-potties placed outside of the event; impact study showing profit/loss to the city, along with several other concerns.]

The city-wide **First Responders' Appreciation Day** is August 17th. Primo Hoagies will be ordered and delivered to the 9th District Police Station and the Fire Department, Engine 43 at 21st and Market Streets on behalf of LSNA to show our gratitude for their service.

National Night Out is August 7th and held at Francisville Playground. 2018 is the 35th year for this annual event, which is a community-building night that promotes police-community partnerships and brings neighbors together for a fun time.

Discussion continued for **trash/plastic bags initiative**, adding strategies and efforts to combat the increased trash and waste in our neighborhoods.

The Crime Report is available on LSNA website. In general, crime is down for the month of August. Most of the activity from residential burglaries and theft from autos was in PSA 3. LSNA falls into PSA 2.

Monthly meetings open to the public and held at the 9th District are as follows:

PSA 2 Meeting. Date/Time: September 25th, 2018 06:00 PM. Description: CRIME PATTERNS- Lt. Metellus. Location : 9th District, 401 N. 21st St. Phila. Pa

Captain's Townhall Meeting. Date/Time: September 25th, 2018 04:00 PM. Description: COMMUNITY ISSUES- Capt Vales

Location: 9th District, 401 N. 21st St. Phila. Pa

Also, please check out <https://www.phillypolice.com/districts/9th/index.html> for updates and videos on recent criminal activity.

Our next Health & Safety Committee meeting will be held on October 2, 2018 at 7pm in the Community Room at Tivoli. LSNA members are invited to attend the meeting or send the committee concerns that they would like discussed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Colleen Walsh, Chair
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N.B: If a report from a specific committee is not listed above, there is no report this month.