



I. Call to Order and Introductions

The regular monthly meeting of the Logan Square Neighborhood Association was held February 12, 2019, at Community College of Philadelphia, Business & Industry Center, Franklinton Boulevard & Callowhill Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19130.

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

Present: Drew Murray, Sheryl Johnson, Dennis Boylan, Andy Toy, Karen Belding, David Cardy, Edward Dougherty, Adam Greenspan, Rich Leimbach, Hessam Mirsaeedi, Joe Sirbak, Paul Stavrakos, Pat Toy, Colleen Walsh, Linda Wong, David Searles (ex officio), Frank Janitor (2201 Condominium), Steven Goldberg (River's Edge), Earl Wolf (City View North) and Jim Fennell (Tivoli).

Not Present: Bill & Lynn Armstead, Wendy Blume, Gino Capobianchi, Jr., Michael Eckstein, Aaron Goldblatt, Jovida Hill, Michael Hoffberg, Barbara Krassenstein, Francine Pollock, Karen Rivera-Gorski, Gayle Ruggeri, Tully Speaker, Robert Sutton, Nancy & Don Weinberg, Sven Schroeter (2200 Arch), Jeff Krimstock (Beechwood Commons), Jim Ruddick (City View South), Sandie Farrell (Hamilton Townhouses), Louise Quattrone (Kennedy House), Sean Kardon (The Arches), John Kroll (The Phoenix).

President Murray thanked the Community College of Philadelphia for providing this evenings meeting place, especially Erica Harrison.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the LSNA regularly scheduled monthly meeting held on January 8, 2019, were submitted for approval.

Motion: to approve the LSNA minutes for the January 8, 2019, LSNA monthly meeting. Seconded. Approved.

II. Announcements

- a) Spring clean up will be held on April 6, 2019. Hessam Mirsaeedi will lead the operation for Coxe Park and south of the Parkway, and Jim Fennell will lead the operation for Baldwin Park and north of the parkway.

- b) David Searles: Board nominations for 2019-20 LSNA Officers and At-large members are underway. Asking for nominations, as the nominations committee is forming. The slate will be presented at the May meeting, for the election to be held at the June meeting.
- c) 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. **Welbodi Sierra Leone.** Hanna Lawman, a Logan Square resident, presented on *Welbodi Sierra Leone*, a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO); providing educational and healthcare services in this west African nation which has suffered gravely from the Ebola epidemic. She asked for financial support to provide high-school scholarships for girls,

Motion to send \$400, second, approved.

2. **Century Park**, Nancy O'Donnell, Philadelphia Parks and Recreation and Julie Bush, ASLA, Ground Reconsidered provided an update (from the 2014 presentation) on the proposed development for the park to be known as *Century Park*, located in front of Park Town Place, along the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Armco is seeking funding for this improvement. A description of the proposal, emphasizing changes to the parking plan (a reduction in the number of spaces from 74 to 69) was provided. The name Century Park is in acknowledgment of the Parkway's centennial. They are seeking a letter of support for this revised plan.
3. **Winter Street Greenway and dog park.** This will be a children's play space and dog park, presented previously in 2017. This update provided a plan, map and rendering for a small and large dog space (5' high fence, double gate, benches, drinking fountain) and a children's playground (equipment, trash receptacles, 2-5 y/o and 5-12 y/o areas). Of note the playground equipment will consist of a "wooden boat", a 5-12 y/o rope climbing gym, 4' high fence, lawn mounds and seating, \$880,000 has been budgeted for this, with construction beginning either in the Fall of '19 or Spring of '20. Asking for a letter of support.
4. **15th Street Bridge and Callowhill Street two-way traffic.** In anticipation of the new Police Headquarters at Broad & Callowhill the city and the police department are requesting that the traffic from Broad to 17th along Callowhill become two-way. Additionally, the bridge over the old train tracks on 15th above Callowhill needs repairing. The Streets Department will begin the bridge repair will commence this summer; this section of 15th Street will be closed during the repairs. Plans and diagrams showing the scope of work and the necessary

detours while construction is underway were shown. Of note were the possible installation of a protected bike lane and wider sidewalks along 15th Street. The Streets Department is working with oTIS for this project.

5. **2323 Race cell towers on Edgewater**, Chris Schubert, attorney represent Cellco in anticipation of a April 3 ZBA meeting. Their request is to add additional cellphone antennas to the roof of the Edgewater complex, so as to provide better cell coverage along the Vine Street (676) expressway. Diagrams showing the existing and proposed coverage area, the rooftop antenna array as well as renderings and photos were shown. The need is to be able to 'point' the proposed additional antennas from the Edgewater to provide coverage to areas presently without coverage. "Clean up" the coverage for the area along 676 across the Schuylkill to (76). Also discussed were RF interference (none) and health and safety related emissions (under 2% of permitted standard). They will need to acquire a special exception for permitted use, they are asking LSNA for a letter of non-opposition.

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

- a) Request for a letter of support for the Winter Street Greenway and Dog Park.

Motion: to provide a letter of support for the proposed Winter Street Greenway and Dog Park. Seconded. No discussion. Approved.

- b) Request for a letter of support for the proposed Century Park development.

Motion: to provide a letter of support for the proposed Century Park as presented. Seconded. No discussion. Approved.

- c) Request for a letter of support for the 15th Street Bridge repair project and non-opposition to two way traffic along Callowhill Street from Broad to 17th.

Motion: to provide a letter of support for the planned 15th Street bridge repair and not-oppose two way traffic on Callowhill from Broad to 17th Streets. Seconded. No discussion. Approved.

- d). 2323 Race cell towers on Edgewater. Requesting a letter of non-opposition to their request for a special exception for permitted use.

Motion: to write a letter of non-opposition to the requested special exception for permitted use. Seconded. No discussion. Approved.

VI. Old Business

None.

VIII. New Business

Ed Dougherty suggested, that based on the success of the Winter Street Greenway coming to fruition that since this was Rob Stuart's original idea; the dog park should be named for him.

*Motion: to write Philadelphia Parks and Rec requesting that the dog park be named 'Rob Stuart' in honor of his work and memory in this development.
Seconded. Approved.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm

TREASURERS REPORT
Andy Toy
January 1 –January 31, 2019

TD Bank Checking Balance as of December 31, 2018 \$ 77,602.90

Cash & Check Receipts

January

- Dues and Contributions \$ 275.00
- PayPal Transfer \$

Total Receipts \$ 275.00

Payments

January

- Ed Dougherty – Food for Holiday party and Poster \$651.83
- Cynthia Tehan – Wine for Holiday party \$299.98
- Rich Leimbach – Beer for Holiday party \$333.96
- TD Bank – New checks \$26.15

Total Payments. \$1,311.92

TD Bank Balance as of January 31, 2019 \$76,565.98

Additional funds still in PayPal as of January 31, 2019 \$108.14

TOTAL BALANCE as of January 31, 2019 \$ 76,674.12

LSNA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

FY18-19 January 4 – February 7, 2019

February 12, 2019 Board Meeting

FY18-19 Members – 373

Residential – 352 (46 NEW; 291 Renewals; 15 Carry-over) 149 renewals due

Commercial – 21 (2 NEW; 14 Renewals; 5 Carry-over)

- 9 Bldg./Condo Assoc. (7 Renewals; 2 Carry-over) 2 renewals due

- 12 Businesses/Institutions (2 NEW; 7 Renewal; 3 Carry-over) 7 renewals due

FY18-19 Membership Income – Total \$13,345

Residential – \$10,295

Commercial – \$3,050

- Bldg./Condo Associations - \$1,100

- Businesses or Institutions - \$1,950

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- Construction Continues.
4. 2026 Spring Garden Street – The applicant presented plans at the November 13, 2018 meeting of general membership. Residents and Board members voted to oppose project. At the request of LSNA, the applicant agreed to ask for a continuance for the December 5, 2018 ZBA hearing in order to allow time for representatives of LSNA and SGCA to meet with the applicant. Representatives of LSNA and SGCA met with the applicant on December 3, 2018 to review concerns. The applicant will consider concerns and let LSNA and SGCA know if they will revise plans to alleviate those concerns. The applicant elected to move forward with the existing plans. The ZBA hearing for this project was January 23, 2019 and at the hearing there was a request by Spring Garden Civic Association to continue the hearing. The request was denied and LSNA voiced its opposition to the project. The ZBA held their decision in order to hear from Spring Garden Civic Association’s attorney and to date has not rendered a decision.
5. 1500-1506 Race Street-The applicant presented plans (signage) at the December 11, 2018 LSNA Board Meeting. The LSNA Board voted to write a letter of non-opposition, but recommended darker coloring for the backing of the signage. The ZBA hearing was on February 6, 2019 and was approved by the ZBA.
6. 130 N. 21st Street-The applicant presented plans for an additional floor at the December 11, 2018 LSNA Board Meeting. The LSNA Board voted to oppose the project. The ZBA hearing on this matter is on January 9, 2019 (2:00 pm). LSNA will send representation to state opposition to project. The applicant withdrew the appeal and has gotten a demolition permit for the interior and a by-right change of use permit to 2 residential units.
7. 1823-1847 Callowhill Street-The developer, the Orens Brothers, presented plans for potential development of these parcels. Feedback from the presentation was sent to Orens Brothers. Temporary fencing along Callowhill Street was removed around the beginning of the month, Orens Brothers was notified about the unsafe situation and new fencing was installed 2/7/2019.
8. 2323 Race Street (Edgewater)-The applicant will present plans at the February 12, 2019 LSNA Board Meeting for a special exception to permit a cellular antenna installation on the roof of the building. ZBA hearing is scheduled for April 3, 2019 (9:30AM).
9. 1801 Vine Street (Family Court)- The Owner’s representatives and Architects had an informal meeting with members of the zoning committee. They indicated that they will be making a presentation at either the March or April Board Meeting. They indicated that the only variance they will need would be for the Roof Terrace.

LSNA PLANNING & DESIGN COMMITTEE REPORT

6 February, 2019 / Tivoli Community Rm.

Discussion Summary:

1. 2323 Race Street

A Verizon notification regarding the placement of antennae mounts on top of the Edgewater complex that is bound by Race, 23rd Street, and the Vine Street Expressway. This is a permitted use as a special exception, and all criteria of the special exception appear to be met. It's essentially a pole placed atop the building at the far northeast corner. To the extent it is visible, it is mostly to the north end, from the Expressway, and then perhaps over from Park Towne Place. It seems to have minimal visual impact.

2. Shift in Traffic Patterns on Callowhill Street

As it currently stands, Callowhill is one-way, heading west, from Broad to 17th. Currently, you can move East on Callowhill but only up to 17th Street, where you are routed either north on 17th, or south toward Vine. Under this proposal, Callowhill would be a full two-way street, from Broad over to Pennsylvania Ave. The Streets Department is supportive. The Police and Fire Departments are supportive as it creates an additional avenue when the Parkway is closed for event purposes. The PDC is supportive.

3. Century Park

The park between Park Towne Place and the Parkway. LSNA previously approved the plan for a significant upgrade of this tract. The designers have returned with some minimal design changes within the original scope. This is an informational update.

4. Winter Street Greenway and Dog Run

This is one of the bolder LSNA initiatives in the last several years, a situation where energy and initiative from fully within the organization is effectively gifting to the neighborhood two new parks. The first is a dog run in the space between the old Board of Ed building and the sunken Vine Street Expressway. The second is a children- and toddler-friendly park in the space between the northern edge of the Franklin Institute and Parkway, over the cap that covers the Vine Street Expressway. In both instances, these initiatives grew out of the I-676 reconstruction project that lasted several years and allowed a re-think of these spaces. Led by Sarah Stuart and several other LSNAers, these two projects have reached a ready-to-commence phase, but with scaled-down adjustments reflecting funding realities. Whereas \$1.4 million would have allowed for the fullest realization of the design schemes (previously approved by LSNA), tonight's briefing by Ground Reconsidered will present adjusted plans that work within the amounts the groups were able to raise. These modestly modified plans are nevertheless consistent with the significance of this project, namely that work is about to commence on two new parks that will be presented to the neighborhood upon completion within 2019. At the project's conclusion, these parks will convey to Parks and Rec in terms of overall responsibility, but with a heavy assist from still-to-form Friends group that will have more immediate stewardship responsibility for both parks.

Next PDC Meeting

The next PDC meeting will be Wed., Feb. 6 at the Tivoli community room.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Searles & Sven Schroeter with thanks to Ed Daugherty for contributing the notes.