



I. Call to Order and Introductions

The regular monthly meeting of the Logan Square Neighborhood Association was held March 12, 2019, at the Watermark at Logan Square, Two Franklin Town Boulevard, 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, Michael Eckstein, Adam Greenspan, Aaron Goldblatt, Michael Hoffberg, Rich Leimbach, Joe Sirbak, Paul Stavrakos, Pat Toy, Colleen Walsh, Nancy Weinberg, Linda Wong, David Searles (ex officio), Frank Janitor (2201 Condominium), Jim Ruddick (City View South), Steven Goldberg (River's Edge), Louise Quattrone (Kennedy House), Earl Wolf (City View North) and Jim Fennell (Tivoli).

Not Present: Bill & Lynn Armstead, Wendy Blume, Gino Capobianchi, Jr., Jovida Hill, Barbara Krassenstein, Hessam Mirsaeedi, Francine Pollock, Karen Rivera-Gorski, Gayle Ruggeri, Tully Speaker, Robert Sutton, Sven Schroeter (2200 Arch), Jeff Krimstock (Beechwood Commons), Sandie Farrell (Hamilton Townhouses), Sean Kardon (The Arches), John Kroll (The Phoenix).

President Murray thanked Jennifer Tanner of The Watermark Community for providing this evenings meeting place, especially Erica Harrison.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the LSNA regularly scheduled monthly meeting held on February 12, 2019, were submitted for approval.

Motion: to approve the LSNA minutes for the February 12, 2019, LSNA monthly meeting. Seconded. Approved.

II. Announcements

- a) 2nd Annual LSNA Shred-It Event, May 11, 2019 (22nd & Spring Streets; Parking Lot of Former Boy Scout Building)- 2019 will be held on Saturday. 10 box minimum, no commercial drop offs, first come first served, a minimum donation is requested. This event has an estimated cost of approximately \$1,000.

Motion requesting \$1,000 for the Shred-it event. Seconded. No discussion. Approved.

- b) 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. We can accommodate Aviator Park clean up as we'll.
- c) Health & Safety Committee will meet on April 2 at 7:00 pm in the lower level meeting room of the Tivoli Condominium, 1900 Hamilton Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130. 9th Police District Community Realities Officer (CRO) is P/O Jesse O'Shea.
- d) The LSNA Block Party will be held in September 2019, date and location TBA.
- e) 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. **Real Estate tax update.** Vicki Riley, Public Information Officer, Phila Department of Revenue. At present, in the City of Philadelphia, 96.1% of all real estate was water taxes are collected. There are a number options available of tax payer homeowners, such as the homestead exemption; for which the only requirement is live in home in the city. Another, is the senior citizen exemption, with a March 15 deadline; this option freezes property taxes at at current level. change in back taxes, As per water related issues, there are two agencies: PWD for water service and the revenue department for payments. For additional information, contact the Revenue Department: <https://www.phila.gov/departments/departments-of-revenue> or contact Vicki Riley 2156866831 vicki.riley@phila.gov .
2. **PennDot, Joe Sullivan, Broad Street Bridge project.** This is a followup to a 2013 presentation, for the reconstruction of the Broad Street Bridge just above Callowhill Street. Mr. Sullivan provided and overview of the project's status, design and construction using photos, diagrams, a sequence of repair scheduled. He outlined the impact on utilities, traffic shifts and the staging of the project which will be in sync with the construction of the new Police Headquarters. The project is slated to begin in March of 2020. There will be a Penndot representative onsite, throughout the project.
3. **NominationsCommittee:** David Searles, a nominations reminder was sent out last week. The committee looking for statement of interest from interested individual to be returned by

April 21st, with a presentation of the committee's recommended slate at the May 14 meeting; to be voted on at the June 11 Annual General Meeting.

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

President Murray asked if there were any questions regarding the material provided in the consent agenda. There were no questions.

Joe Sirbak provided a zoning overview, in addition to the his report in the consent agenda. In particular, he noted the upcoming Moore college expansion, basilica development (requiring an ordinance from city council an a proposed office tower at 2000 Arch Street.

VI. Old Business

Questions were raised about how the proposed dog park on Spring Street will operate, specifically just how it would be kept clean and well maintained.

VIII. New Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm

TREASURERS REPORT
Andy Toy

February 1 –February 28, 2019

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

Cash & Check Receipts

February

- Dues and Contributions. \$ 235.00
- PayPal Transfer. \$ 100.00

Total Receipts. \$ 335.00

Payments

February

- John Gibbons – LSNA Plan work. \$ 12,500.00

Total Payments. \$ 12,500.00

TD Bank Balance as of February 28, 2019. \$ 64,400.98

Additional funds still in PayPal as of February 28, 2019. \$ 41.82

TOTAL BALANCE as of February 28, 2019. \$ 64,442.80

(Balance TD Bank on February 28, 2018: \$75,238.31)

LSNA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

FY18-19 February 8 – March 7, 2019

March 12, 2019 Board Meeting

FY18-19 Members – 374

Residential – 353 (47 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 \$13,380

Residential – \$10,330

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. A continuation of the hearing is set for March 19 at 9:30 AM for testimony of Spring Garden Civic Association’s attorney.
5. 2323 Race Street (Edgewater)-The applicant presented 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). The Board voted a majority to not oppose the applicant.
6. 2039 Cherry Street (Moore College)-Moore College has notified LSNA of their intent to convert basement space to additional dormitory rooms. They will likely present at the April meeting as they will need a variance for the Use.
7. Cathedral Project- Members of the Zoning and Planning and Design Committees met with related parties, their attorneys and architects on March 11, 2019. Details will be forthcoming as this project evolves.

LSNA PLANNING & DESIGN COMMITTEE REPORT

6 March 2019 / Tivoli Community Rm.

Discussion Summary:

1. 2039 Cherry Street, Moore College Sartain Hall

The committee reviewed preliminary information provided by the college. It is understood they may be requesting an extension of Use for the basement to be converted to dorm rooms which will also require the addition of an emergency egress exterior stair from their east courtyard to the alley between Lambert and Woodstock Streets. Reserving the right to revise comments based on their formal request, the committee takes no exception to these assumed alterations.

2. Master Plan Revision

With assistance from Beth McConnell of the Philadelphia Association of CDCs and Andrew Strobe representing his neighborhood in South Philadelphia, Andy Toy presented information on affordable housing as it relates to the LSNA Master Plan revision draft. It was agreed that general language about affordable housing should remain in the plan revision and that a sub committee be formed to better understand how LSNA might engage affordable housing initiatives being enacted elsewhere throughout the city.

Next PDC Meeting

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

Respectfully Submitted,
David Searles & Sven Schroeter

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no meeting in February.

From the Police District Advisory Council (PDAC) report for February:

A recent residential burglary on Van Pelt Street is still under investigation. A suspect for the commercial burglaries in that area has been apprehended.

The Hub of Hope has extended its hours: 7AM-7PM, 7 days/week. The SEPTA police and city police are alternating coverage of the subway station due to recent fighting and drug use. A new program allows SEPTA police to issue tickets for misconduct to homeless persons, with an accumulation of 5 tickets leading to a misdemeanor arrest. The new 315- bed facility planned for Kensington was delayed by the government shutdown, but is back in progress. Call Outreach # 215-232-1984 to report homeless in need of shelter. Call 911 for any urgent or threatening situations.

In an effort to reach more community members, Community Relations Officer Jesse O'Shea is seeking public locations other than the police station to hold monthly town hall meetings. If you know of any institutions or residential community rooms that may be available, please contact him. He has been

addressing crime prevention strategies to various school groups, businesses, and residents of multiplexes and is available to speak at community groups to address any area concerns and answer questions.
Jesse.oshea@phila.gov.

Please be aware that, while the NEXTDOOR website can be a valuable tool for communicating neighborhood events and issues, the local police have noted that there have been several rumors related to criminal activity posted on the site. Contact Officer O'Shea for clarification on any posted issue.

Our next Health & Safety Committee meeting will be held on April 2, 2019 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.