



I. Call to Order and Introductions

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Logan Square Neighborhood Association was held April 14, 2015, in the 5th floor conference center of the Franklin Institute, 222 North 20th street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

The meeting was called to order by President David Searles at 7:01 p.m.

Present: David Searles (President), Dennis Boylan (Secretary), Sheryl L. Johnson (Treasurer), Bill / Lynn Armstead, Arron Goldblatt / Laura Foster, Jennifer Hallgren, Jovida Hill, Mike Hoffberg, Jim McGrath, Drew Murray, Sandra Owens, Ed Panek, Francine Pollock, Joe Sirbak / Marissa Piccarreto, Gayle Ruggieri, Daniel / Anita Solis-Cohen, Daniel / Anita Solis-Cohen, Tully Speaker, Andy / Pat Toy, Donald / Nancy Weinberg, Sam Little, Michael Volpe, Donna Ferrari (Beechwood Commons) (ex Presidents, ex officio), Association representatives:), Jim Fennell (Tivoli), Eileen Frierson (Park Towne Place), Sean Kardon (The Arches), Jim Ruddick (City View South), Sven Schroeter (22 Arch), Louise Quattrone (Kennedy House).

Not Present: John Barrett (Vice President), Jill Bazelon, Wendy Blume, David Cardy, Helene Furjian / Jeremy Lehman, Kristen Hayduk, Robert Hazlett, Mike Hoffberg, Valerie Laugauskus, Monique Manners, Matthew Cohen (Rivers Edge), Pam Doggett (The Phoenix), Robert Funk (2201 Condominiums), Jennifer McK Robinson (Watermark), Brian Robbins (Penn Center House), Ruth Rump (The Sterling), Linda Wong (Riverside Presbyterian Apartments).

President Searles welcomed all in attendance to this monthly meeting of the association and the Secretary reported that a quorum was present. President Searles thanked the Franklin Institute for the use of the space for the meeting. President Searles notes that LSNA would hold a General Meeting in June 9, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Barnes Foundation, at which time there would be an election of Board Members and Officers. President Searles introduced Louise Quattrone who will be the new Kennedy House representative and former President Donna Ferrari for Beechwood Commons, to LSNA.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the LSNA regularly scheduled monthly meeting held on March 10, 2015, were submitted for approval.

Motion to approve the March 2015 LSNA Meeting minutes. Seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: It was reported that the LSNA balance for April 13, 2015, was \$37,812.94. (Attachment A)

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded. Approved.

II. Announcements

- a) President Searles thanked Drew Murray and jim Ruddick for the very successful Spring Cleanup effort.
- b) Information on the Vine Street bridge construction can be found at: bridgesover676.com.
- c) The Logan Square Cafe will be serving brunch on Saturdays and Sundays.
- d) There will be a free yard tree giveaway on April 10-12 at 5416 Chester Avenue.
- e) The Office of emergency Management will hold a meeting on April 27, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Trinity Center for Urban Life (2212 Spruce Street), to discuss Rail safety and emergency procedures.

III. Committee Reports

- a) Bylaws Committee. Ed Panek, chair. No report.
- b) Membership Committee. Jen Hallgren and Pat Toy, co-chairs. The Association's membership stands at: 273 Residential and 31 Commercial members. (See Attachment B) There will be a joint LSNA Membership & Friends of Baldwin Park Picnic on May 30. \$200 was previously approved expenditure in the budget to pay the band. Their approval was reaffirmed with another motion to approve this expenditure.

Motion to expend \$200 for the Picnic in the Park. Seconded. Approved.

- c) Nominations Committee. Sam Little, Chair, asked all interested in serving on the Board & Officer positions to fill out a Nomination questionnaire. The Nominations Committee will meet on May 12, 2015, to compile a recommended list of nominations for the General Membership meeting to be held on June 9, 2015, at the Barnes Foundation at which time there will be an election to fill the Board & Officer positions.
- d) Finance Committee, Sheryl Johnson, chair. (See treasurer's report above)
- e) Health & Safety Committee. John Barrett and Eileen Frierson, co-chairs. The Committee will be meeting with Donna Bullock, Councilman Clarke's Chief of Staff to discuss rail safety issues in preparation for a City Council meeting on this topic to be held on March 12, 2015.
- f) Planning & Design Committee. Sven Schroeter, chair. This evening there will be presentations on the Coxe Park design competition with the winner announced in May. The Cross Town Coalition (CTC) has asked LSNA for its opinion regarding the preservation of the so called "Saucer" building in LOVE Park. After discussion there was a motion that LSNA respond to CTC in favor of the preservation of the "Saucer" building.

Motion to recommend preservation of the Saucer Building. Seconded. Approved.

- g) Education Committee. Drew Murray, chair. No report.

- h) Communications Committee. Jim Ruddick and Joe McDermott, co-chairs. The next issue of the LSNA newsletter has been published and will be distributed to the block captains shortly.
- i) Events Committee, Marissa Piccarreto, chair. May 30 Membership event in Baldwin Park (see item III(b) above).
- j) Beautification Committee. Drew Murray. No report.
- k) Zoning Committee. Ed Panek, chair. (See VI. Zoning Report and Attachment C)

IV. Presentations

- a) PHS Pop Up Park at 3 Logan Square. Ayse Unver from PHS presented a proposal for a PHS Pop Up park to be established on 3 Logan Square from Memorial Day until October 1, 2015. The property owner, Brandywine Realty is cited about this prospect which will be operated in conjunction with the City Tap House Logan. PHS and their designer propose to install planters, barriers and seating for this outdoor cafe. The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (LCB) requires that this facility have controlled access and that patrons provide identification. PHS will provide plans to LSNA once they are developed.
- b) Coxe Park Design competition presentations. Aaron Goldblatt, Sub-committee Chair, thanked all who participated in this competition, especially the Friends of Coxe Park for funding support (\$13,500); Mark Focht, First Deputy director of Parks and Recreation; the near neighbors and three participating design firms. Mark Focht provided an overview and history of Coxe Park, in particular noting that its present design and materials used do not comply with existing safety code, thus the need to redesign this space employing materials and methods to better serve the community and adhere to code. Comments on the designs can be submitted until April 24th, through the LSNA website. The 10 member sub-committee received a full presentation from the three firms and the selected firm will be announced on May 13th. There is no funding at present designated to execute this project; that process taking place after a design has been designated. Tonight, conceptual designs will be presented; note that since standard OSHA play equipment does not fit into Coxe Park's space, the designs do not include "conventional Play equipment." The three firms presenting this evening are: LRSLA (The Beechwood Blanket), SALT (Community Junto) and TEND (Surprise, Delight and Discovery).

VI. Zoning Report

Ed Panek, Chair, provided a written report (See Attachment C).

There was a request for a letter of non opposition for the PHS Pop Up garden (see IV(a)).

Motion to provide a letter of Non opposition for the PHS Pop Up Garden provided LSNA is given the full details of the design. Seconded. Approved.

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

- a) Budgets for the upcoming year need to be submitted.
- b) The Cross Town Coalition (CTC) has asked for LSNA's support "in concept" for the movement backed by Paul Levy and Brandywine Realty Trust to request that the State of Pennsylvania to uniformly tax commercial properties at a higher rate than residential properties. There being a need for further information on this request, it was moved to table this approval until additional information could be provided.

Motion to table request. Seconded. Approved.

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn. Meeting ended at 9:32 p.m.

LSNA	
Treasurer's Report March 10 to April 13, 2015	
Balance as of March 10, 2015	\$36,302.94
Cash Receipts	
Dues	1510.00*
TOTAL	\$37,812.94
Expenses:	
None	
Balance as of April 13, 2015	\$37,812.94 **
*Pay Pal Account transfer to LSNA checking account in the amount of \$500.00. Remaining balance in PayPal account \$2,237.90. Transfers from PayPal Account limited to \$500.00 monthly.	

LSNA Membership Report
April 14, 2015

FY14-15 Membership to Date - Total 304

- Residential - 273 (234 Renewals; 39 NEW) (4 added since last report - 2 NEW)
- Commercial - 31 (24 Renewals; 7 NEW) (2 added since last report - both NEW)
 - 11 Building/Condo Associations (8 Renewals; 3 NEW)
 - 20 Businesses or Institutes (15 Renewals; 5 NEW)

Membership Income to Date - Total \$16,075

- Residential - \$9,290 (\$90 since last report)
- Commercial - \$6,785 (\$200 since last report)
 - Building/Condo Associations - \$3,600
 - Businesses or Institutions - \$3,185

Submitted by Pat Toy and Jen Hallgren
Co-Chairs, Membership Committee

ATTACHMENT C

Zoning Committee Report For April 14, 2015

1. 2100 Hamilton Street - A subcommittee of the near neighbors, including the Barnes, the Philadelphia Museum of Art and Rodin Square (new Whole Foods Project) met with the developers on April 9th to continue discussions about this project. The current proposal is not acceptable to any of us but we may have an alternative to propose to the developer subject to confirmation of all members of our subcommittee.
2. 23rd & Arch Street/Schuylkill River Project - The developer with whom we have been dealing, may in fact have to sell their rights to this area. However, we are advised that the proposed acquirer proposes to do virtually exactly what NPI proposed, which was largely acceptable to us.
3. Museum Towers II - Construction work has begun and some access and dust control problems need to be addressed but they are already largely resolved. The Escrow agreement has been revised and signed by all parties.
4. 23rd & Cherry Street - Nothing new.
5. Old Please Touch Museum/IBrewster/Toll Brothers - We are waiting for the developer to resubmit to us or tell us they are not going to pursue this project.
6. 1528 Cherry Street - We previously reviewed this project and issued a letter of non opposition. The developer has the variances he needs from the ZBA. Upon further review, the developer agrees with our original suggestion that the stairwell should be on the East side of the project facing the new Family Court Building and the picture windows should face West up the Parkway. This would increase the FAR from 15.7 to 16 with no impact upon the near neighbors. They do not need any further variances from the ZBA but would appreciate a letter of non opposition from LSNA for Administrative Review of these proposed changes. Since these were essentially our recommendations originally, we should have no opposition to this and I will make a motion to that effect tonight.
7. North 23rd Street - 233-35, 237 and 239 - The developer proposes complete demolition of these properties and the existing billboard and construction of 4 new single family homes with accessory parking. This will be presented at our next Board meeting.
8. The Granary - The Tower part of the complex needs to be addressed in regard to present conditions. We will contact the developers and request a meeting.
9. 21st & Spring Street - We have received complaints about trash disposal/pickup issues which we will need to address with the owner and lessee.
10. Remapping of LSNA - This process has not begun in earnest yet but we will need to discuss matters with the Planning Commission. Details to follow.
11. Neighborhood Developments In Progress - There are a number of them but none appear to present any significant problems.