



I. Call to Order and Introductions

The scheduled semi-annual meeting of the Logan Square Neighborhood Association was held December 13, 2016, at the Center for Business and Industry building of the Community College of Philadelphia, 18th & Callowhill Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19130.

The meeting was called to order by President Drew Murray at 7:00 p.m. This being one of the LSNA semi-annual General Membership meetings, a quorum of 33 members present was recorded by the Secretary.

President Murray welcomed all in attendance to this General meeting of the association. President Murray thanked the Community College of Philadelphia for their use of the building and meeting room.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the LSNA Meeting held on November 8, 2016, will be distributed for approval at the January 2017 LSNA meeting.

Consent Agenda: President Murray noted that the Consent Agenda for this evenings meeting had been a distributed to the Board and request its approval, after inquiring if there were any questions about it. There being none, he requested approval.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda for the December 2016 LSNA Monthly Meeting. Seconded. Approved

Treasurer's Report: (see Attachment A - Consent Agenda)

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

II. Announcements

- a) The LSNA Holiday Party will take place Sunday, December 18, 2016, from 4 until 7 pm in the Community Room of the Dalian on the Park apartment house 500 N. 21st Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130.
- b) There will be no trash pick up on the Mondays following Christmas and New Years; trash will be picked up the next day.

- 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. Councilman At-Large Alan Domb. The Councilman thanked LSNA for the opportunity to speak this evening, noting all the development activity which had been documented in the Jim Fennell photo presentation showed the vitality of the neighborhood. He spoke in detail about the state of the City of Philadelphia's finances, in particular about delinquent taxes, the fund balance, property assessments, the bond rating, the pension problem and the school district. At present the city collects \$500mm in Real Estate and \$250mm in Water and Sewer taxes with \$104mm in uncollected Real Estate taxes. He pointed out the importance of having a good fund balance and how it affected the bond rating, and how the school system could get more favorable terms for borrowing money with a better fund balance. Councilman Domb spoke at length about the strengths within the city school system which go largely unreported. The school system has a dedicated cadre of teachers who are achieving great results. Councilman Domb also spoke of the impact poverty has on our city.
2. RCO presentation for the 600 unit Hamilton Community apartments, a joint "as of right" development by Community College of Philadelphia (CCP) and the Radnor Property Group. A poor proposal has been made to LSNA, but this latest version has 600 units and 16 stories. A variety of plans, renderings and overhead views were shown, to include landscaping.

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

- a) Joe Sirbak presented on the City's digital signage plan, in which such buildings as the Municipal Services Building (MSB) could have advertising placed on the side of the building due to a gap in the ordinance. The Cross Town Coalition is opposed to this ordinance and is asking LSNA (a cross Town Coalition member) to pose it as well.

Motion to join the Cross town coalition in opposition to signage being placed on the MSB. Seconded. Approved unanimously with one recusal.

- b) Joe Sirbak noted that the Hamilton Community RCO proposal is an "as of right" development. There were a number of comments: that it was a closed gated community with no opportunity for nonresident pedestrian pass through, that there seemed to be ambivalence regarding the adjacent proposed "rail park" and that the Civic Design Review (CDR) should be asked to ensure that there would be continuity with the rail park.

VI. Old Business

a) There was a question regarding a past proposal to build a high-rise behind the Rodin Museum, if there was any news on this effort. Answer: no.

VIII. New Business

a) There was no new business to come before the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Treasurer's Report (A Toy)
November 1 – November 30, 2016

TD Bank Checking Balance as of October 31st, 2016 \$ 55,623.71

Cash & Check Receipts

November

- Dues and Contributions \$ 260.00
- PayPal Transfer \$ 500.00

Total Receipts \$ 760.00

Payments

November

- Fairmount Park Conservancy (Glow in the Park @Boy Scouts) \$ 500.00
- Don Kushon (Band Honorarium for Block Party) \$ 300.00
- Drew Murray (Food for Littles, Printing, Block Party) \$ 232.39
- Drew Murray (Halloween party supplies, School Fair) \$ 459.05
- Paper Statement Fee \$ 2.00

Total Payments \$ 1,493.44

TD Bank Balance as of November 30th, 2016 \$ 54,890.27

Additional funds still in PayPal as of November 30th, 2016 : \$ 441.00

TOTAL BALANCE as of November 30th, 2016 \$ 55,331.27

(Balance TD Bank on November 30th 2015: \$38,572.71)

LSNA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

November 3, 2016 - December 7, 2016

December 8, 2016 Board Meeting

FY16-17 Members - 327

Residential - 299 (245 Renewals; 54 NEW) 46 due for renewal

Commercial - 28 (18 Renewals; 10 NEW)

- 13 Bldg./Condo Associations (10 Renewal; -3 NEW) 1 due for renewal
- 15 Businesses or Institutions (8 Renewals; 7 NEW) 7 due for renewal

FY16-17 Membership Income - Total \$14,035

Residential - \$8,650

Commercial - \$5,385

- Bldg./Condo Associations - \$2,500
- Businesses or Institutions - \$2,885

Submitted by Pat Toy
Chair, Membership Committee

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 (Old Please Touch Museum) - Demolition complete. Van Pelt Street directly west of the site requires closing for a period of approximately five weeks.
2. 60 N. 23rd Street - Philadelphia Management Company presented at the November 8, 2016 Board Meeting. LSNA is currently in discussion with PMC and Council President Clarke's office regarding the sunset clause. It is our current understanding that the sunset clause will expire and variances will be handled through the RCO process.
3. MANNA (420 N. 20th Street)- The RCO meeting for MANNA will take place on January
4. Cathedral Block Master Plan-LSNA Board meeting/near neighbor meeting was held on October 24, 2016 at 7:00 pm. The Zoning Committee will be working with Council President Clarke's office and the attorney for the Archdiocese regarding the rezoning request.
5. Logan Square Rezoning: The ordinance (160969) proposed by Council President Clarke's office made one change to the recommendations made by the Logan Square Neighborhood Association. The former Avis lot at 20th and Arch Street will remain at its current zoning designation of CMX-4. The ordinance has passed the rules committee and will be voted on by City Council.
6. Vine Street Bridge Replacement: The 19th Street bridge over I-676 is expected to reopen late this year. The pedestrian bridges at the former Family Court building between 18th and 19th streets is scheduled to reopen by mid-2017. The pedestrian bridge between 19th and 20th streets (Free Library bridge) also should reopen by mid-2017. Construction on the 21st & 22nd Street bridges began on Monday, November 7, 2016. This construction began ahead of original schedule, but it will allow project to complete approximately one year ahead of schedule. The 19th Street bridge will open in the next few weeks.
7. The Hamilton: The Community College of Philadelphia and The Radnor Property Group will present this as of right project on December 13, 2016.

PLANNING & DESIGN COMMITTEE REPORT

December 7th, 2016 / Tivoli Community Rm.

Discussion Summary:

1. Radnor Property Group (RPG) 440 N. 15th St. for PCC
In advance of their presentation at the Dec. 13th board meeting the PDC group reviewed and discussed RPG's proposed project for the 440 N. 15th St. site on the Philadelphia Community College (PCC) campus. The group commended the submission materials including clearly illustrated plans, elevations, perspectives, and material references; the group also noted that the proposed underground parking, street trees, and ground level retail are consistent with the LSNA Master Plan guidelines. A few concerns to raise with the developer include: pedestrian lighting at the sidewalks, articulation of the building massing, public access through the site and whether zoning minimums for parking (proposed for this development) are successful in other RPG developments.

The committee also suggested that as part of this development, PCC investigate opening pedestrian access through the adjacent 1600 block to better connect to the campus and neighborhood areas west. Such a connection might be located south of the PCC Bonnell Building near where Hamilton Street has been stricken.

2. Winter Street Greenway
The group discussed the proposed Winter Street Greenway, dog and children's parks along the Vine

Street Expressway; a part of PennDOT's bridge reconstruction projects but not funded beyond basic infrastructure. A meeting with Council President Clarke is set for mid-December to discuss possible funding for the Schematic Design Phase.

3. Next PDC Meeting

The next PDC meeting will be Wed., January 4th in the Tivoli's community room.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Searles

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT
December 6, 2016

9th Police District (PDAC)

-There are 3 main hotspots where the homeless are gathering: 15th and JFK Blvd, Aviator Park, and Rittenhouse Sq. Heavy police enforcement is working with Outreach to place them. Captain has met with city council members to address issues, especially the aggressive panhandling. Tickets have been issued for those soliciting funds while walking in the street.

-There is currently one suspect in custody that is believed to be responsible for approx. 40 burglaries in the area of Spring Garden and Fairmount Aves..

--Four suspects were apprehended for the recent robberies in Fairmount area targeting young people for their new phones. The suspects were 16-10 year olds. No similar robberies reported since.

Project Home: Per Carol Thomas, Outreach has been extremely busy since the DNC with the rise in homeless numbers in the area. Outreach:

-surveyed >260 homeless persons and found that 80% wanted housing.

- will be adding approx. 350 beds in December.

-will initiate more creative interventions, extending the winter initiative until April 30th.

-is seeing an increase in younger population, more addictive, and more resistant to shelter placement.

-will be doing the January count between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00AM for a more accurate overnight count.

-is working on a Public Service Announcement to educate residents and visitors of the city on best ways to respond to homeless population (i.e. do not give money, may give small amounts of food, dial 911 to report aggressiveness.)

Friends of Aviator Park

A group of area residents have established Friends of Aviator Park, an association registered with the City of Philadelphia to promote and maintain standards in the park suitable for use as originally intended. The group is in the process of securing funds to install dividers in the park benches that should help to discourage sleeping there.

Holiday Reminder

The City of Philadelphia Fire Code, Chapter 8 - Section F-804.1 prohibits natural cut trees in high rise buildings.

Construction on the Parkway

PennDot representatives have been alerted to the potentially dangerous confusion surrounding construction on 20th St. and Parkway corners, including pedestrian crossings and turning traffic. Exercise caution in this area.

Our next meeting will be held on February 7, 2017 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,
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Co-Chairs

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