



I. Call to Order and Introductions

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Logan Square Neighborhood Association was held February 9, 2016, at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

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

Present: Drew Murray (President), Jovida Hill (Vice President), Dennis Boylan (Secretary), Andy Toy (Treasurer), Bill & Lynn Armstead, Zac Arbitman, Wendy Blume, Michael Hoffberg, Rich Leimbach, Hassam Mirsaeed, Sandra Owens, Edward Panek, Gayle Ruggeri, Joe Sirbak, Anita & Dan Solis-Cohen, Tully Speaker, Robert Sutton, Pat Toy, Nancy & Don Weinberg, Linda Wong, Sean Kardon (The Arches), Sean Kardon (The Arches), Jim Fennell (Tivoli), and David Searles (Ex Officio).

Not Present: Edward Dougherty, Laura Foster/Aaron Goldblatt, Valeria Lagauskas, Kristen Maynes, Edward Novack, Francine Pollock, Eileen Frierson (Park Towne Place), Sheryl Johnson (City View North), Pam Doggett (The Phoenix), Robert Funk (2201 Condominium), Brian Robbins (Penn Center House), Jim Ruddick (City View South), Jennifer Robinson (Watermark), Donna Ferrari (Beechwood Commons), Ruth Rump (Sterling), Mathew Cohen (River's Edge), Sean Kardon (The Arches), Sven Schroeter (2200 Arch), Louise Quattrone (Kennedy House).

President Murray welcomed all in attendance to this monthly meeting of the association; the Secretary reported that a quorum was present. President Murray thanked the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University for providing this evenings meeting space.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the LSNA regularly scheduled meeting held on January 12, 2016, were submitted for approval.

*Motion to approve the January 2016 minutes.
Seconded. Approved*

Consent Agenda: President Murray noted that the Consent Agenda for this evenings meeting had been a distributed to the Board and request its approval.

*Motion to approve the Consent Agenda for the February 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) Love Park: there will be a groundbreaking ceremony for the renovation of the park tomorrow (February 10, 2016).
- b) PHS Raincheck workshops: <http://phsonline.org/programs/rain-check>

- c) Councilman Kenyatta Johnson will hold a meeting at Lloyd Hall this Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the recent increase in safety/security incidents along the Schuylkill River walk.
- d) LSNA has opened discussions with City Representative Sheila Hess on a variety of subjects: CSX trains, Parkway Events, communications, Made In America and July 4th fireworks. President Murray requested input from the membership for additional suggests, asking that these be submitted by Friday next week.
- e) President's Day trash pick up will be one day later.
- f) The 2016 Spring Clean UP will take place on April 9, 2016. Chairs to manage both North and South of the Parkway areas are needed.

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

IV. Presentations & RCO Presentation

1. Monuments Lab: Creative Speculations for Philadelphia May 15-June 20, 2016. Jane Golden (Mural Arts Program) and Professor Paul Farber (Haverford College) discussed this upcoming program which will take place this Spring, throughout the city but with emphasis on the original 5 squares. Through a series of art installations, public events, and community-sourced maps, the project asks a central guiding question: What is an appropriate monument for the current city of Philadelphia? The project will allow for the exploration of answers through an interactive research pavilion located outside of City Hall, and a prototype monument, described as "a reflection on the history of educational innovation and loss in Philadelphia," by renowned artist Terry Adkins. Major support for Monument Lab has been provided by The Pew Center for Arts & Heritage with partners including Penn Institute for Urban Research, City of Philadelphia Mural Arts Program, Haverford College, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, PennDesign, the Philadelphia Center for Architecture, and RAIR. Philadelphia artist Zoe Strauss will be working on Logan Square and seeks input and dialogue from the residents of LSNA. Monuments Lab is seeking a letter of support from LSNA for this project.
2. Rebranding: Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University. The Academy is rebranding and as part of this effort seeks to have tow new life-size dinosaurs places outside its main entrance (Rex & Trixie) along with a building wrap of the facade facing the Parkway. The dinosaurs will be behind a fence and have video surveillance. The Academy is seeking LSNA support in this effort.
3. CSX: Rodney J. Oglesby, resident vice president of state government affairs for Philadelphia, New Jersey and New York City described the railroads efforts to promote communication and outreach and the ongoing effort to work with the community and officials at all levels to resolve problems related to CSX's rail traffic in center city (LSNA) Philadelphia. Mr. Oglesby noted that rail traffic has trailed off as a result of the fluctuation in oil prices seeing "oil train" traffic go from three per day to every other day. CSX sees Philadelphia as an important market and because our city reads between their Albany and Baltimore divisions it is th location where rail crews switch out. The crews are reminded about issues related to engine idling and blocking crossings. Mr. Oglesby pointed out that the portion of track near River's Edge is a dual track converting to a single track as it goes under the Parkway and this is often the reason trains are stopped as they await an opposite direction train to clear this single track. Mr. Oglesby also pointed out that it is only empty "oil trains" which are parked along the Schuylkill River, full trains go directly to the refinery. CSX wants to be a good neighbor and will continue to maintain contact with the neighborhood. For reporting of problems, please use: (877) TELL CSX.
4. RCO Presentation: Fitness Center 1500 Spring Garden. Brett Bellman. RCO representing the tennant who seeks a letter of non-opposition for a first floor retail fitness center "Retro Fitness." This space is still zoned as industrial and the tennant seeks to have this change to CMX4 "personal services."

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

- a) Ed Panek (Chair) made the following motions:

Motion to agree to issue a letter of support for the request by the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University for its proposed rebranding using a building wrap and outside two life-size dinosaurs. Seconded. Approved.

Motion to agree to issue a letter of support for the request by the Mural Arts Program for their proposed Monuments Lab project on Logan Square. Seconded. Approved.

Motion to agree to issue a letter of non-opposition for the request by Retro fitness for its proposed request to have the zoning of the corner of 1500 Spring Garden changed from industrial to CMX4 "personal services." Seconded. Approved.

- b) The parking lot east of 23rd and race/cherry, owned by Philadelphia Management will be sold, it will potentially have town houses built on this site.
- c) N 21st street project - nothing heard from developer.
- d) Parktown place signage is larger than anticipated
- e) 1944 Hamilton Street will go before the ZBA on February 17, 2016. a

VI. Old Business

June 5th Memorial, a request for a zoning variance was carried to the ZBA, which approved the request, Nancy Winkler spoke. LSNA provided \$500 as seed money for this memorial which is deeply appreciated by family and all involved.

VIII. New Business

- a) CCRA Crosstown coalition document has been sent.

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn. Meeting ended at 8:45 p.m.

Consent Agenda

ATTACHMENT A

LSNA TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1 – January 30, 2016

TD Bank Checking Balance as of December 31st, 2015 \$ 37,914.41

Cash & Check Receipts

January

- Dues and Contributions \$ 402.19
- PayPal Transfer \$ 500.00

Total Receipts \$ 902.19

Payments

January

- Constant Contact (yearly fee) \$ 317.52
- Ed Dougherty(Holiday gathering) \$ 263.51
- Sandra Owens (Holiday gathering) \$ 159.97
- Cynthia Tehan (Holiday gathering) \$ 156.25

Total Payments \$ 897.25

TD Bank Balance as of January 30th, 2016 \$ 37,919.35

Additional funds still in PayPal as of January 30th, 2016 : \$ 470.23

TOTAL BALANCE as of January 30th, 2016 \$ 38,389.58

(Balance TD Bank on January 30th, 2015: \$34,808.34)

LSNA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

February 4, 2016 Board Meeting

FY15-16 Members – 296

Residential – 278 (222 Renewals; 56 NEW) 6 still due for Renewal

Commercial – 18 (13 Renewals; 5 NEW)

- 10 Bldg/Condo Associations (7 Renewal; - 1 NEW) 6 due for Renewal
- 8 Businesses or Institutes (6 Renewals; 2 NEW) 13 due for Renewal

FY15-16 Membership Income – Total \$10,210

Residential – \$8,160

Commercial – \$2,050

- Bldg/Condo Associations - \$1,450
- Businesses or Institutions - \$700

Submitted by Pat Toy

Co-Chair, Membership Committee

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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

PLANNING & DESIGN COMMITTEE REPORT

Feb. 3rd / Tivoli Community Rm.

Discussion Summary:

1. RCO presentation for Retro Fitness at 1500 Spring Garden Street
The group reviewed the applicant's presentation for the proposed Retro Fitness facility and associated exterior signage at 1500 Spring Garden Street – which will be presented at LSNA's February board meeting – and took no issue with anything in the submittal.
2. Re-mapping process
We discussed next steps in our participation with the City Planning Commission's zoning re-mapping process and proposed that Ian Litwin and Andrew Meloney from PCPC attend our next PDC meeting to discuss re-mapping goals and issues for the areas south of the Parkway. The group would also like to invite John Gibbons to this meeting, depending on his availability.
3. 23rd & Arch Street / PMC "Riverwalk" site
Drew Murray reported on developments at the development site at 23rd and Arch Streets, formerly known as Riverwalk and currently owned by Philadelphia Management Company (PMC). According to PMC, they have retained Gensler, architects of the previous scheme, to design a new project similar to the last one but reduced in scope. PMC also indicated that they would not apply to the ZBA before discussing their proposal with LSNA. The northern part of the site newly enclosed by a fence is apparently to store site testing materials and equipment.
4. Control of project design specifications per NDA
In response to committee members' concerns about certain developers deviating from their project design commitments, we discussed how it might be possible for LSNA to ensure that developers' projects adhere to the material specifications, construction quality, and aesthetic character outlined in their presentations to the community. We proposed that developers' drawings and material specifications be appended to neighborhood development agreements in order to hold developers more accountable to their agreed upon project outlines.
5. Community College of Philadelphia
Drew Murray also reported that he met with Lynette Brown-Sow of the Community College of Philadelphia to discuss the college's proposal for a tall mixed use building at 15th and Hamilton Streets. The project is in very early stages but may come to LSNA's attention in the near future.
6. 1944 Hamilton Street
Ed Panek reported that the issue of a near neighbor's opposition to a proposed variance for

parking at 1944 Hamilton Street has been postponed to a hearing on February 17th, which Ed will attend. LSNA did not originally oppose the requested variance.

7. Next PDC Meeting

The next PDC meeting will be Wed. March. 2nd in the Tivoli's community room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sven Schroeter

ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT

1. 210 North 21st Street (Old Please Touch Museum) - NDA from the developer is needed to finalize this project.
2. 1944 Hamilton Street - The ZBA has postponed hearing on this matter until February on motion of the applicant while we work on an unforeseen issue.
3. The Granary - We have requested a meeting.
4. Race Street (Van Pelt to N 21st Street) - We have requested a meeting with the developer.
5. 1500 Spring Garden Street - An application has been submitted for a fitness center to include accessory juice bar and accessory massage (massage performed by a licensed massage therapist). An RCO presentation will be made at the February 2016 Board meeting.
6. 60 N. 23rd Street - A fence has been erected on the north end of this site/parking lot. Drew Murray spoke to Philadelphia Management Company. They said they are about six weeks away from a plan that can be presented to LSNA

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Winter 2016 edition of the LSNA Newsletter will be distributed the week of Feb 8th. All those members who are current with their dues will receive a print copy of the Newsletter. PDF copies will be available on the website for all.

EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

The 2016 LSNA Block Party will take place in September.

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