



I. Call to Order and Introductions

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Logan Square Neighborhood Association was held January 10, 2017, at the Franklin Institute, 222 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130.

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, Wendy Blume, David Cardy, Edward Dougherty, Laura Foster/Aaron Goldblatt, Michael Hoffberg, Rich Leimbach, Hassam Mirsaedi, Francine Pollock, Gayle Ruggeri, Joe Sirbak, Anita & Dan Solis-Cohen, Tully Speaker, Robert Sutton, Pat Toy, Nancy & Don Weinberg, Linda Wong and David Searles (Ex Officio), Jim Fennell (Tivoli), Louise Quattrone (Kennedy House), Sheryl Johnson (City View North).

Not Present: Zac Arbitman, Brett Goldman, Barbara Krassenstein, Manish Pathak / Shree Madbhavi, Edward Novack, Edward Panek, Max Tuttleman, Robert Funk (2201 Condominium), Rich DiNublia (Murano), Sean Kardon (The Arches) Jim Ruddick (City View South), Sven Schroeter (2200 Arch), Donna Ferrari (Beechwood Commons), Jennifer Robinson (Watermark), Mathew Cohen (River's Edge).

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 Franklin Institute for their generous hospitality and use of the facility.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the LSNA Meetings held on November 8, 2016 and December 13, 2016, were submitted for approval.

*Motion to approve the November 2016 and December 2016 Meeting minutes.
Seconded. Approved*

II. Announcements

- a) Thanks to Ed Dougherty for a very successful LSNA Annual Holiday Soiree which was held at the Dalian on the Park apartment house on December 18, 2016. Ed Dougherty thanked the Dalian, especially Adam Hendrick of Bozzuto for their generous support in

providing the facility, as well as numerous local businesses which provided food and beverages.

- b) LSNA conducted a Christmas Tree-cycling this past Saturday, January 7, 2017, it was a great success.
- c) The Friends of Aviator Park will meet at 5:30 on Monday, January 24, 2017 at The Franklin Institute (Breakout Room #1, 1st Floor, Levitt Gershman Conference Center)
- d) MLK Day-Trash & Recycling Collection will be one day behind for the entire week.
- e) Education Forum Hosted by State Representative Brian Sims; January 30, 2017, (7:00-9:00 pm); Philadelphia High School for Creative & Performing Arts.
- f) 2017 Flower Show: If you are interested in volunteering, contact Dan Solis-Cohen at 215.564.4595 or ambanita@aol.com.
- g) Jim Fennell's Month of Construction Photos

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

IV. Presentations & RCO Presentations

1. Presentation by State Representative Brian Sims (D-PA182). Rep. Sims has just started his 3rd term; he described the current legislative cycle after the November election. He expects the legislative pace to be about 8-10 new bills each month. He noted that the current composition of the State Legislature was made up of only 24% women. Issues of importance that he sees are: redistricting, guns and legislation on ammunition sales. This is a tough legislative environment but he has supported a number of efforts to get funding into the district, in particular three RACP grants have been approved. He will conduct an Education Forum (see announcement IIe) and will continue to hold town hall meetings. One Philadelphia note, his office will be moving to a new location later this month: 21 S. 12th Street, 10th Floor, Suite 182, Philadelphia, PA 19107 (215) 246-1501.
2. Presentation by Nancy Goldenberg of the Center City District (CCD) Foundation. CCD celebrated its 25th Anniversary last year; during that time, it has helped to have 2000 pedestrian friendly street lights installed, illuminated 12 buildings and 20 pieces of sculpture, advocated for pedestrian crosswalks, renovated such parks as Sister Cities and

Aviator, partnered with Philadelphia Parks and Recreation Department. It recently relaunched its Foundation (501(c)3) which enables gifts and grants to flow through to the CCD programs, doing more for center-city. The CCD currently is partnered with the Rail Park effort and looks forward to continued community support.

3. RCO Presentation: NorthXNorthwest, 450 N. 18th Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19130. The property developer Forrest City Realty Trust wants to install 4 building identification signs and needs variance to do so. Descriptions of the signs, to include elevations and overviews were provided. The signs requested are not inconsistent with the executed Forrest City/LSNA Neighborhood Development Agreement (NDA) and Forrest City is asking for a letter of Non-Opposition.
4. RCO Presentation: 1816 Callowhill Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130. Requesting variance for a covered accessory storage space on the first floor rear of the property, which has been constructed without permit to date. Description and photos of the covered accessory storage space were shown. Near neighbors asked questions about this construction which was done without a permit. The variance request is for the first floor only. Asking for a letter of Non-Opposition.
5. RCO Presentation: MANNA, 420 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19130. Requesting zoning variance for a sign to be installed on the South (Callowhill Street/Pennsylvania Avenue) side of Rodin Place. Presenters: Sue Dougherty, MANNA CEO and Stephen Potts of Stanev Potts Architects. A description of MANNA's program and staffing was provided as a general introduction. A variance is needed for a sign facing the old Whole Foods parking lot, to be placed higher up on the building facade, so it can fit in on the available wall space. Elevations and a photoshop rendering of the proposed sign were provided. There will be no back lighting on this proposed sign, per recommendation of the Art Commission. Stephen Potts noted, in response to a question, that the signage on the 20th Street side of Rodin Place will be in accordance with the 2004 NDA between the near neighbors, LSNA and the property owner Rodin Partners. MANNA is asking for a letter of Non-Opposition from LSNA.

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

Joe Sirbak (Co-Chair) asked for discussion and motions on the following:

- a) NorthXNorthwest request for a letter of non-opposition for building identification signs provided they not be illuminated.

Motion: to write a letter of Non-Opposition to the NorthXNorthwest request for building identification signs, provided they not be illuminated. Seconded. Approved

- b) 1816 Callowhill Street. This construction was done without a permit. LSNA should oppose this request and ask that the illegal structure be torn down.

Motion: to oppose this request, disapprove of what has been constructed without a permit and to request that the existing not permitted structure be torn down. Seconded. Approved.

- c) MANNA sign request for variance. After discussion, there was general approval to comply with the request for this specific sign. There was concern expressed regarding the adherence to the 2004 NDA between the near neighbors, LSNA and the property owner Rodin Partners regarding signage on the 20th Street side of this building. MANNA did not provide a description of what their plan for the 20th Street side would look like. Note the MANNA variance request is for a sign to face the Callowhill Street/Pennsylvania Avenue side, not the 20th Street side.

Motion: to write a letter of Non-Opposition to the MANNA sign request with the amendment that it be contingent to a strict adherence to the 2004 NDA between the near-neighbors, LSNA and Rodin Partners. Seconded. Approved.

VI. Old Business

None

VIII. New Business

The February LSNA Monthly meeting will be held at 7:00 pm. on Tuesday, February 13, 2017 at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, located at 20th & Arch Streets.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm

ATTACHMENT A

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer's Report (A Toy)
December 1 – December 31, 2016

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

Cash & Check Receipts

December

- Dues and Contributions \$ 250.00
- PayPal Transfer \$ 0

Total Receipts \$ 250.00

Payments

December

- Friends Select (Honorarium for Bock Party) \$ 100.00
- Moore College (LSNA Meeting) \$ 150.00
- KSK (Zoning Remapping support) \$ 600.00
- Wagon Train (Hoagies for Holiday Party) \$ 175.00
- Jim Ruddick (Reimbursement for Constant Contact Fee) \$ 362.88
- Dan Solis-Cohen (Reimbursement - Garces for Holiday Party) \$ 100.00
- Cynthia Tehan (Reimbursement – Wine for Holiday Party) \$ 135.03
- Ed Dougherty (Reimbursement – Food for Holiday Party) \$ 383.22

Total Payments \$ 2,006.13

TD Bank Balance as of December 31st, 2016 \$ 53,134.14

Additional funds still in PayPal as of December 31st, 2016 : \$ 474.68

TOTAL BALANCE as of December 31st, 2016 \$ 53,608.82

(Balance TD Bank on December 31st 2015: \$37,914.41)

LSNA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

December 8, 2016 - January 5, 2017

January 10, 2017 Board Meeting

FY16-17 Members - 330

Residential - 302 (246 Renewals; 56 NEW) 45 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 \$14,205

Residential - \$8,820

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) – Construction continues.
2. 60 N. 23rd Street - Philadelphia Management Company presented at the November 8, 2016 Board Meeting. LSNA is currently scheduling a near neighbor committee meeting with PMC. The sunset clause expired December 31, 2016.
3. MANNA (420 N. 20th Street/2000 Hamilton Street)- The RCO meeting for MANNA will take place on January 10, 2017.
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. Vine Street Bridge Replacement: The 19th Street bridge over I-676 is expected to reopen in the next two weeks. The pedestrian bridges at the former Family Court building between 18th and 19th streets are 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 continue. Completion is expected in Spring 2018.
6. The Hamilton (Radnor Property Group/Community College of Philadelphia): CDR scheduled for January 10, 2017.
7. 1800 Buttonwood Street (NorthxNorthwest)- The RCO meeting will take place on January 10, 2017.
8. 1816 Callowhill Street- The RCO meeting will take place on January 10, 2017.
9. Hanover North Broad Street-Construction continues with substantial completion expected in November 2017. A Neighborhood Development Agreement (NDA) was not developed and executed prior to the start of this project. Since the project is almost to completion, the applicant/ developer agreed to write an abbreviated NDA which has been executed. In addition, in lieu of an escrow, the applicant/developer is providing a \$25,000.00 check that can be used, if needed, for any issues with this project.

PLANNING & DESIGN COMMITTEE REPORT

November 2nd, 2016 / Tivoli Community Rm.

Discussion Summary:

1. North by Northwest Signage (formerly known as Museum Towers II)

The main consideration are the design elements of the proposed signage, the precise placement, and any potential intrusion on to neighborhood assets such as Baldwin Park. The PDC has no objections to the design of the signs but raises concern regarding the placement of one sign and its adjacency to Baldwin Park. Two suggestions were discussed: 1) that the signage be pushed closer to the street where it would presumably have more function, acting as an indicator to people who would be pulling in in their cars from 18th Street, and 2) to push for placement - both location and height - that would minimize the visibility from Baldwin Park.

2. 1816 Callowhill Street

This RCO is pursuing the 'legalization' of a proposal to build out in the back of the lot in a way that would achieve 100% coverage of the lot. Complicating consideration of this proposal was a lack of clarity in the submitted schematics as to whether this was solely a one-floor cover over what amounted to a backyard storage area or whether the proposed expansion would run the entire three stories of the building, floor to roof. In this regard, the language of the presentation was not clear and it was thought best to let the presenters clarify in the course of the presentation. Here and elsewhere,

the PDC is opposed to any proposal that seeks to reach 100% coverage of the lot as a Quality of Life issue, particularly as this property back onto a residential lot with a small backyard.

3. Manna Signage at the former Kiernan Timberlake Loft

The RCO is for consideration of signage that would be applied to the south-facing face of the building, signage above the existing Philadelphia Sports Club, and to the left of an existing sign that identifies the building as part of the Rodin Place complex. Detailed specs and illustrations were submitted as to these proposed signs - a larger sign, in yellow lettering that says Manna, and then a smaller and longer sign, white lettering, spelling out the name of the benefactor who is the main sponsor of this new headquarters facility for the organization. The PDC's role in such proceedings is to consider the project in front of the committee; at this time, that consideration is for the proposed signage on the south side of this facility, and the committee has no objection as it is in fitting with the design and scale of the other retail signage on the south side of this facility.

4. Winter Street Greenway

This past summer, we PDC sub-committee learned that our second proposal to the State DCED for a Greenways, Trails and Recreation grant was not successful. The proposal request was for \$85,000, matched by a commitment letter from the Council President for \$15K to do a full design of the Winter Street Greenway. We met with the Council President in September to brief him on the status of the project. We then met with Aparna Palantino (Deputy Commissioner of Capital Projects for the Parks & Recreation Dept) and Corey Bell of the Council President's office in November to discuss options for moving forward.

The best option that presented itself was to ask the Council President to allow \$15,000 of his capital dollars to be used by Parks and Recreation to develop a schematic design of the Greenway. We did so and he agreed on the condition that PennDOT prepare the site as best as possible in order to help the City and LSNA build the greenway spaces.

We then met with PennDOT, PPR and the Council President in December to review how PennDOT could use the schematic design to supplement the work that it would commit to carrying out as part of the Vine Street Bridge project. They agreed to move water and utility laterals across the cartway to the two greenway spaces along the 2000 and 2100 blocks of Winter Street. PennDOT had previously agreed to redesign the street by dropping a travel lane, replace the parking spaces and add pedestrian lighting, trees and turf on the two spaces along the two blocks.

We are currently awaiting the paperwork to go through within Parks and Recreation, and that the on-call consultant will start work on the schematic design ASAP. A community meeting will be part of that contract.

5. Next PDC Meeting

The next PDC meeting will be Wed., February 8th in the Tivoli's community room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sven Schroeter & David Searles
with thanks to Ed Dougherty & Sarah Clark Stuart for their contributions

FRIENDS OF AVIATOR PARK

Meeting: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 5:30 pm at The Franklin Institute (Breakout Room #1, 1st Floor, Levitt Gershman Conference Center)

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