



I. Call to Order and Introductions

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Logan Square Neighborhood Association was held January 13, 2015, in the Ballroom of the Fours Seasons Hotel, located at One Logan Square, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

The meeting was called to order by President David Searles at 7:00 p.m.

Present: David Searles (President), John Barrett (Vice President), Dennis Boylan (Secretary), Sheryl L. Johnson (Treasurer), Bill / Lynn Armstead, Wendy Blume, David Cardy, Arron Goldblatt / Laura Foster, Kristen Hayduk, Jovida Hill, Jim McGrath, Drew Murray, Sandra Owens, Ed Panek, Gayle Ruggieri, Daniel / Anita Solis-Cohen, Andy / Pat Toy, Donald / Nancy Weinberg, Donna Ferrari, Sam Little, Michael Volpe (ex Presidents, ex officio), Association representatives:, Jim Fennell (Tivoli), Sean Kardon (The Arches), Sven Schroeter (22 Arch),, Linda Wong (Riverside Presbyterian Apartments).

Not Present: Jill Bazelon, Helene Furjian / Jeremy Lehman, Jennifer Hallgren, Robert Hazlett, Mike Hoffberg, Valerie Laugauskus, Monique Manners, Francine Pollock, Joe Sirbak / Marissa Piccarreto, Daniel / Anita Solis-Cohen, Tully Speaker, Matthew Cohen (Rivers Edge), Pam Doggett (The Phoenix), Eileen Frierson (Park Towne Place), Robert Funk (2201 Condominiums), Jennifer McK Robinson (Watermark), Brian Robbins (Penn Center House), Jim Ruddick (City View South), Ruth Rump (The Sterling), Mort Silverman (Kennedy House), Amy Sutter (City View South).

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 Four Seasons Hotel for the use of the space for the meeting. President Searles noted that this hotel will close for a change in ownership in June 2015 and that for the past 30 years has been a good neighbor to the LSNA.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the LSNA regularly scheduled monthly meeting held on December 9, 2014, were submitted for approval.

Motion to approve the December 2014 LSNA Meeting minutes. Seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: It was reported that the LSNA balance for January 13, 2015, was \$34,968.01.

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

II. Announcements

- a) President Searles thanked all involved in the organization and production of the LSNA Holiday Party held in December, in particular Ed Dougherty and our host Matthew Szczepanowski of the Conservation Studio. Additional contributors to this event were: The Rose Tattoo, Kite and Key, Vetri Pizza, Franklin Beverage, City Tap Tavern, and Architeqt Hair Salon,
- b) The Volunteers who participated in the Holiday Tree recycling program were thanked.
- c) There will be a LOVE Park redesign meeting held on January 20 at 5:30 in the main branch of the Free Library on Logan Square.
- d) There will be PGW work conducted at 19th & Cherry Streets from January through March.
- e) Aaron Goldblatt will be the designated LSNA representative for the Coxe Park limited design competition committee. The three competing design firms will submit their design proposals at the April LSNA meeting, when there will be an opportunity for the board to comment and vote on them before they go back to committee.
- f) 2001 Market Street RCO presentation will take place on January 27, 2015, at the Stevens Center 2111 Sansom Street at 7:00 p.m.

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: 257 residential member, this is an increase of 10 new members. (See Attachment A.)
- c) Nominations Committee. Andy Toy, chair. No report.
- d) Finance Committee, Sheryl Johnson, chair. No report
- e) Health & Safety Committee. John Barrett and Eileen Frierson, co-chairs. The committee met last Wednesday and is working on a notice to candidates regarding events on the Parkway.
- f) Planning & Design Committee. Sven Schroeter, chair. the committee met on February 4, 2015, at the Tivoli. There will be an RCO meeting conducted this evening for 1823 Callowhill Street.
- g) Education Committee. Drew Murray, chair. The Franklin Institute will hose the 2015 School Fair on October 5, 2015.
- h) Communications Committee. Joe McDermott, co-chair. No report.
- i) Events Committee, Marissa Piccarreto, chair. No report.
- j) Beautification Committee. No report.
- k) Zoning Committee. Ed Panek, chair. (See VI. Zoning Report and Attachment B)

IV. Presentations

- a) Rodney Moore from the City of Philadelphia provided information on the recycling programs offered by the City: a new recycling center at 26th & Glenwood Streets, that mattresses need to be bagged, a reminder about the recycling rewards program and that hazardous waste can be dropped off at any city recycling center.
- b) 1823 Callowhill Street. Scott Orens and Dorothy Hamill presented on this proposed development, which was supposed to be a RCO presentation for record. However, the content was not provided in accordance with the guidelines stipulated for a RCO presentation. Therefore Scott Orens, stopped his presentation and offered to return in the near future and provide a presentation which followed the RCO guidelines.

VI. Zoning Report

- a) Ed Panek, Chair, provided a written report (See Attachment B)

V. Old Business

- a) *A Questions for Candidates seeking election to City Office in 2015* document has been prepared and will now be submitted to the Cross Town Coalition, noting that these are the questions which LSNA sees as important for the next mayor. See Andy toy for additional information.

VI. New Business

- a) There will be a presentation, possibly in March 2015, by the Philadelphia City Planning Commission regarding zoning remapping. The planning and Design Committee will form a sub committee to address this issue.
- b) LSNA Reimbursements. The Treasurer noted that LSNA needs to put in place additional check and blanks for its financial operations. In particular to have a second signatory designated signing authority, in case the Treasurer is unavailable, e.g., the LSNA Vice President; a two signature rule for checks over \$500 and a small discretionary fund the President can access. These issues will be presented in a written format at an upcoming meeting.

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn. Meeting ended at 8:42 p.m.

ATTACHMENT A

**LSNA Membership Report
January 13, 2015**

FY14-15 Membership to Date

Residential - 257 (224 Renewals; 33 NEW) (10 added since last report)

Commercial - 28 (24 Renewals; 4 NEW)

- 10 Building/Condo Associations (2 NEW)
- 18 Businesses or Institutes (15 Renewals; 3 NEW)

Membership Income to Date

Residential - \$8,765 (\$270 since last report)

Commercial - \$6,085

- Building/Condo Associations - \$2,600
- Businesses or Institutions - \$3,485

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

ATTACHMENT B

Zoning Committee Report for January 13, 2015

1. **23rd & Cherry Street** - Nothing new on this project.
2. **23rd & Arch Street/Schulykill River Project** - Nothing new on this project.
3. **2100 Hamilton Street** - The developer resubmitted to the Art Commission on January 7, 2015. The Art Commission had previously unanimously rejected the proposed design. This time they unanimously approved it. We need to schedule a near neighbors meeting about this as soon as possible because the developer then wants to present to our Board and have an RCO meeting regarding it.
4. **1823 Callowhill Street** - The Orens Brothers are making an RCO presentation to us tonight.
5. **PennDot Bridge Reconstruction over I-676** - The construction for the Vine Street lid replacement project (7 bridges) will begin in February and continue through the Fall of 2019 with a stoppage of construction for the Pope's visit in September or 2015.
6. **Museum Towers II** - There is or will be a temporary closure of the sidewalks on East 19th and North Buttonwood Streets to allow for construction activities for Museum Towers II. Intech has applied to the City for the appropriate permits.
7. **Old Please Touch Museum/IBrewster/Toll Brothers** - Bill Armstead forwarded to me an article indicating that N. Isen, the owner of IBrewster, has been charged by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Philadelphia with money laundering in a scheme to hide proceeds from marijuana sales. Apparently his assets have also been frozen. Toll Brothers has an agreement to buy that property, to demolish it and to build 5 stories of condos. I spoke to the representative for Toll Brothers about this today and was advised that the property is held in a trust and that the freeze order may not affect the trust and that they would like to move forward with the purchase. They have until February 1, to do this. They need to know preliminarily what our near neighbors reaction may be. In fairness to them, we should have a near neighbors meeting about this in the next week.
8. **2001 Market Street** - The developer is seeking a special exception of a roof deck above a portion of the 18th floor of an existing attached structure. No signage involved. LSNA and CCRA have joint jurisdiction regarding this matter. We will coordinate with CCRA about an appropriate date for an RCO.
9. **Remapping of the LSNA Neighborhood for zoning purposes** - Other neighborhoods have already been remapped in conjunction with the PCPC. We are next. Sam Little and I have volunteered to co-chair this committee.
10. **Car Parking In Coxe Park** - I have been advised about this and will look into it.
11. **Old Family Court Building** - A question was raised about whether the property had been transferred to the winning developer yet. I will look into it and report back.
12. **2124 Race Street** - A Proposed Day Care Center - This proposal may have been abandoned because of problems with the lease. I will contact the proposer and see inquire.