



## I. Call to order and introductions

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Logan Square Neighborhood Association was held in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Atria Center City, located at 150 North 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

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

President Searles welcomed all in attendance and the Secretary after taking roll, reported that a quorum was present.

Present: David Searles (President), John Barrett (Vice President), Sonia Lee (Treasurer), Dennis Boylan (Secretary), Bill Armstead, Wendy Blume, Jovida Hill, Mike Hoffberg / Sharon Hoffberg, Sheryl Johnson, Jim McGrath, Drew Murray, Sandra Owens, Dan Solis-Cohen / Anita Solis-Cohen, Tully Speaker, Robert Sutton, Pat Toy / Andy Toy, Donald Weinberg / Nancy Weinberg, Lori Westler, Sam Little (ex President, ex officio), Matthew Cohen (Rivers Edge Condominium), Jim Fennell (The Tivoli), Jim Ruddick (City View South), Sven Schroeter (2200 Arch), Linda Wong (158 N. 23rd St.).

Not Present: Rosie Adams, Alexander Barth, Gillian (Jill) Bazelon, Jennifer Hallgren, Valerie Lagauskas, Drew Murray, Ed Panek, Fran Pollock, Gayle Ruggeri, Joe Sirbak II / Marisa Piccarreto, Pam Doggett (The Phoenix), Eilene Frierson (Park Towne Place) Robert Funk (2201 Condominium), Brian Robbins (Penn Center), Jennifer MckRobinson (The Watermark), Jim Ruddick (City View South), Ruth Rump (The Sterling), Mort Silverman (Kennedy House), Amy Sutter (City View North).

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the regularly scheduled February 2014 meeting were submitted for approval.

*Motion to approve the February 2014 minutes. Seconded. Approved.*

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Lee reported that as of February 28, 2014 the LSNA account held \$30,488.26. (See Attachment A).

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

## **II. Announcements**

- A) Committee Budgets are due for the coming year, please submit budgets to either President Searles or Treasurer Lee.
- B) LSNA Officer and Board Nominations are requested. Please complete and submit the “survey monkey”, if you are interested.
- C) Comcast Tower RCO meeting will be conducted on March 20, 2014 at the Moore College of Art & Design, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 10103 at 7:00 p.m.
- D) 22nd & Market Memorial Park Committee will meet at the College of Physicians 19 S. 22nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 on April 1, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
- E) Please keep Marlene Panek in your thoughts and prayers.

## **III. Committee Reports**

- A) Bylaws Committee. Ed Panek, Chair. No report
- B) Membership Committee. Jennifer Hallgren and Pat Toy, Co-Chairs. The committee is working on 2014-2015 membership renewal letters. The Committee requests \$300 to support their outreach effort during the May 17, 2014 “Love Your Park” event to be held at Baldwin Park.

*Motion to approve not more than \$300 for the “Love Your Park” event.  
Seconded. Approved.*

- C) Health and Safety Committee. John Barrett, Co-Chair. No report.
- D) Planning and Design Committee. Sven Schroeter, Chair. No report.
- E) Education Committee. Drew Murray, Co-Chair. No Report.
- F) Communications Committee. Jim Ruddick, Co-Chair. Next edition of the LSNA newsletter should be ready in April.

- G) Nominations Committee. Andy Toy, Chair. Expressions of interest in serving on next year's LSNA Board should be submitted (via the Survey Monkey) by the April 2014. LSNA will hold its Annual Election of Officers and Directors at the LSNA General Meeting in June 2014.
- H) Events and Activities Committee. No Report.

#### IV. Presentations

- A) Church of the Latter Day Saints (LDS), 1601 Vine Street development. Ahmad Corbitt gave an update on the status of construction on the approved LDS Temple complex located in the 1700 Block of Vine Street and wanted to bring the LSNA up to date on another proposed construction of a 32 story high rise building with low rise buildings on the adjacent 1600 block of Vine Street. A series of detailed renderings and maps describing the project were presented to LSNA. What is proposed is a 32 story rental apartment tower, a meeting house and town house complex, with accompanying 240 space below grade parking. Wood Street, the north most boundary thoroughfare for this project would provide parking and utility access. The design is meant to provide a human scale and energize Vine Street. There were a number of questions: Q: Will the LDS enter into a NDA with LSNA? A: Yes. Q: Are variances needed? A: No. Q: How high are the town houses? A: Three stories Q: Will Wood Street be widened? A: No. Q: Q: Will there be parking on Wood Street? A: No. Q: What about the "Service Yard" off of Wood Street, will it be screened or covered? A: Will work with LSNA on this issue. Q: Would LDS consider an underground service area? A: Yes, will consider. Q: Will there be pedestrian scale lighting? A: Yes. Q: Does this proposal require an RCO meeting? A: Yes, and sustainability issues can be discussed at this time. Q: Is parking separate from apartment rental fee? A: Yes.
- B) 501 North 20th Street. Request for variance to install a garage door. Homeowners have meet near neighbors who have no objections; architectural plans were presented. Requesting a letter of non-opposition.
- Motion to approve a letter of non-opposition for the proposed installation of a garage door. Seconded. Approved*
- C) I-676 Vine Street Expressway, PennDOT Bridge Superstructure Replacements 18th through 22nd Streets. Presentation was for the Final Design status and construction phasing. (See Attachment B for PennDOT minutes taken during the meeting). Plan and phasing graphics were presented and described. This project when started, will take place nightly from the hours of 11 p.m and 5 a.m and is designed to minimize impact on Parkway Events. It will be built as fast as possible. Key elements of the construction: the removal of the 18th to 22nd Street bridges (lids) over the I-676 Expressway, to include their piers. The I-676 Expressway will be shut down to traffic for demolition and construction with detours routed along JFK Boulevard and Market Street. Concurrent Parkway landscaping improvements will take

place and will be in line with overall Parkway design standards. PennDOT will work with LSNA on a dog park and playground along Winter Street but construction of these, is not part of the scope of work for this project. Winter Street will be reconfigured, with direction changes and cut outs built to accommodate bus operations for the Franklin Institute. There were numerous questions regarding the impact on the quality of life for near neighbors of night construction operations along Winter Street.

- D) JFK Boulevard PennDOT Bridge Replacement from 21st to 23rd Streets. This project will take place concurrent to the I-676 Bridge replacement construction (see C above). A series of plans and renderings were presented, depicting lane changes along JFK Boulevard and the new ramp construction at 22nd Street. PennDOT will pay for and construct the new pedestrian ramps down to 22nd Street and the City of Philadelphia will maintain it going forward.

#### **V. Zoning Committee Report**

Ed Panek, Chair. There was no additional zoning report.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was proposed, seconded and approved.  
Meeting concluded at 9:41 p.m.

ATTACHMENT A (Treasurer's Report)



**Treasurer's Report For February 2014**

<b>Balance as of February 1, 2014</b>	<b>28,916.26</b>
<b>Cash Receipts</b>	
LSNA Membership Dues	1,510.00
Christmas Tree Recycling	62.00
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<b>1,572.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Balance as of February 28, 2014</b>	<b><u>30,488.26</u></b>

**ATTACHMENT B (PennDOT Minutes I-676 Vine Street Expressway Bridge Superstructure Replacements 22nd -18th LSNA Meeting Minutes).**

**I-676 VINE STREET EXPRESSWAY  
BRIDGE SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENTS 22<sup>ND</sup>-18<sup>TH</sup>  
LSNA  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting Subject:** Presentation of Final Design status and construction phasing  
**Meeting Date:** Tuesday March 11, 2014 – 7:00 PM  
**Meeting Location:** Atria Center City, Philadelphia, PA  
**Attendees:** Craig Suhoskey, PE, AECOM PennDOT District 6-0  
Jim Pezzotti, PE, Pennoni Associates, Inc.  
Julie Bush, LRSLA Studio  
LSNA Board Members  
LSNA Members  
Hyllton Hobday, ASC Group, Inc.  
Susan Peters, ASC Group, Inc.

**Purpose of Meeting:**

The purpose of the meeting was to provide a project update to the LSNA. Additionally, the purpose of the meeting was to answer any general questions from the members.

I-676 project discussion took place during a regularly scheduled LSNA Board Meeting and was third on the presentation agenda.

**Summary of Discussion:**

Jim Pezzotti introduced himself and project team. Craig Suhoskey stated that he is the project manager for both the I-676 project and the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street/JFK stair/ramp connector project which was also scheduled for discussion at this meeting. Mr. Suhoskey noted that the project was originally slated as bridge superstructure replacements, but the project has expanded beyond the original intent significantly; the project is currently in final design and bids are due in December 2014.

Jim Pezzotti began the meeting by providing a brief status of the project to date. The presentation included a general project overview, construction phasing and schedule, traffic and detours, 20<sup>th</sup> Street and Winter Street improvements and landscape improvements.

A schematic was shown which showed the original project scope and the current project scope which has expanded to include: roadway and ramp work at 22<sup>nd</sup> Street; reconstruction of the 2000 block of the BFP; Winter Street improvements from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Street; expansion of Shakespeare park; Logan Circle sidewalk reconstruction; Vine Street Local sidewalk

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reconstruction; and topside landscape improvements. The Spring Garden Street Bridge was also rehabilitated to accommodate detours.

For the seven bridges (18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the Free Library and Family Court Pedestrian bridges) the project has changed from two-span superstructure replacements to removal of the center piers and single-span superstructure replacements. This will afford a more open view without the center piers. Abutment repairs will also be included.

Construction phasing will consist of one construction package with two phases. Phase 1 (\$96 million) includes BFP/20<sup>th</sup> Street, the Free Library, 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Family Court, and Winter Street. Phase 2 (\$29 million) includes 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, 21<sup>st</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Streets. Originally set up as 3 separate construction projects, it is currently proceeding as one project, as the funding for the entire project is in place.

Traffic detours due to construction were presented; the detour for Phase 1/Stage 3 (BFP/20<sup>th</sup>/Free Library) is across the BFP west of 20<sup>th</sup> Street and along Winter Street. In Phase 1/Stage 4, 19<sup>th</sup> Street will be open to traffic, but the BFP detour will remain. During Phase 1/Stage 5 two-way traffic on the BFP will be maintained on the north lanes. Travel on 20<sup>th</sup> Street will be maintained throughout. During the 19<sup>th</sup> Street closure, a detour will run east on Callowhill Street, south on 17<sup>th</sup> Street and west on JFK Boulevard.

During Phase 2, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Streets will undergo staged or half-width construction with an 18<sup>th</sup> Street detour, which will run north on 20<sup>th</sup> Street and east on Callowhill Street.

Safety improvements will take place at Winter Street and the BFP/20<sup>th</sup> Street intersection. These include the Winter Street realignment, cross walk length reductions, and curb bump-outs, and signal timing.

Question: *What is the purpose of the large crosswalk pedestrian triangle at 20<sup>th</sup> Street and the BFP?*

Jim Pezzotti: *Will have to research and get back to LSNA.*

Originally there were to be no changes on Winter Street between 22<sup>nd</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, and two-way traffic would be maintained between 21<sup>st</sup> and the BFP. LSNA had presented proposals for the LSNA Winter Street Greenway to the Philadelphia Streets Department (Streets) and Parks and Recreation.

Based on these proposals, additional Winter Street improvements were added in March of 2014. These include: Winter Street curb line changes which add 11,700 sf of green space to the north side of Winter Street; Winter Street traffic flow will be revised to one-way eastbound between 21<sup>st</sup> Street and the BFP; pedestrian lighting will be added between 22<sup>nd</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Streets; trees will be replaced between 22<sup>nd</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Streets; and the new green space will be graded and sodded to stabilize the area for future improvements to be completed outside of the PennDOT project.

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Question: *What is the dimension of green space?*  
Jim Pezzotti: *Varies from approximately 15 feet to 22 feet.*

Question: *Won't there be a loss of parking on the south side of Winter between 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Streets?*  
Answer: *About six spots will be eliminated to accommodate the turning radius, but there is more capacity in the angled parking resulting in a net gain of parking spots.*

Phase 1 and Phase 2 are scheduled for construction letting in 2014 with the construction start for Phase 1 in March of 2015 and scheduled construction completion in March of 2017 in time for the Parkway Centennial Celebration (2017-2018). Phase 2 construction is anticipated to be coordinated with Phase 1, but exact scheduling is to be determined as Final Design progresses. Craig Suhoskey noted that PennDOT wants to complete the project as quickly as possible.

Question: *Will the Vine Street Expressway be shut down?*  
Jim Pezzotti: *Yes, at night between 11 PM and 5 AM during demolition of bridge superstructures and piers, and again during construction. There will be no closures during the day.*

Questions: *Both east and west bound lanes?*  
Jim Pezzotti: *Yes.*

Question: *West bound detour?*  
Jim Pezzotti: *Detour will run from 15<sup>th</sup> Street south to JFK to Schuylkill Avenue to I-76.*

Julie Bush opened the LRSLA portion of the slide presentation to point out in-progress final design changes covering landscaping and associated treatments for the both phases of the project. The oval lawn at Aviator Park and oval plaza at Sister Cities inspired the oval shape of Shakespeare Park and Family Court. All materials are based on the Ben Franklin Parkway standards including granite curbs, brick banding, and exposed aggregate paving. The oval at Shakespeare Park is centered on the building and Shakespeare sculpture; the Pennypacker statue will remain in place at Family Court and because the planters are on structure, they will be raised planters. The oval plaza in front of the Free Library is designed to function as a flexible space to accommodate festivals; the area in front of the Family Court building is designed to function as a passive park; the extension of the public area at the Franklin Institute is also designed as a passive space and will serve to accommodate queues for bus pick-up. This area also will have stormwater or rain garden planters with grading designed to collect the runoff.

Comment: *The beautification is wonderful at the Winter Street Plaza. Can more be done along Winter Street, working with the LSNA? Because most of the work is in the "public realm" of the neighborhood, can more be done in the residential areas?*



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*Craig Suhoskey: Given the budget and schedule constraints of the project, PennDOT can only stretch the improvements so far, and that would be outside of the scope of the project.*

*Questions: Will this project create jobs?*  
*Craig Suhoskey: Significantly.*

*Question: Can you provide additional details about what will take place in the green areas along Winter Street?*  
*Craig Suhoskey: It will be used as a contractor staging area (temporary construction easement). Parking will be eliminated.*

*Question: For how long?*  
*Craig Suhoskey: Three to four years.*

*Question: How long will the expressway be shut down?*  
*Jim Pezzotti: Approximately 20 to 25 days for each bridge demolition and 20 to 25 days for new beam replacement.*

*Question: Will there be any other night time closure of the expressway?*  
*Craig Suhoskey: No.*

*Question: Will PennDOT do a neighborhood agreement?*  
*Craig Suhoskey: No.*

*Question: Will staging areas be constantly accessed by construction vehicles?*  
*Craig Suhoskey: PennDOT does not dictate contractor means and methods. The contractor will ultimately determine the use of the easement area.*

*Question: Wasn't there a long range plan to cover the Vine Street Expressway?*  
*Jim Pezzotti: Retaining walls will not support a continuous cover, only the areas in front of the Free Library.*

*Question: With the potential noise issues at night, what recourse would the neighborhood have? Will there be a point of contact?*  
*Craig Suhoskey: Noise restrictions will be investigated.*

*Question: Can the traffic light sequence on the detour route be adjusted?*  
*Jim Pezzotti: This has been considered.*  
*Craig Suhoskey: PennDOT can work with the City, but some traffic signal controllers are not electronic and must be manually timed. The Levels of Service (LOS) will continue to be studied based on volume and timing. Philadelphia Police Department can provide traffic control assistance at intersections if*