



## I. Call to Order and Introductions

The scheduled General Membership meeting of the Logan Square Neighborhood Association was held November 10, 2015 at the Franklin Institute, 222 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

The meeting was called to order by President Drew Murray at 7:02 p.m.

This being a General Membership meeting, the Secretary reported that a quorum of 30 members was present

President Murray welcomed all in attendance to this General Membership Meeting. President Murray thanked the Franklin Institute for providing this evenings meeting space.

President Murray noted that the consent agenda for this evenings meeting had been distributed to all LSNA board members.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the LSNA regularly scheduled Meeting held on October 10, 2015, were not available and will be submitted shortly..

Treasurer's Report: (see Attachment A). It was noted that there was an error of \$512.04 in the Treasurer's Report

*The Treasurer's Report will be corrected and resubmitted for approval (see above)..*

## II. Announcements

- a) President Murray thanked all those who helped with this years LSNA Halloween Party at Coxe Park.
- b) This Saturday will be LOVE YOUR PARK DAY, with clean up starting at 9:00 in code Park and 10:00 a.m in Baldwin Park.

## III. Committee Reports (see Attachment A)

*The Consent Agenda was submitted for approval, with the exception of the Treasurer's Report which will be corrected. Motion to approve Consent Agenda. Seconded. Approved.*

Additional notes from Committee Chairs:

- a) Health & Safety: there have been a series of incidents on the Schuylkill River Trail. Incidents should be reported immediately, and if possible with mile marker information.
- b) Planning & Design Committee: the remapping north of the Pakway in complete, with the mapping of the south side begun. A report on the final outcome will be presented upon completion.
- c) 501(c)3 application process went over budget by \$480. Requested approval of additional funding.

*Motion to allocate an additional \$500 for the 501(c)3 application. Seconded. Approved.*

**V. Presentations**

- a) Dr. Frederic Bertly - SVP Science & Education \_ Franklin Institute provided a far ranging description of the variety of program the Institute provides.

**VI. Zoning Report, Ed Panek, Chair.**

- a) Boy Scouts building, Fairmount Park Conservancy will operate building without any exterior changes, will clean up interior and give LSNA a permanent office/ mailing address, there was a near neighbors meeting. Council President wanted neighborhood consent, unanimous consent form near neighbors.

*Motion, to approve FPC be authorized to operate Boy Scout building as laid out. Seconded. Motion approved.*

- b) Neighbors on 119 N. 21st Street. A dozen near neighbors were present at the previous meeting with the developer, and there will be another meeting in next two weeks. Harry Cook recited all the matters raised regarding could be financing issue, lengthen process, near neighbor input on the project, all of which were agreed upon by developer, all will find its way into NDA. Matter is scheduled to be heard on Nov 3, 2015, continued by ZBA to this date. RCO in September continued until this evening. All issues raised were agreed to be resolved by developer. Near neighbors prefer 3 units rather than 4.

*Motion: contingent on hearing near neighbors who are not able to be present tonight, we can ask for a continuance, issue a non-oppose letter contingent upon further and final review of near neighbors in next two weeks. Seconded. Approved.*

- c) Park Towne Place. Signage outside and on top. We had a meeting and what was discussed was not what they did: too big, deal with other problems. Signs need review and approval by planning commission. Ed will be in touch with City regarding this.

**VII. Old Business**

There was no old business.

**VIII. New Business**

There was no new business.

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn. Meeting ended at 8:28 p.m.

**LSNA TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**October 1 – October 31, 2015**

TD Bank Checking Balance as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 \$ 38,567.31

Cash & Check Receipts

October

- Dues and Contributions \$ 2,350.00
- PayPal Transfer \$ 500.00

Total Receipts \$ 2,850.00

Payments

October

- Frank Kennedy (Magic Biz for block party) \$ 300.00
- Betsy Barber (paper goods for block party) \$ 389.87
- Donna Caffrey (sodas, refreshments for block party) \$ 40.60
- Sandra Owens (Beer for block party) \$ 272.46
- Cheshire Law (filing for 501c3) \$ 734.00

Total Payments \$ 1,736.93

TD Bank Balance as of October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 \$ 39,168.34

Additional funds still in PayPal as of October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015: \$ 1,012.94

**TOTAL BALANCE as of October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 \$ 40,181.28**

(Balance on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014: \$36,082.69)

**LSNA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

November 10, 2015 Board Meeting

**FY15-16 Members – 274**

Residential – 256 (214 Renewals; 42 NEW) 14 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 \$9,460**

Residential – \$7,410

Commercial – \$2,050

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

Submitted by Pat Toy  
Co-Chair, Membership Committee

**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

## **HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT**

November 10, 2015 Board Meeting

### **CSX**

Below is a quick summary of the conversation between Andy Toy and Rodney Oglesby on 11/2/15:

- He was reminded that trains have continued to idle blocking the tracks on more than one occasion - I believe one date was Sunday, Oct 25th. He would have another conversation with the Trainmaster. He felt it was a one-off issue. Also, if engineers are unresponsive to people on the ground they've been instructed not to engage across the CSX system.
- I requested that the trains be held back even further from the intersection (at the parking lot where they will also not be as obtrusive to residents with noise and fumes). He will ask as well
- CSX is still investigating moving the signal further south so the trains can park further from our area. This still won't address those living further south because the length of the trains will still put them there according to Rodney.
- Parking farther north on a side track (to be built) will be very difficult - he says they cannot build another track within the tunnel (I'm not sure if it's physical or cost), but I asked that they look further north through the Park. He said that the right of way is very narrow in some places, so I said if it was a matter of the Park giving up a few feet near the tracks we would advocate for that if it helped. I think they want to find reasons not to do it because it will cost significant \$s.
- Rodney asked me to continue contacting him as issues and ideas arise. He did say that a large company like CSX takes a long time to do anything. I would suggest a follow up meeting in about a month.

### **Homeless**

Incidents of new locations were reported to the 9<sup>th</sup> District. No news from the Homeless Collaborative group meetings with the city. Committee will follow-up,

### **River Walk**

Lt. Johnson and Officer Kiefer from the 9<sup>th</sup> District requested that any person seeing inappropriate behavior or actions along the Schuylkill River trail (River Walk) should immediately call 911. A hearing is scheduled in City Hall by Councilman Kenyatta Johnson to discuss the recent increase of assaults along the trail. Many added safety requests have been submitted to Schuylkill River Trail by the police department, and community residents to improve safety along the trail. So far they have not complied. Several members of the H & S Committee plan to attend. In addition Michael Volpe said he would request that his property

manager inform the residents of Rivers Edge to call 911 if they see anything since many of the apartments face the walk. Information regarding The Schuylkill River Trail is attached.

### **Community Safety Updates**

Colleen Walsh suggested that LSNA Residents sign-up for nextdoor.com. Nextdoor.com is a communication tool available to all residents that they can use for notifying residents of lost and found items such as keys, pets, items for sale and many other uses.

Committee had on-going discussion about events on the parkway and their affect on resident's quality of life, violation of noise (decibel level) for some events as well and mostly MIA as the only paid event on the parkway. Committee members are hopeful that Mayor Elect Kenney will revisit the location of MIA on the parkway. Lt. Johnson said that he believes nothing will change at this time.

Officer Kiefer announced that two final events are scheduled on the Parkway for 2015: The Marathon on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thanksgiving Day Parade on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Meeting Schedule**

Our next committee meeting will be held on January 6, 2016 in the Wi-Fi Room – North Building at Park Towne. LSNA members and LSNA Board members are invited to attend

Respectfully submitted,  
Eilene Frierson  
Chair

## **ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. 119 North 21st Street - The ZBA approved the requested variance for this property on 11/3/15. We advised the Board (and the applicant agreed) that we are drafting a Neighborhood Development Agreement (NDA) for this matter which will be signed, recorded and run with the land. Among other things, the NDA will address and include all the issues the near neighbors raised. The ZBA has no power to enforce such an agreement but it is useful for us to have that on the record.
2. 210 North 21st Street (Old Please Touch Museum) - The proposal is to build 8 townhouses of 38 feet each at this site. There was a near neighbors meeting about this proposed project on 10/28/15. The near neighbors were totally in favor of this proposal, but want various matters included in an NDA. The developer has agreed to enter into an NDA with us about this and to include all the issues raised by the near neighbors. There appear to be continuing issues between the seller and the proposed developer about this matter. If they can be worked out between the seller and the proposed developer, this matter will be presented to LSNA at our December meeting as an RCO.
3. Former Boy Scout Building-On October 20, 2015, near neighbors met with Kathryn Ott Lovell and other representatives of the Fairmount Park Conservancy to discuss the Conservancy's future use of the former Boy Scout Building. At the meeting, near neighbors voted unanimously to approve and support the Fairmount Park Conservancy's use of the building. Council President Darrell Clarke asked that the LSNA Board also vote to approve the Conservancy's use. This vote will take place at the LSNA meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 2015.

There are no other changes to the Zoning Committee Report submitted for 10/13/15. Matters concerning North 23rd Street (#5) and Broad & Callowhill Streets (#7) on that report have been resolved. All the other matters (items 3, 4, 6 & 8) are in progress. In addition we are/will be addressing noise concerns at the Comcast construction site at 19th & Arch.

Respectfully submitted  
Ed Panek; Chair, LSNA Zoning Committee

### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Communications Committee will be publishing the next LSNA Newsletter in January, 2016 and they need your story ideas and volunteers to write some articles. If you have ideas or would like to write an article, please contact the Committee at [communications@LSNAphilly.org](mailto:communications@LSNAphilly.org) . The deadline for submission will be December 28, 2015.

Jim Ruddick; Co-Chair, Communications Committee  
Joe McDermott; Co-Chair, Communications Committee

### **LSNA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Love Your Park Fall Edition will take place on November 14, 2015. The Friends of Baldwin Park will have a cleanup at 10:00 am. The Friends of Coxe Park will have their cleanup at 9:00 am.

Drew Murray; Chair, Beautification Committee

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