



I. Call to Order and Introductions

The scheduled semi-annual general membership meeting of the Logan Square Neighborhood Association was held November 11, 2014, in the 5th floor conference center of the Franklin Institute, 222 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 to this general membership meeting of the association and the Secretary reported that a quorum was present. President Searles thanked the Franklin Institute for the use of the space for the meeting.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the LSNA regularly scheduled monthly meeting held on October 14, 2014, were submitted for approval.

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

Treasurer's Report: It was reported that the LSNA balance for November 10, 2014, was \$36,082.69. (See Attachment A)

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

II. Announcements

- a) President Searles thanked all who helped to make the LSNA School Fair held on October 22, 2014, a great success, in particular Drew Murray who helped to organize this event which promotes the viable education options available to Center City families.
- b) President Searles thanked all those who helped to make the Halloween Party held in Coxe Park a success.
- c) LOVE Your Park Day will be held on November 15 with clean up efforts conducted in Coxe and Baldwin parks.
- d) The gift shop of the Barnes Foundation is offering a 20% discount on items purchased for the holidays to LSNA members.
- e) LSNA is still working on a 2014 Holiday Party. The 2014 LSNA Holiday Party needs volunteers and a location.
- f) The January 2015 LSNA monthly meeting will be held at the Four Seasons Hotel.

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: 239 residential member, this is a 10% increase. (See Attachment B.)
- 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 week. There has been an uptick in auto break-ins, with 8 notebook computers stolen in the last month. The committee is attempting to reach out to other community groups regarding the issue of the CSX shipments of petroleum trains along the Schuylkill River tracks. The Committee will report to the LSNA Board on all matters associated with this issue.
- f) Planning & Design Committee. Sven Schroeter, chair. The Committee met last week. The State Greenways Trails Commission did not approve funding for the proposed greenway along the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. The request can be resubmitted next year.
- g) Education Committee. Drew Murray, chair. No report.
- h) Communications Committee. Joe McDermott, co-chair. No report.
- i) Events Committee, Marissa Piccarreto, chair. No report.
- j) Beautification Committee. Mike Resnic is stepping down from chairing this committee, a replacement is needed.
- k) Zoning Committee. Ed Panek, chair. (See VI. Zoning Report and Attachment C)

IV. Presentations

- a) Rodney Moore, representing the City of Philadelphia leaf collection and recycling program provided an update on changes to this process for center city residents. Notably, that there will no longer be curbside pick up of leaves in center city. Going forward center city home owners need to take bagged leaves to any of the 22 drop off sites in the city. (www.philadelphiastreet.com/leaves/bagged-leaf-drop-off-location-schedule)

VI. Zoning Report (see Attachments C and D)

- a) Ed Panek, Chair, provided additional remarks (below) to his written report (Attachment C).
- b) A Neighborhood Development Agreement ("NDA") was signed and recorded today with Rodin Square, the developer of the Whole Foods project.
- c) An announcement on the selection of the casino site is pending. Ed reminded LSNA, that if the Blatstein casino (proposed to be located in the LSNA area) is selected; that the North Broad Community Coalition (which LSNA is a member) does have an NDA with the developer.

- d) L&I has approved a digital sign for the Franklin Institute. This matter is in litigation and will be appealed to Commonwealth Court.
- e) Construction for 1919 Market Street has resumed, LSNA does have a signed NDA with the developer.
- f) As a matter of information (because it lies outside the LSNA boundary), there is a proposal to construct a 24 story building at 2400 Market Street, the Design Center.
- g) A letter written by the Center City Residents Association ("CCRA") to Council President Darrell Clarke, regarding the Philadelphia Gas Works ("PGW") was read (see Attachment D). CCRA requested this reading to ascertain if there was interest by LSNA to join their effort regarding PGW. There was brief discussion, however there was no resulting affirmation that LSNA join CCRA in this matter.
- h) Councilman Mark Squilla (First District) has proposed a change to the zoning code which would permit an "as of right" building height increase from 35' to 42'. This proposed Floor Area Ratio ("FAR") change to the code may be a problem for LSNA in just how our neighborhood is configured. (See below VI. *New Business*)

V. Old Business

- a) The Treasurer's payment approval process will be presented next month.

VI. New Business

- a) Proposed changes to the FAR in the Zoning Code. Sam Little, provided background to the process by which the new zoning code was developed in conjunction with many neighborhood associations throughout the city (the Crosstown Coalition) and the adverse impact these new changes would present. He made a motion that: that LSNA oppose Councilman Squilla's bill increasing the FAR, in particular the changes to the height limit.

Motion: that LSNA oppose the proposed changes to the zoning code, increasing the FAR and height restrictions. Seconded. Approved.

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn. Meeting ended at 8:39 p.m.

ATTACHMENT A

**Treasurer's Report
October 14 to November 10, 2014**

Balance as of October 14, 2014	\$33,864.09
Cash Receipts	
Dues	2,775.00*
TOTAL	\$36,649.09
Expenses:	
Block Party Total Honorarium	450.00
Rental Fee Barnes Foundation	100.00
Executive Copying	6.40
Total	556.40
Balance as of November 10, 2014	\$36,082.69

*Pay Pal Account has not been accessed.

** Correction to October Treasure's Report – Insurance refund was \$684.00 and not 685.00 as reported.

**LSNA Membership Report
November 11, 2014**

FY14-15 Membership to Date

Residential - 239 (215 Renewals; 24 NEW) (11 added since last report)

Commercial - 26 (24 Renewals; 2 NEW) (4 added since last report)

- **9 Building/Condo Associations (all Renewals)**
- **17 Businesses or Institutes (15 Renewals; 2 new)**

Membership Income to Date

Residential - \$8,210 (\$415 since last report)

Commercial - \$5,735 (\$550 since last report)

- **Building/Condo Associations - \$2,350**
- **Businesses or Institutions - \$3,385**

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

ATTACHMENT C

Zoning Committee Report for November 11, 2014

1. **2100 Hamilton Street** - The developer presented his proposal to the Art Commission on 11/5/14. The Art Commission unanimously rejected the proposal. It gave the developer the option of withdrawing his proposal or rejecting it by voice vote. The developer withdrew. What happens next, if anything, is not known.
2. **23rd & Arch Street/Schuylkill River Project** - The earliest this project will be presented again to LSNA is January of 2015.
3. **23rd & Cherry Street** - No news on this project. If the developer still intends to go forward, he will need a new RCO date to be scheduled with us or will need to revise his proposal or both.
4. **Broad & Callowhill** - The developer advised us that they are going to go forward with this project but need further permits from the City first.
5. **1823 Callowhill Street** - The developer presented very preliminary plans to us last month. We have heard nothing since.
6. **New Family Court Building on 15th Street** - They plan to open November 17th. The Cherry Street Coalition met with representatives of GSA, the contractor, and the Courts on November 5. Additional meetings are planned to obtain details regarding the art work on Cherry Street, the roof of the new Court Building, the security and feeding of litigants, and the design and utility of Love Park re this facility. The City may have to be involved in this.
7. **Old Please Touch Museum** - Toll Brothers may want to build retail (first floor) and 4 stories of condos above; another developer may want to build office space there. Current zoning would not permit either project.
8. **Near Neighbor Meetings Still To Be Scheduled** - These include 2124 Race Street; the items in # 7 above; and possibly 2100 Hamilton Street.
9. **The Granary** - We need to resolve issues we presented to the developer some time ago.
10. **1528 Cherry Street** - The developers for this site met with us re the work described in #6 above and we made progress regarding the neighborhood development agreement for this project.
11. **Continuing Work On Neighborhood Development Agreements (NDAs)** - These include Park Towne; Comcast Tower II; 1528 Cherry Street; Callowhill Street 15th to 13th; Vine Street 16th to 18th; and the Old Family Court Building.
12. **Executed NDAs Recordation** - NDAs for Museum Towers II and Whole Foods/Rodin Square have been executed but still need to be recorded.

ATTACHMENT C (cont'd)

13. **Casino** - The Inquirer has reported that the Gaming Control Commission will meet and likely announce who will get the second casino license for Philadelphia on November 18 at 1 pm at the Convention Center. One of the applicants proposes to build at the old Inquirer building on North Broad Street. I will be present for this. Assuming a license is awarded, I anticipate that there will be litigation and that nothing will move forward for some time. If a license is granted to the applicant in the LSNA area, the North Broad Street Coalition, of which LSNA is a member, has a signed agreement with the developer that will protect our interests.
14. **The Benjamin Franklin Institute** - Two items: (a) the shimmer wall and construction on the South side have been completed; and (b) L&I has approved the Institute's request for a digital sign on the Parkway. The matter is currently on appeal in the Commonwealth Court and is not likely to be resolved before the end of the year. But the appeal does not act as a bar or stay to whatever the Institute wants to do.
15. **1919 Market Street** - Construction is underway.
16. **2400 Market Street** - While this project is not in our jurisdiction, I understand that the site has been sold and that plans are for a retail/apartment complex.

Respectfully Submitted

Ed Panek
Zoning Chair, LSNA
November 10, 2014



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November 6, 2014

Hon. Darrell Clarke
City Council President
Room 490 City Hall
Philadelphia, PA 19107-3290

RE: Proposed PGW Sale and Lack of Public Hearing

Dear Council President Clarke:

I am writing on behalf of Center City Residents' Association to express our dismay regarding the fashion in which the sale of the Philadelphia Gas Works has been processed.

We were distressed to observe that this initiative was scuttled:

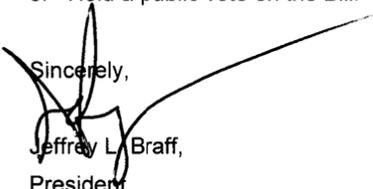
1. Without a public vote AND, even more concerning,
2. Without any opportunity for public input.

In writing this letter, we take no position, pro or con, on the sale's merits. It would be irresponsible of us to do this without both reviewing the consultant's report and hearing the opinions of our elected representatives and of our fellow Philadelphians just as it was irresponsible of Council to scuttle the sale proposal without hearing the opinions of the citizenry.

We are therefore requesting that Council:

1. Introduce the administration's suggested legislation
2. Convene public hearings on the Bill and
3. Hold a public vote on the Bill.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey L. Braff,
President

P.S. We are aware of the public hearings now scheduled for November 13 and 14 "to fully explore opportunities to further establish the Philadelphia region as an energy hub." In our view, this does not remedy the current situation.