



I. Call to Order and Introductions

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Logan Square Neighborhood Association was held October 13, 2015 at the Atria Center City, 150 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

The meeting was called to order by President Drew Murray at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Drew Murray (President), Jovida Hill (Vice President), Dennis Boylan (Secretary), Andy Toy (Treasurer), Bill & Lynn Armstead, Edward Dougherty, Laura Foster/Aaron Goldblatt, Rich Leimbach, Hassam MirsaeedEdward Novack, Sandra Owens, Edward Panek, Francine Pollock, Gayle Ruggeri, Joe Sirbak, Anita & Dan Solis-Cohen, Tully Speaker,, Pat Toy, Nancy & Don Weinberg, Linda Wong, Jim Fennell (Tivoli), Jim Ruddick (City View South), Donna Ferrari (Beechwood Commons), Louise Quattrone (Kennedy House).

Not Present: Zac Arbitman, Wendy Blume, Michael Hoffberg, Valeria Lagauskas, Kristen Maynes, Robert Sutton, Eileen Frierson (Park Towne Place), Sheryl Johnson (City View North), Sven Schroeter (2200 Arch), Pam Doggett (The Phoenix), Robert Funk (2201 Condominium), Brian Robbins (Penn Center House), Jennifer Robinson (Watermark), Ruth Rump (Sterling), Mathew Cohen (River's Edge), Sean Kardon (The Arches) and David Searles (Ex Officio).

President Murray welcomed all in attendance to this monthly meeting of the association; the Secretary reported that a quorum was present. President Murray thanked Katherine Thornton and the Atria Center City for providing this evenings meeting space.

President Murray provided an overview of how the use of a "Consent Agenda" is to facilitate the process and not meant to replace dialogue. President Murray also announced the formation of a by-laws committee to be co-chaired by Ed Panek and Joe Sirbek. The committee will begin with a review of the by-laws as they presently exist and will then proceed to reach out to the committee chairs for their input.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the LSNA regularly scheduled Meeting held on July 14, 2015, were submitted for approval.

*Motion to approve the July 2015 LSNA Meeting minutes.
Seconded. Approved.*

Treasurer's Report: (see Attachment A)

*Motion to approve the Treasurer's report.
Seconded. Approved.*

II. Announcements

- a) There will be a LSNA General Membership meeting held at the Franklin Institute on November 10, 2015.
- b) LSNA has been designated a 501(c)3. Many thanks to Andy Toy.
- c) The June 5 Memorial at 22nd & Market continues to meet, Sam Little has represented LSNA. The memorial fund has raised \$1.4M to date.
- d) President Murray thanked ED Novack for his successful conduct of the LSNA Block Party.

- e) The 4th Annual School Fair was held at the Franklin Institute. 17 Schools were represented and 200 parents attended.
- f) LSNA member Jen Hallgren has launched a new magazine *twenty5square* chichis focused on center city.

III. Committee Reports (see Attachment A)

IV. RCO Presentatio

- a) RCO presentation: 119 north 21st Street. Attorney Harry Cook presented for the owner, Vernon Anastasia. The property developer has held near a meeting with near neighbors and plans to conduct a subsequent meeting as well. A number of concerns were presented during these discussions: construction timing, rodent infestation, trash removal, parking by contractors, construction loading procedures, The developer estimates that it will take 4-6 months to complete the proposed construction which will take place from 8-5 Monday through Saturday. The developer will enter into a NDA and provide the phone numbers for the project foreman. Construction will commence 30 days after the permits are filed. The request is for a variance to construct 4 apartment units.

V. Presentations

- a) PHS Rail Park Pop Up Garden. Tammy Lee Demint, Le Ann Campbell presenters. PHS received a Pew Foundation Grant to bring attention to rail park, one to do a pop up along the rail line, second to “do art” along it, third to do a plant inventory. Walter Hood from Oaklyn CA to do pop up garden design and artist Abby Soan, a Philadelphia native living in UK. Tammy Lee will do community outreach. Under consideration is the original site by Community College, which has been deemed as too expensive, the project is now looking at 10th & Hamilton. It is still uncertain where art installations will go. Goal: raise awareness of large initialized landscape through a small HSP exhibition in and around popup garden, there will be something in the LSNA neighborhood.
- b) Amy “City Mural Arts Program” Chock presented for Open Source Philadelphia intending to be a ground breaking project representing 14 artists and creating a diverse art scape around the city.
- c) Jany Lee, Executive Director of Penn’s Village an organization of international “aging in place movement”. It has been around since 2001, founded in Boston and is trying to promote its concept, membership organization, and programs all over Central Philadelphia. It provides services (transportation) and shopping, does errands, provides companionship, and all types of voluntary good works.

VI. Zoning Report, Ed Panek, Chair.

- a) Near 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.

b) 210 N. 21st Street. Old please touch museums, 8 townhouses to be built 38' high (could be done as of right) want to do something else, which ed does not understand, given tow dates to meet, too short notice, will set up for last Tuesday or Wednesday in October at franklin institute. Only know parking at grade off van pelt street.

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.

d) Grannery: we have a filed, recorded NDA. Tower portion is unsightly - we need to do something - need to contact developer - even if it is legal enforcement, may need funds to do so. Will review over next tow weeks. Possible to get political persuasion.

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 8:25 p.m.

LSNA TREASURER'S REPORT

September 1 – September 30, 2015

TD Bank Checking Balance as of August 31 st , 2015	\$41,917.54
<u>Cash & Check Receipts</u>	
September	
• Dues	\$ 00
• PayPal Transfer	\$ 00
<u>Total Receipts</u>	\$ 00
<u>Payments</u>	
September	
• Cheshire Law (501C3 Application work)	\$ 809.00
• Phila Insurance Company (Liability Insurance)	\$ 1,497.00
• Sarah Stuart (State Application Fee –Winter St Gateway)	\$ 200.00
• Cheshire Law (501C3 application work)	\$ 662.00
• Ed Novack (reimbursement for spirits for block party)	\$ 182.23
<u>Total Payments</u>	\$ 3,350.23
TD Bank Balance as of September 30 th , 2015	\$ 38,567.31
Additional funds still in PayPal as of September 30 th , 2015:	\$ <u>1,512.94</u>
TOTAL BALANCE as of September 30th , 2015	\$ 40,080.25

(Balance on October 14th, 2014: \$33,864.09)

LSNA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

October 13, 2015 Board Meeting

FY15-16 Members - 262

Residential - 248 (211 Renewals; 37 NEW) 17 still due for Renewal

Commercial - 14 (10 Renewals; 4 NEW)

- 9 Bldg/Condo Associations (7 Renewal; - NEW) 6 due for Renewal
- 5 Businesses or Institutes (3 Renewals; 2 NEW) 16 due for Renewal

FY15-16 Membership Income - Total \$8,840

Residential - \$7,190

Commercial - \$1,650

- Bldg/Condo Associations - \$1,350
- Businesses or Institutions - \$300

NOTE: Correction to September report.

Total Residential Members for September is corrected to 217 (188 Renewals; 29 NEW). Number previously reported in September did not include 34 members carried from July report.

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

Submitted by Pat Toy
Co-Chair, Membership Committee

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

World Meeting of Families

The event went well and there were no reported incidents in our community that we were brought to the committee's attention.

We recently received a few inquiries on our website that litter baskets removed prior to the Pope's visit have not been replaced. This is being investigated with the city and a reply will be sent out when received.

CSX

A meeting was held in the office of Senator Farnese on October 2, 2015 to review the notes from two previous meetings with CSX as well their presentation at a recent LSNA Board meeting. In attendance was - George Farrell in State Senator Farnese's office who organized the meeting along with Sally Keaveney, Senator Farnese's chief of staff; Cheryl Bullock representing US Senator Casey, Rodney Oglesby, Maurice O'Connell from CSX, Regional CSX VP Northeast Region from Selkirk, NY and Peggy Smith, CSX Community Affairs & Safety Manager from Baltimore. Logan Square Neighborhood and Center City Residents Association were both represented.

The purpose of the meeting was to follow up on two previous meetings this year (4/23 and 7/1) at which CSX agreed to work with its Operations people to determine ways to reduce negative impacts upon the communities adjacent to the CSX tracks on the Schuylkill River. The original plan was to meet with Operations (Train Master) to understand how trains can or can't be held back from this area and how to improve operations. This is a densely populated area with residents within feet of the railroad tracks. The other objective was an update on safety efforts and improvements underway. Cheryl Bullock relayed correspondence from CEO Michael Ward's direct conversation and letter to Senator Casey committing to safety improvements and working with our communities.

Andy Toy has sent the CSX representatives meeting notes for distribution and once that has been received LSNA members will receive more updated information. Our initial impression is the CSX is working to improve service in this area and has heard all of the complaints and concerns raised by the community

Homeless

Drew received a very informative newsletter about the homeless in our city. It is attached for your review.

Our next committee meeting will be held on November 4th 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

PLANNING & DESIGN COMMITTEE REPORT

Oct. 7th 2015 / Tivoli Community Rm.

Discussion Summary:

1. 119 North 21st Street;

Regarding this proposed building renovation / change of use, the committee discussed ongoing neighbor concerns, the latest developer proposal, and when it would be possible to have a near neighbors meeting with the applicant and/or his attorney. A near neighbor meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

2. Center City Zoning Re-mapping

As a follow up to the near neighbors meeting regarding remapping issues and proposals for the north side of the Parkway, the committee proposed asking John Gibbons to circulate his recommendations on at least three key blocks by email in the coming weeks. The PDC would then invite John to attend the next committee meeting in November for discussion of strategy in achieving the recommendations with the city. We would subsequently meet with PCPC staff for feedback. Meantime, our goal would be to schedule a meeting with PCPC staff and near neighbors to hear and discuss proposals and concerns for the south side of the Parkway at the January 6th, 2016 PDC meeting.

3. Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Following the community's latest experience of back to back large scale events on the Parkway, the committee discussed the city's potential overuse or even mis-use of the space. Especially in light of Parks and Rec's efforts to transform the Parkway into more of a neighborhood-scale amenity, the closures and disruptions caused by large events would seem to be in conflict with those goals. It was suggested that we might approach the city with our concerns and propose ideas for shifting events to other venues which might be better suited, such as the redeveloping Delaware River waterfront.

4. PennDOT Street Disruptions

Closures, detours, and traffic modifications caused by PennDOT bridge repair work around Logan Square seem to be causing increased disruptions in the neighborhood. The committee discussed the apparent lack of communication, news and updates from PennDOT regarding current work. It was suggested that LSNA request another presentation from PennDOT's project managers with updates on both the Parkway / Logan Square and JFK Boulevard bridge repair projects, along with a request for better communication with the neighborhood on work-related impacts.

5. Next PDC Meeting

The next PDC meeting will be Wed. Nov. 4th at the Tivoli's community room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sven Schroeter

ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT

1. 119 North 21st Street - There will be a near neighbors meeting with the attorney and architect at 6 pm tonight at the Atria preceding our Board meeting at which there will be a continuation of the RCO meeting on this matter from 9/8/15. There will be a vote on a letter of non opposition at our Board meeting tonight, conditioned upon the approval of the near neighbors. If they require additional time, the near neighbors will meet again with the attorney and architect prior to the ZBA hearing this matter. The current hearing date by the ZBA on this matter is 11/3/15. Issues include the number of units (4 or 3), rat and pest control, trash removal, rehab of the front of the building, parking, dumpster location, if applicable, for construction and hours of work. The developer has agreed to enter into a Neighborhood Development Agreement (NDA). Resolution of the issues listed above will be folded into the NDA.
2. 210 North 21st Street (Old Please Touch Museum) - A developer wants to build 8 townhouses at this location. They reportedly each will be 38 feet high with parking at grade off Van Pelt Street. Most all of this the developer can do as of right but there are some other issues they say will require them to obtain a variance(s). We are trying to set up a near neighbors meeting on this at the Franklin Institute next Tuesday or Wednesday (the 20th or 21st).
3. Park Towne Place - There are concerns about the size of the signage and some other issues which we will have to work out through their attorney.
4. The Granary - Despite our recorded NDA on this development, work has languished, if not ceased, on the North side of this development. We are seeking a meeting on this matter. Additional options include enforcement of the provisions of our NDA and or political intervention.
5. North 23rd Street - Residents and the developer have concluded and signed an agreement regarding this matter, which we expect to fold into our NDA concerning the project.
6. 19th Street Museum Towers - Construction continues sometimes with problems of ingress egress or other inconveniences to the near neighbors. So far, all such problems have been resolved as they arose.
7. Broad and Callowhill - Representatives of LSNA and the Callowhill Civic Association met with the developer and approved the issuance of minor administrative variances which have now been issued to the developer and the project is expected to begin soon.

8. 1944 Hamilton Street - We previously issued a letter of non opposition for this matter. Since then the owners have decided to make insignificant changes to their proposal before submitting to L&I and the ZBA. We do not believe that LSNA needs to rehear this matter and that everything is covered by our letter of non opposition.

Respectfully submitted
Ed Panek; Chair, LSNA Zoning Committee

LSNA BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Bylaws Committee met on October 6, 2015. The committee reviewed the Articles of Incorporation and began its work of reviewing the bylaws, reaching consensus on a number of updates. The Bylaws Committee will be reaching out to the other active committees for input on the provisions of the bylaws that describe the committees.

Joe Sirbak; Co-Chair, Bylaws Committee

LSNA EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The 4th Annual School Fair was on October 5, 2015 at The Franklin Institute from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Seventeen schools participated in the Fair. The schools in attendance represented public, charter, parochial and independent institutions. A total of 181 parents and children attended.

Drew Murray; Co-Chair, Education 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; Co-Chair, Education Committee

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