



## **I. Call to Order and Introductions**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Logan Square Neighborhood Association was held September 9, 2014 in the 4th Floor Auditorium of the Watermark at Logan Square, Two Franklin Town Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19130.

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

President Searles welcomed all in attendance to the 2014-2015 session of the association meetings and the Secretary after taking roll, reported that a quorum was present. President Searles thanked the Watermark at Logan Square for the use of the meeting space this evenings meeting.

Present: David Searles (President), John Barrett (Vice President), Sheryl L. Johnson (Treasurer), Dennis Boylan (Secretary), Bill / Lynn Armstead, Arron Goldblatt / Laura Foster, Jennifer Hallgren, Kristen Hayduk, Jovida Hill, Jim McGrath, Drew Murray, Sandra Owens, Ed Panek,, Gayle Ruggieri, Joe Sirbak / Marissa Piccarreto, Daniel / Anita Solis-Cohen, Tully Speaker, Andy / Pat Toy, Donald / Nancy Weinberg, Sam Little (ex President, ex officio), Association representatives: Jim Fennell (Tivoli), Sven Schroeter (22 Arch), Linda Wong (Riverside Presbyterian Apartments).

Not Present: Jill Bazelon, Wendy Blume, David Cardy, Helene Furjian / Jeremy Lehman, Robert Hazlett, Mike Hoffberg, Valerie Laugauskus, Monique Manners, Francine Pollock, Matthew Cohen (Rivers Edge), Pam Doggett (The Phoenix), Eileen Frierson (Park Towne Place), Robert Funk (2201 Condominiums), Sean Kardon (The Arches), 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).

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the LSNA regularly scheduled monthly meeting held on July 8, 2014 , were submitted for approval.

*Motion to approve the July 2014 LSNA Meeting minutes. Seconded. Approved.*

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Johnson reported that the LSNA balance for August 31, 2014 was \$30,429.84 (See Attachment A).

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

## **II. Announcements**

- a) The 2014 LSNA Block Party will be held on Sunday, September 21, 2014, from 4-8 p.m at 100 Crosskey Street. Ed Novack, Event Chair, needs volunteers for pick up and set up duties as well as help with cooking, bar tending and ice.
- b) Construction of a staging area (part of the PENDOT project) will begin on the 2000 block of Winter Street shortly and continue through 2017.
- c) The Citizens Planning Institute application deadline is September 25, 2014. This is a City of Philadelphia sponsored initiative focused on the development of basic city planning skills for neighborhood associations.

## **III. Committee Reports**

- a) Bylaws Committee. Ed Panek, chair. No report.
- b) Membership Committee. Jen Hallgren and Pat Toy, co-chairs. LSNA membership stands at 163 Residential and 14 Commercial members (See Attachment B). The committee has decided to use a July 1 through June 30 membership year. Memberships paid since January 2014, will be carried forward as having paid for the July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015 membership year. The committee conducted a membership drive using renewal thank you letters and door hanger applications distributed throughout the neighborhood. The committee also noted that LSNA Board members need to be current dues paying members "in good standing" and that only 6 of the 12 condo associations are at present paid members. The committee also reported that the "Block Captain" system was functioning again.
- c) Nominations Committee. Andy Toy, chair. No report.
- d) Finance Committee. Sheryl Johnston, chair. No report.
- e) Health & Safety Committee. John Barrett and Eileen Frierson, co-chairs. There will be a Committee meeting tomorrow evening (September 10, 2014) at Park Towne Place at 7:00 p.m. to review the Made In America (MIA) event.
- f) Planning & Design Committee. Sven Schroeter, chair. The Committee met last night (September 8, 2014) to discuss the RCO for 23rd & Cherry Streets and 2100 Hamilton Street. (See Attachment C - Zoning Report).
- g) Education Committee. Drew Murray, chair. School Fair will be conducted at the Franklin Institute on October 22, 2014 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Dr. Hite will be speaking at the Friends Center on September 16, 2014.
- h) Communications Committee. Joe McDermott, co-chair. No report.
- i) Events Committee, Marissa Piccarreto, chair. No report.
- j) Zoning Committee. Ed Panek, chair. (See VI. Zoning Report and Attachment C)

#### **IV. Presentations**

- a) The Giving Tree Daycare and Preschool. Tammy Dwyer presented on a proposed expansion the school is considering know as "TGT on Race". The proposed expansion is meant to keep the school small, accommodating 30-35 children, with indoor and outdoor activities on site and offer stroller parking to promote walking to school. There are 73 families within a 1 mile radius of the current school on the waiting list. What the school is asking for is a reserved loading zone on 2100 block of Race Street for 1-2 cars to accommodate drop offs. It was suggested that this reserved loading zone have a time restriction, so that the spaces could be used for parking when, not for use by the day care for pickup and drop off.
- b) Fr. Dennis Gill, Rector of the Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul presented on the plans for the upcoming 150th Anniversary of the Cathedral, starting on Sunday, November 23, 2014.

#### **VI. Zoning Report (see Attachment C)**

- a) Ed Panek, Chair, noted that there were no zoning motions to come before the Board this evening. In addition to the published report (Attachment C), there were several questions: Q: Had there been any progress with the Family Court building project? A: No further information such as preliminary sketches have been seen. Q: What is the status of the Mormon Temple NDA? A: It will be wrapped into the NDA for the proposed Mormon Tower project to be constructed on the adjacent block. Q: What is the status of the 23rd & Cherry and 2100 Hamilton proposals? A: Both projects are divergent to the LSNA Neighborhood Development Plan and the Board as a whole should protect the plan. The LSNA Board needs to hear from the near neighbors regarding their position on the 23rd & Cherry proposal before taking next steps.

#### **V. Old Business**

- a) Budget Submissions. President Searles noted that the chairs of all the LSNA Committees have submitted budgets for the upcoming year of 2014-2015 and that a review of the previous years expenditures has shown an 80% reporting rate. The Finance Committee will provide a full and complete report at an upcoming meeting.
- b) Railroad Safety. Michael Volpe's detailed position paper is available on the LSNA website. He reported that he was meeting with the Philadelphia Inquirer editorial board seeking their endorsement on this issue and is seeking a similar endorsement from LSNA.

*Motion to endorse the Railroad Safety position paper in principle and that Michael Volpe should be appointed a Health & Safety Committee subcommittee chair and that he should keep the LSNA Board informed regarding any actions and recommendations this sub-committee may take. Seconded. Approved.*

- c) Made In America (MIA). John Barrett noted that previous efforts to inform the Mayor and City Council about the positives and negatives of this event have not been effective. LSNA now needs to ask what steps the Association can undertake to effectively communicate concerns regarding this event with the City.

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn. Meeting ended at 9:07 p.m.

**ATTACHMENT A**

LSNA  
Treasurer's Report  
July 1, 2014 to August 31, 2014

Balance July 1, 2014		31,334.84
Cash Receipts		
Dues	440.00	
Sponsorships	400.00	
Total	840.00	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32,174.84</b>
Expenses		
General Liability Insurance	1,745.00	
Total		1,745.00
Balance August 31, 2014		30,429.84

**ATTACHMENT B**

**LSNA Membership Report  
September 9, 2014**

**FY14-15 Membership to Date**

Residential – 163 (155 Renewals; 8 NEW) (34 Jan – June)

Commercial – 14

- 6 Building/Condo Associations (3 Jan – June)
- 8 Businesses or Institutes (3 Jan – June)

**Membership Income**

Residential - \$5,720 (\$995 from Jan 2014 – June 2014)

Commercial - \$3,600

- Building/Condo Associations - \$1,750 (\$1,200 from Jan – June)
- Businesses or Institutions - \$1,850 (\$450 from Jan – June)

Submitted by Pat Toy  
Co-Chair, Membership Committee

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Gentlemen here is the Zoning Committee Report for the LSNA Board meeting tonight for circulation to the Board..

Zoning Committee Report For September 9, 2014

1. 1900 - 1924 Arch Street - An agreement has been reached between Philadelphia Management (PM) and the Kennedy House on an amendment to their previously recorded agreement. This will be notarized and recorded this week or early next week. PM has issued an agreed upon check to the Kennedy House in the amount of \$45,000 for violations of the original agreement and the funds have been deposited and collected. LSNA will then also enter into a "me too" amendment to the recorded agreement LSNA has with PM. LSNA and PM have already agreed upon the terms of this amendment. So, this should end this long running matter.
2. 1919 - 1943 Market Street - We have finalized an agreement with the developer. Signatures will be notarized and the agreement recorded this week. Among other things, the agreement provides for continued unfettered access on Commerce Street and an Escrow provision in the amount of \$15,000 in the unlikely event of any dispute.
3. 2124 Race Street - There will be a presentation tonight about a possible proposal for a daycare and preschool operation at this site by the owner and operator of other daycare and preschool operations, including one on North 22nd Street. This presentation is for information and discussion only.
4. Old Please Touch Museum on N 21st Street - This site has been operated as an art gallery under the name IBrewster. The owner, Nicky Isen, advised me that they were relocating their operations to 1919 Walnut Street and would be seeking to sell their 21st Street location - not through a realtor but by private bids. The first attempt to do so failed and there is no new owner yet.
5. Race Street 22nd To 21st Street - The street is currently closed for PGW and other utility connections. These should be completed soon and then the street will be repaved and reopened to the public.
6. 23rd & Cherry Street - Philadelphia Management hopes to make a RCO presentation for their proposed 26 story project at this site at our October Board meeting (10/14/14). We anticipate holding an internal near neighbors meeting in advance of this.
7. 2100 Hamilton Street - Cross Properties, which made an information only presentation at our July Board meeting, would also like to get to an RCO by our October Board meeting. However, as I advised them, we have to have our near neighbors meeting(s) prior to any RCO. We were not able to get this organized in August.
8. River Park at 23rd & Arch - We have had no communications from the developer about this proposed project recently.
9. Whole Foods/Rodin Square At 2100 & Hamilton - Ground breaking was last week. We expect the Neighborhood Development Agreement (NDA) to be recorded shortly.
10. Dilworth Plaza - Was dedicated this past week.

**ATTACHMENT C (cont'd)**

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11. The Granary - The developer is doing work on the tower but still owes us answers regarding several issues the committee posed many months ago. Due to vacations and the press of other matters, we have not been able to get answers to these in August but will pursue them this month.

12. Sister Cities Park - We approved a letter on non opposition for some technical matters at our July Board meeting but this matter has not been scheduled for presentation to the ZBA yet.

13. Various Other Projects - Work continues on Neighborhood Development Agreements for the following projects: Park Towne; Comcast Tower II; 1528 Cherry Street; Callowhill Street 15th to 13th Streets; Vine Street 16th to 18th; and the old Family Court Building.

14. New Family Court Building On 15th Street - This project will be completed soon. The Cherry Street Coalition with the help of LSNA will need to meet with Council members and City representatives to ensure appropriate security, beautification, traffic flow, and eating facilities.

Respectfully Submitted

Ed Panek  
Zoning Chair, LSNA  
September 9, 2014