



## **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 Franklin Institute, located at 222 N. 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), Sonia Lee (Treasurer), Dennis Boylan (Secretary), Rosie Adams, Bill Armstead, Gillian (Jill) Bazelon, Wendy Blume, Jovida Hill, Mike Hoffberg / Sharon Hoffberg, Sheryl Johnson, Valerie Lagauskas, Drew Murray, Sandra Owens, Ed Panek, Fran Pollock, Dan Solis-Cohen / Anita Solis-Cohen, Tully Speaker, Robert Sutton, Pat Toy / Andy Toy, Donald Weinberg / Nancy Weinberg, Sam Little (ex President, ex officio), Matthew Cohen (Rivers Edge Condominium), Eilene Frierson (Park Towne Place), Sven Schroeter (2200 Arch), Linda Wond (158 N. 23rd St.).

Not Present: John Barrett (Vice President), Alexander Barth, Jennifer Hallgren, Jim McGrath, Gayle Ruggeri, Joe Sirbak II / Marisa Piccarreto, Lori Westler, Pam Doggett (The Phoenix), Jim Fennell (The Tivoli), 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 January 2014 meeting were not completed and therefore not available at this time, they will be submitted for approval at the March 2014 monthly meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Lee reported that as of January 31, 2014 the LSNA account held \$28,916.26.

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

## II. Announcements

- A) Trash pick-up will be delayed one day, due to the President's Day holiday.
- B) The Christmas Tree re-cycling initiative resulted in a \$62.00 donation to LSNA
- C) Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) will conduct Rain Barrel workshops, please see the flyer available at this meeting for times, dates and locations.
- D) 22nd & Market Memorial Proposal: there will be a Community Meeting at the College of Physicians 19 S. 22nd Street on Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
- E) Membership Committee changes. President Searles thanked Tully Speaker for his many years of service as LSNA Membership Committee Chair. This will be Tully's last tempting as Membership Chair. The new Co-Chairs of the committee will be Pat Toy and Jen Hallgren.

## III. Committee Reports

- A) Bylaws Committee. Ed Panek, Chair. No report
- B) Membership Committee. Tully Speaker, Chair. Membership income in January 2014 was \$550.00 bringing the total for the Membership year ending 30 June 2014 to \$14,692.50. Membership increased last month by 8 bringing total paid-up membership to 304. *Motion to accept Membership Report. Seconded. Approved.*
- C) Health and Safety Committee. Eileen Frierson, Co-Chair. The recent snowstorms have prevented the committee from meeting, it will meet as soon as the weather breaks.
- D) Planning and Design Committee. Sven Schroeter, Chair. LSNA has sent a letter to L&I with comments on the proposed Hanover project on North Broad Street.
- E) Education Committee. Drew Murray, Co-Chair. No Report.
- F) Communications Committee. Jim Ruddick, Co-Chair. No Report.
- G) Events and Activities Committee. No Report.

## IV. Presentations

- A) Parkway Improvements at Park Towne Place (2201 Park Towne Plaza) consistent with "More Park, Less Way". Presentation by LRSLA Studio (Julie Bush, ASLA and Karen

Skafta, ASLA) and Mark Focht, FASLA, city of Philadelphia, First Deputy Commissioner of Parks & Facilities). These proposed improvements are part of the larger project of Parkway improvements initiated by Mayor Nutter and are consistent with the “More Park. Less Way” survey. These plans for the area in front of Park Towne Place have been presented to the residents of that development and it is now being presented to LSNA prior to going to the Art Commission for approval. The goal of this set of improvements is to present an inviting, passive space with public art, multiple walkways, open lawn areas with small paved spaces for small group gatherings, vending carts consistent with the overall Benjamin Franklin Parkway design guidelines. These improvements will cost \$3.5m and are to be completed by the end of 2015. Detailed plans and schematics were shown to those present. There were a number of questions from those in attendance: Q: Will there be public rest rooms in this space? A: No. Q: What type of lighting will be used along the north edge of the project? A: the pedestrian type, currently employed elsewhere along the Parkway. Q: Is there a noise concern? A: No, this will not change anything about the present use of the space, it is designed to be a “passive” space. Q: will there be advertising? A: No advertising.

- B) River Walk at 23rd & Arch Streets. Gensler Associates presented a new project to be developed by MP International consisting of multiple structures along 23rd Street starting at JFK Boulevard going north toward River’s Edge. Their purpose this evening was to present their concept and seek feedback from the local neighbors. They seek to have this project work well with the community and address concerns regarding density, traffic and views. There were a series of renderings and plans shown to those in attendance. The developers are looking for neighborhood feedback. There were a number of questions: Q: will there be a big box store? A: more likely there will be a grocery store. Q: will there be a connection to the bike path? A: A: Yes, working with CSX on this issue. Q: why type of residences? A: Condominiums. Q: How many parking spaces? A: 650. Q: What will th unit count be? A: 665. Q: If approved, when would construction begin? A: Summer, 2015.

## **V. Zoning Committee Report**

Ed Panek, Chair. (See Attachment A for written report)

## **VI. New Business**

President Searles asked the Board to refrain from the use of blanket emails to discuss topics, rather list serve will be established to facilitate electronic communications.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was proposed, seconded and approved. Meeting concluded at 9:20 p.m.

## ATTACHMENT A (Zoning Report)

### Zoning Committee Report for February 11, 2014

1. **Comcast Tower Building At 1800 - 1900 Arch Street** - This project was recently announced. It appears to be basically by right. There will be a presentation about the project to the Kennedy House tonight (2/6/14). We have reason to believe the developer, Liberty Property Trust, will agree to at least a basic Neighborhood Development Agreement (NDA) with the Kennedy House and LSNA.
2. **1900 Arch Street** - We have a meeting scheduled with Philadelphia Management (PM) at the Kennedy House on 2/13/14 to discuss and hopefully finalize amendments to agreements with both LSNA and the Kennedy House. We will also discuss plans for 1924 Arch and how PM can cooperate with both LSNA and the Kennedy House regarding the Comcast Tower Building.
3. **1924 Arch Street** - This site has been acquired by PM which plans to demolish it and build additional units to connect to its construction already in progress at 1900 Arch Street. See (2) above. We will discuss whether this needs to be added to the agreements we already have or are amending or whether it should be the subject of separate agreements.
4. **The Granary** - We met with the developers on January 23rd and discussed our questions and concerns with them. They agreed to reply to each of our concerns on or before the end of February.
5. **Museum Towers II** - We have just recently received a final list of items for possible inclusion in or modification of the agreement we previously entered into with the developer and will now consider and discuss them.
6. **Park Towne Towers** - The owner (AIMCO) wants to make various internal improvements. It will present to the Board on 2/11/14. We anticipate a NDA.
7. **Park Towne Place** - The City wants to make various changes to the strip of land immediately to the North of Park Towne. It will present these plans to the Board on 2/11/14.
8. **23rd & Arch (Schuylkill River Project)** - The developer will update the Board on its plans at our meeting on 2/11/14.
9. **1600 - 1700 Vine Street** - As previously reported, the Church Of The Latter Day Saints (Mormons) acquired this site from the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority many, many months ago. They are now prepared to announce their plans for this site, all of which are reportedly by right. Their announcement will be with the Mayor on 2/12/14. They wanted to present to us on 2/11/14 to give us advance notice. However, our agenda for that night is full and has been for some time (see items 6, 7, and 8 above). They have agreed to present to us at our March meeting and, despite the fact that they can proceed as of right, will enter into a NDA with us. This can be logically combined with their plans for 1700 - 1800 Vine Street.
11. **20th & Market** - We continue to work on a NDA with counsel for Brandywine Realty Trust.
12. **The Provance** - The agreement that was entered by members of the North Broad Street Coalition with Tower Investments is anticipated to be recorded either this week or next.