



## **I. Call to order and introductions**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Logan Square Neighborhood Association was held in the Community Room of the Watermark at Logan Square, located at Two Franklinton Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19130 on Tuesday January 14, 2014.

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

President Searles welcomed all in attendance and noted that a quorum was present.

Present: David Searles (President), John Barrett (Vice President), Sonia Lee (Treasurer), Rosie Adams, Bill Armstead, Wendy Blume, Jennifer Hallgren, Jovida Hill, Mike Hoffberg / Sharon Hoffberg, Sheryl Johnson, Drew Murray, Sandra Owens, Ed Panek, Joe Sirbak II / Marisa Piccarreto, Tully Speaker, Robert Sutton, Pat Toy / Andy Toy, Donald Weinberg / Nancy Weinberg, Sam Little (ex President, ex officio), Matthew Cohen (Rivers Edge Condominium), Jim Fennell (The Tivoli), Sven Schroeter (2200 Arch), Linda Wond (158 N. 23rd St.), Matt Cohen (River's Edge).

Not present: Dennis Boylan (Secretary, Alexander Barth, Gillian (Jill) Bazelon, Valerie Lagauskas, Jim McGrath, Fran Pollock, Gayle Ruggeri, Dan Solis-Cohen / Anita Solis-Cohen, Lori Westler, Pam Doggett (The Phoenix), Eilene Frierson (Park Towne Place), 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 December 2013 meeting were submitted for approval by Jovida Hill (in lieu of secretary Dennis Boylan who was absent for this meeting).

Motion to approve the December 2013 minutes. Seconded. Approved.

## **II. Announcements**

A) President Searles thanked Jennifer Hallgren for arranging to with the Watermark at Logan Square to be the host location for this meeting.

- B) The Barnes Foundation now has private guided tours available after 4:00 p.m., and a new exhibit by Nigerian artist Yinka Shonibare will be on display from January 24, 2014 until April 21, 2014. Additionally there will be a William Glackens exhibit next fall (November - February) as well as First Friday and First Sunday special events. Check the Barnes website for additional details.

### **III. Committee Reports**

- A) Membership Committee. Tully Speaker, Chair. There are presently 296 LSNA members.
- B) Planning and Design Committee. Sven Schroeter, Chair. The January meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
- C) Education Committee. Drew Murray, Chair. The School Fair will be held on October 22, 2014 at the Franklin Institute.
- D) Events Committee. No report

### **IV. Presentations**

- A) Winter Street Greenway presentation by Sven Schroeter and Sarah Clark Stuart. The priority for this proposed space is to be for an urban playground and children's park. Candidates for open space sites are to be presented to the Philadelphia Parks and Recreation Department. Those sites include public space adjacent to the Vine Street Expressway and public space on Winter Street between 20th and 23rd Streets. It was emphasized that these recommendations were only preliminary concepts dependent on funding and design approval. The intention is to stitch together the north / south and east / west parts of our neighborhood in a sustainable manner. Suggestions presented were: eliminate the parking lane along the 2100 block of Winter Street (westbound lane is probably redundant and could be replaced by an urban greenroom - not just a play ground that could be diverse and multi-user green space and include storm water management, pedestrian lighting and sidewalk landscaping with furniture. The Committee meets the first Monday of every month at 8:00 p.m. There will be an opportunity to question PENNDOT at the March meeting regarding their plans for the overpass reconstruction project along Vine Street.
- B) RCO Presentation for 322 and 339 N. Broad Street development. Presenters were Adam Harver (Hannover Corporation), Tony Fort (Attorney) and Louis Bernado (Design Collective). Hannover proposes to construct 339 units on the east and west sides of Broad Street with 17,000 sq. ft. of retail space and 370 parking spaces. There will be two 6 story buildings-one on each side of Broad Street at Callowhill. The project specifies, 70% of the units will be one bedroom and 30% studio. Hannover is a Houston based developer in

partnership with the Parkway Corporation who will retain ownership and management of the public parking aspects of this project. This project requires a variance for one level of above grade parking (there will be another level of below grade parking). The project is scheduled for an early February Civic Design Review and zoning referral and variances may be required for the above grade parking, balcony and signing issues. Powerpoint slide deck with design elements will be made available to LSNA for further review. Expect to go to the ZBA in March or April. Hannover has agreed to enter into a NDA with LSNA prior to going to the ZBA. Hannover is working with the Streets Department with regard to lane closures, staging issues and sequencing. Accessible bike parking will be available in the residential parking and sidewalk space. Both buildings are intended to be built simultaneously within a two year construction period.

*There was a motion to provide a letter of non-opposition subject to the completion of a Neighborhood Development Agreement with Hannover for this development. Seconded. Approved.*

V. Zoning Report. Ed Panek, Chair.

- A) Museum Towers II has entered into an agreement subject to distribution to the committee, which will have an opportunity for review.
- B) The Granary. A meeting with the developers has been scheduled for January 23, 2014 with a list of items regarding lighting, trash removal and landscaping to be discussed.
- C) 1924 Arch Street. Attempting to get information regarding the demolition notice for this property which is adjacent to the PMA construction project.
- D) Provence Community Development Agreement (Kevin Greenberg presenter). Mr Greenberg gave an overview of the position of the North Broad Street Community Coalition (NBCC) of which LSNA is one of 17 members that include civic associations, schools, churches, synagogues with regard to the proposed Tower Investments bid for a casino at Broad and Callowhill Street. Mr. Greenberg reviewed issues of security, lighting and maintenance to be included in a Community Development Agreement. While several members of the coalition with "standing" will testify at the "suitability hearings" and oppose the site, the following motion was proposed:

*For LSNA to provide authorization to enter into a Community Development Agreement in concert with the North Broad Street Community Coalition; and that Ed Panek and NBCC keep LSNA informed. Seconded. The vote resulted in 18 yeas and one abstention. Approved.*

There being no further business before the Association, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.