



Annual Report - 2018

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Who We Are...

- The Philadelphia Crosstown Coalition is a federation of Registered Community Organizations representing 32 Philadelphia neighborhoods
- The Coalition originated in 2007 when four civic associations allied to address Zoning Code reform. Over the next four years, the Coalition added seven members and its representatives attended dozens of meetings and generated hundreds of pages of analysis.
- Immediately after the enactment of the Zoning Code, the Coalition refocused on the proposed Actual Value Initiative property tax regime. During the AVI campaign, the organization grew to 24 members and helped to make sure that AVI was implemented “right not recklessly,” as our slogan put it.
- In April of 2014, the Coalition institutionalized, creating a nonprofit to pursue common goals of the constituent members under the direction of a board of delegates appointed by member civics.

PCC Executive Committee 2017-18



Chair
Jeff Hornstein
Queen Village NA



Treasurer
Ilene Wilder
Passyunk Square CA



Vice Chair
Jamie Gauthier
Garden Court CA



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Celeste Hardester
Central Roxborough CA



Vice Chair
Joe Kain
Fishtown NA



Chair Emeritus
Steve Huntington
Center City RA



PCC MEMBERSHIP 2018

30th Street Station
Jul 12 1:35pm

Executive summary

- In the past year, PCC membership has grown by 28%, from 25 to 32 associations. PCC's membership today spans the City from Holmesburg to Packer Park, Society Hill to Cobbs Creek
- PCC was an active participant in conversations around affordable housing, changes to the zoning code, public education, parking, bike lanes, and many other citywide issues of concern to the neighborhoods
- PCC also leads the discussion ensuring that RCOs have adequate insurance coverage to protect the hundreds of volunteers that make our neighborhoods great. We continue to work toward passage of state and city legislation. In any case, we aim to have a citywide D&O policy for PCC members in place by 2019.
- Active committees:
 - Zoning & Land Use (chair: Steve Huntington, CCRA)
 - Education (chair: Jeff Hornstein, QVNA)
 - Affordable Housing (co-chairs: Brandy Bones, BVNA and Judy Applebaum, WSWCA)
- In-formation:
 - Tax & Finance (chair: Wade Albert, CCRA)

Finances

PROFIT AND LOSS

January - May, 2018

	TOTAL
Income	
435000 Restricted Account	
43501 Giving Circle	9,430.00
43502 Puerto Rico Relief Donations	350.00
Total 435000 Restricted Account	9,780.00
47200 Program Income	
47230 Membership Dues	1,520.00
Total 47200 Program Income	1,520.00
Total Income	\$11,300.00
GROSS PROFIT	\$11,300.00
Expenses	
000000 Donations	1,100.00
110000 Bank Fee	32.00
60900 Business Expenses	15.00
60920 Business Registration Fees	0.00
Total 60900 Business Expenses	15.00
62100 Contract Services	
62110 Accounting Fees	500.00
Total 62100 Contract Services	500.00
62800 Facilities and Equipment	
62890 Rent, Parking, Utilities	100.00
Total 62800 Facilities and Equipment	100.00
65000 Operations	
605060 Meetings	608.31
65011 Dues, Fees, and Subscriptions	369.00
65030 Printing and Copying	36.50
65110 Education Committee	
65111 Giving Circle	5,327.00
Total 65110 Education Committee	5,327.00
Total 65000 Operations	6,340.81
Total Expenses	\$8,087.81
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$3,212.19
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Affordable Housing Committee (1)

- Co-chairs: Brandy Bones (Bella Vista NA), Judy Applebaum (Wash Sq West CA); EC liaison Ilene Wilder (Passyunk Sq CA)
- **Mission:** *The Philadelphia Crosstown Coalition recognizes that housing availability and affordability is a key concern in all of our neighborhoods. The mission of the Philadelphia Crosstown Coalition Affordable Housing Committee is to:*
 - *Educate its RCO members as well as citizens about affordable housing related policy and legislation and how governmental agencies impact affordable housing issues in Philadelphia;*
 - *Advocate for transparent, participatory processes that allow RCO members to participate in affordable housing related initiatives and legislation; and*
 - *Identify specific steps the city can take to ensure that all Philadelphians can access safe, quality affordable housing and create and maintain mixed income neighborhoods.*

Affordable Housing Committee (2)

Activities of the Affordable Housing Committee since forming in January 2018:

- Chairing Philadelphia's Housing Action Plan Accessing Homeownership Working Group
- Developed Affordable Housing Terms and Definitions and Resource Library
- Developing Materials for RCO Affordable Housing Toolkit
- Opposition to Parking Minimums Bill
- General Education on Affordable Housing Related Bills

Education Committee

- Chair: Jeff Hornstein, Queen Village NA
- The Friends of Neighborhood Education (FONE) continued as the main focus of the PCC's Education Committee
- Monthly meetings were held throughout 2017 and 2018, drawing together dozens of leaders in the Friends movement at neighborhood public schools
- The 4th Annual FONE Summit was held at Comcast on April 29, 2017, attracting over 120 participants from more than 25 neighborhoods. Plans are underway for a 5th summit on October 13, 2018
- EdComm members were represented on the Selection Committee for the new School Board as well as on the Board itself
- Researchers at Penn are working with FONE to produce a “state of the movement” report that will (hopefully) serve as the basis for fundraising

Zoning & Land Use Committee (1)

- Chair Steve Huntington, Center City RA
- The Crosstown's zoning efforts for most of 2017 were spent addressing Bill #170678, which proposed to stimulate the construction of affordable housing units by increasing density in low rise townhouse neighborhoods as well as in midrise and high rise communities.
- PCC conferred with the Building Industry Assn. and the Developer's Workshop to hear the construction industry's take on the proposal. Coalition representatives then attended and reported on a series of taskforce meetings convened by the Bill's sponsor Councilwoman Sanchez commencing in August through early October.
- When the Councilwoman announced in November that she intended to introduce an amended bill for passage without virtually no notice, the Coalition proposed a 75-day window to consider any amended legislation and, further, circulated a summary of the revised legislation to Crosstown members.
- After the amended Bill was introduced, an alternative proposal, the 1% Construction Impact Fee, was suggested. (It passed City Council this week by a vote of 9-8).
- Current and future activity regarding this issue are referred to the Affordable Housing Committee.

Zoning & Land Use Committee (2)

- With the start of 2018, the Zoning and Land Use Committee asked PCC members to suggest what changes should be implemented in land use procedures, The survey elicited 9 suggestions which the committee discussed at an April 16 meeting and then circulated its minutes to the Board on Apr 24.
- After receiving Board feedback, the Committee sent its suggestions to the Planning Commission for their review. The Committee recommendations together with the Planning Commission comments were then forwarded to the Board on June 4. On June 13th, the committee met again and finalized its recommendations to the Board for its June 25th meeting.
- The 9 recommendations to the Board are:
 1. Elimination of the “Green Grocer” bonus
 2. Limiting RSA 5 (single family) to 3 stories
 3. Elimination of CMX 3 ground floor residential use
 4. Limiting car sales to zones so designated
 5. Positioning of notices re Historical Commission hearings on site
 6. Time By-Right appeals from the date plans are posted
 7. Post RCO meeting notices on site
 8. Increase CMX 2 height to current parapet height, provided no by-right roof deck
 9. Increase CMX 2 unit count to Zoning Code Commission recommendation

Elections...

- Nominations from the floor
- Chair
- Vice Chairs x2
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Items of business

- Ratify the recommendations of the Zoning Committee
- Re-form Tax & Finance Committee
- Working group on Organizational Efficiency – see if we can figure out ways to make decisions faster



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