

GENERAL MEETING PHILADELPHIA CROSSTOWN COALITION MONDAY JANUARY 31, 2022

VENUE: ZOOM TIME STARTED : 6:30 PM TIME ENDED : 7: 26 PM

ATTENDING : 34 REPRESENTATIVES FROM 24 MEMBER CIVICS

PRESIDING : DREW MURRAY ZOOM HOST : EUGENE DESYATNIK

MINUTES OF CROSSTOWN MEETING OF NOVEMBER 29, 2021 READ AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY AFTER CORRECTION THAT DREW MURRAY PRESID ED OVER THE MEETING AND EUGENE DESYATNIK WAS THE HOST

PRESENTATION BY GUEST SPEAKER PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MEMBER MR DAVID OH:

MR DESCRIBED CITY EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE SERIOUS VIOLENT CRIME PROBLEM IN PHILADELPHIA , INCLUDING COORDINATING EFFORTS BETWEEN THE POLICE, THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, AND VARIOUS ETHNIC COMMUNITIES. THIS OUTBREAK APPEARS TO BE FUELED BY CONFLICTS RELATED TO THE DRUG TRADE AND BY SOCIAL MEDIA FEUDING. HINDERING CRIME FIGHTING EFFORTS ARE A SHORTAGE OF POLICE OFFICERS , A SITUATION WORSENERD BY CITY RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS, FAILURE TO EMPHASIZE THE HIRING OF VETERANS, AND FRICTION BETWEEN THE POLICE AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

PRESENTATION BY GUEST SPEAKER DR. CHERYL BETTIGOLE, PHILADELPHIA CITY HEALTH COMMISSIONER :ON CURRENT COVID 19 RELATED SITUATION IN THE CITY, INCLUDING VACCINATION EFFORTS TO REACH MORE RESIDENTS AND PARTICULARLY REMIND THEM TO RECEIVE THEIR 2ND & BOOSTER DOSE, CONTINUE MASKING REQUIREMENTS FOR NOW, HOW WIDER AVAILABILITY OF AT-HOME TESTS WILL ENABLE SAFER GATHERINGS, WASTEWATER, AND BRIGHTER DAYS ON THE HORIZON.

MOTION BY STEVE HUNTINGTON / ROBERT GURMANKIN FROM CROSSTOWN ZONING COMMITTEE, TO HOLD A ZOOM MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE TO IDENTIFY BROAD ISSUES ISSUES THAT CROSSTOWN MEMBERS FEEL SHOULD BE ADDRESSED. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY..

TREASURER DISYATNIK MADE A REPORT . CROSSTOWN CURRENTLY HAS \$ 8000 IN CASH ON HAND, TWO DUES PAYMENTS RECEIVED IN DECEMBER. THERE ARE ALSO RESTRICTED FUNDS BEING HELD FOR THE SCHOOL GIVING CIRCLE AND GLITTER

OLD BUSINESS: ANDY TOY OF LOGAN SQUARE THANKED EVERYONE ASSISTING THE CROSSTOWN AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE IN THEIR ONGOING ACTIVITIES.

DREW MURRAY REPORTED ON HIS TESTIMONY AT THE DECEMBER 6,2021 COUNCIL MEETING REGARDING THE BILL TO RESTRUCTURE THE ZBA. THE BILL WAS APPROVED AND WILL LIKELY APPEAR AS A BALLOT ITEM ON THE MAY 2022 PRIMARY.

NEW BUSINESS: : FOLLOWING REQUESTS BY SEVERAL DELEGATES LINK TO BE SENT TO ALL MEMBER CIVICS ENABLING THEM TO ACCESS ZOOM RECORDINGS OF CROSSTOWN MEETINGS.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7: 56 PM

MEETING OF MARCH 28,2022 MAY BE LIVE.

MINUTES COMPILED BY JAMES PETKOVITS SECRETARY PHILADELPHIA CROSSTOWN COALITION.

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