

PHILADELPHIA CROSSTOWN COALITION

Minutes of Board of Delegates ANNUAL Meeting on JUNE 25, 2018

Location: 1608 Walnut St, 12th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Called to Order: 6:10 p.m. **Adjourned:** 8:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING Monday SEPTEMBER 24; Location TBD;

Attending: 19 member associations, represented by 25 delegates

Brandy Bones, Dennis Halda, Eugene Desyatnik; **Bella Vista Neighbors**, Joanne Kundrat, **Callowhill Neighborhood Association**, Wade Albert, **CCRA**; Celeste Hardester, Jim Petkovits, **Central Roxborough**, Larissa Mogano, **Cobbs Creek NA**, Meg Greenfield, **East Falls CC**, Jerry Sulat, **East Point Breeze Neighbors**, Kevin Wonder, **Fairmount Civic**, Joseph Kain, **Fishtown Neighbors Association**, Paul Rossi, **Girard Estate Neighbors Association**, Tara Gontek, Bryan Gontek, **Holmesburg Civic Association**, Barb Capozzi, **Packer Park**, Sarah Anton, Ilene Wilder, **Passyunk Square Civic Association**, Blaise Tobia, **Powelton Village Civic Association**, Jeff Hornstein, **Queen Village CA**, Murray Spencer, **SOSNA**, Monica Calkins, **Spruce Hill Community Association**, Judy Applebaum, **Washington Square West**, Chuck Bode, Lucia Esther, **West Powelton/Saunders Park**

Not represented: 15 member associations, Cedar Park Neighbors, East Kensington NA, East Passyunk Crossing CA, Garden Court Community Association, Hawthorne Empowerment, Logan Square Neighbors Association, Lower Moyamensing Civic Assoc., Manayunk NA, Mantua Civic Assoc., Northern Liberties Neighborhood Association, Overbrook Farms, Overbrook Park CA; Society Hill Civic Association, South Broad Street Neighbors Association, Walnut Hill Comm. Assoc.,

Guests: Eric Bodzin, **Councilwoman Sanchez Office**

- 1) **Welcome** – Jeff Hornstein
- 2) **Approval of Minutes** Not done for May 14 meeting; postponed to September.
- 3) **State of the Organization** Chair Jeff Hornstein presented 2017-18 Annual Report as slide presentation (to be emailed with members as pdf.)
 - a) History of organization and how it grew to 24 members during AVI; in the past year, membership has grown to 32; We hope to bring in Tacony and Mayfair soon; Goal is to bring back Pennsport and Dickinson Sq. West
 - b) Map presented showing PCC members dotted over much of the City. Question asked if members liked rotating board meetings to different locations; consensus was yes, this is good.

c) When should meetings be?: agreed that 4th Monday of month probably works for most. This will be confirmed over the summer; also, starting meeting at 6:30 or 7:00 was suggested; decision not made, pending soliciting input from members over summer.

d) PCC has been active in leading discussions with City and State re: Anti-Slapp legislation. PCC has been developing option for PCC –member Group D&O Insurance. We have 12-13 applications. We need 15 in order to get a quote. Members, please fill out the very simply application.

e) Existing committees for 2017-18 have been Zoning, Education (FONE), Affordable Housing, and Parking.

f) Finance Report: We are in the black; Gross Income \$11,300 including \$9430 for Giving Circle. Expenses totaled \$8087.

g) Affordable Housing Report: this new committee, co- chaired by Brandy Bones and Judy Applebaum has put in a productive year, focused on educating RCOs and citizens with Affordable Housing Toolkit, policy and legislation and developing a resource library, advocating for transparent processes with City regarding initiatives and legislation; opposition to Parking Minimums legislation; Brandy has been invited onto a new City-created committee - Housing Action Plan Accessing Homeownership Working Group - for Stakeholders and Homeowners re AH. Brandy will chair Homeowners.

h) FONE Report: has been active for 4 years, holding monthly meetings. 4th Annual FONE Summit held at Comcast Bldg in April 2017; plans for 5th Summit in October 13, 2018. Two dozens friends groups of schools are in FONE; through this work, PCC-connected citizens had representation on both the School Board Selection Committee and the School Board itself. FONE lunch meetings will be starting up again in September. Researchers at Penn working with FONE to produce report with goal of making it basis for fundraising.

i) Zoning Report: (as submitted by Steve Huntington, Chair) time in autumn directed at Affordable Housing, attending Councilwoman Sanchez's taskforce meetings and working to slow legislative process pending last November. In January, work started on pending Land-Use changes to Code, with the request that the following items be voted on as a unit tonight,

1. SEEK ELIMINATION OF GREEN GROCER BONU
2. LIMIT RSA 5 SGLF FAMILY TO 3 STORIES:
3. ELIMINATE CMX 3 GROUND FLOOR
4. LIMIT CAR SALES TO ZONES SO DESIGNATED
5. POST HIST. COMMISS'N HEARINGS ON SITE
6. RIGHT APPEALS FRM DATE PLANS POSTED

7. POST RCO MEETING NOTICES ON SITE
8. INCREASE CMX2 HEIGHT TO CURRENT PARAPET HEIGHT PROVIDED - NO ROOF DECK OF RIGHT
9. INCREASE CMX 2 UNIT COUNT TO ZONING CODE COMMISSION RECIOMENDATION

Chuck Bode moved to vote on all 9 together; Joanne Kundrat seconded. Discussion included that PCPC supports about 80% of these changes. #7 would be responsibility of developer. Motion passed with 3 abstentions: Powelton Village, Fairmount, Fishtown.

4) ELECTION

Jeff Hornstein said that the current slate is willing to serve another year. He asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. Judy Applebaum confirmed that the Chair Emeritus position expires after one year. Motion was requested for vote to re-elect current slate:

- Jeff Hornstein – Chair
- Joseph Kain – Vice Chair
- Jamie Gauthier – Vice Chair
- Ilene Wilder_ - Treasurer
- Celeste Hardester – Secretary

Judy Applbaum moved; Barb Capozzi seconded; motion passed.

5) ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- a) New Committee - Wade Albert has agreed to chair a Re-Form Tax & Finance Committee to address the current changes in City Taxes (Currently mostly RE Tax-related)
- b) PCC Organizational Efficiency – Jeff said there has been discussion about PCC votes taking a long time, in particular in the Zoning Committee, where delegates need to go back to their boards in order to determine a vote, and by the time that decision comes back to the PCC, it may be too late to be effective. Discussion ensued about what kinds of things the PCC should take on, that we have been taking on minutia, that other issues that deserved a vote (such as 4% tax) have not been put up for vote. It was suggested that an updated website capacity with information sharing technologies could help; Code for Philly may be able to help make our website more robust. Joe Kain offered to chair this new Efficiency Committee. Volunteers for the committee were Meg Greenfield, Judy Applbaum, Wade Albert, Ilene Wilder, Brandy Bones, and Barb Capozzi.

As recorded by Celeste Hardester, July 3, 2018