

PHILADELPHIA CROSSTOWN COALITION

Minutes of Board of Delegates Meeting on April 24, 2019

Location: 1401 S. 16th St.

Host Member: East Point Breeze Neighbors

Called to Order: 6:30 p.m. **Adjourned:** 8:23 p.m.

NEXT MEETING Monday June 24; Location TBD;

Attending: 17 (of 34) member associations, represented by 24 delegates. See attached sign-in sheet for attendees.

Guest RCO representative: Kate Friend, Fox Chase Homeowners, katefriend@gmail.com

Welcome – Chair Jeff Hornstein

- 1) **January Minutes** Approved w two corrections
- 2) **Treasurer's Report** Ilene Wilder, Treasurer states that treasury is good and that annual membership dues notices will go out in June.
- 3) **Guest Speaker James Aros, Deputy Chief Assessment Officer, OPA,**
First meeting of this nature with Reps from across the City.
 - Assessments based on ad valorem basis – open market price – trending valuation
www.phila.gov/opa/trending methodology
 - Consultant brought in to look at methodology; 10 recommendations made (see OPA site)
 - Ratio Trend Method – mass appraisal; adjust property value based on previous assessment vs current market; based on style, type, etc . Won't use this process every year
 - 2020 notices mailed out starting last week.
 - Started with Basis for year ending 2019; Sales analysis period July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018
- 4) **Reports**
 - **FONE**, Jeff Hornstein reported that the 4th Annual FONE Summit was very successful; most diverse ever though not quite as well attended
 - **Traffic/Parking** – nothing to report
 - **Zoning and Land Use** - Steve Huntington reports that the committee has 10 proposals for zoning changes that were presented to Council members last Nov. Now they will be reviewed with Anne Fadullon on May 6. (These were put together with BIA and Development Workshop.) One of the items is to increase staffing on the ZBA. We have a tentative proposal of recommendations for ZBA. (See yellow handout.) Motion made to incorporate this proposal to the list of items to review with Anne Fadullon. Motion passed.

5) **New Business**

Crosstown Candidate Questionnaire, Jeff Hornstein created a list of 7 basic RCO-related questions for City Council candidates to respond to online. One was omitted, two were added.

Questions:

- Do you believe that the guidelines governing RCO's out to be revised to exclude partisan organizations such as ward committees? After discussion, question was accepted.
- Do you believe that land bank sales should require a City Council vote? Question was accepted.
- Would you support ending the expedited hearing procedure for zoning applicants so that community groups including RCO's have adequate time to discuss proposals and prepare for ZBA hearings? **DISCUSSION:** The expedited process does not cut down on the 45-day schedule that we all live with. **Question was omitted.**
- Do you support proposals to return the Philadelphia Parking Authority to local control? Question was accepted.
- Do you believe that Philadelphia ought to derive less of its General Fund revenues from taxing wages and businesses, and if so, how would you make up lost revenue? Question was accepted.
- Do you believe that the Zoning Board of Adjustment needs reform to be more responsive to neighborhood-level concerns? Question was accepted.
- Do you believe that City Council ought to revise its rules to provide that no bill may be passed unless its text is posted on the Council website for a stated period of time? Question was added and accepted.
- Do you believe that City Council ought to revise its rules by granting automatic access to Committee for any bill having a stated number of sponsors as an alternative to the current rule requiring the signature of both the Council President and the Committee chair? Question was added and accepted.
- Have you ever been an officer or board member in a civic association? If so, tell us about your civic service and how it shapes your view of city politics and governance. Question was accepted.

• **PPA Bill:** Councilman Oh's office emailed today asking if we would testify for a bill he is proposing that would basically neuter the PPA. This bill has no co-sponsors. Concerns were expressed about potential for chaos without a plan, financial effects including the impact on revenue for schools, current community relationships with PPA. After much discussion, a motion was made: We support local control of the PPA but cannot take a position without much more information. Motion passed.

• **Crosstown Elections** Hornstein said the Crosstown leadership is up for elections at the June 24 meeting. We will be starting to accept nominations now for five positions: Chair, two Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary. Eugene Desyatnik volunteered to be Nominating Committee Chair.

• **Civil Enforcement Officer** - Steve Huntington asked Judy Applebaum if she testified. She did, saying that we couldn't take a position without more information. She also submitted written testimony, which she will forward to Steve.

- **Historic Preservation Task Force Guidelines** - Question asked about Transfer Development Rights and if Crosstown has a position on this. After much discussion about how this works, and its potential impact on communities, Eugene Desyatnik was asked to write a one-page description of how TDR's work.

- **D&O quote:** Jeff Hornstein - Dash & Love still waiting for their market people to get back to them

6) Next meeting will be June 24th, specific location TBD.

As recorded by Celeste Hardester, April 24, 2019

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Bella Vista Neighbors Assn.

Brandy Bones	
Dennis Halda	
Eugene Desyatnik	✓

Callowhill N'hood Assn

Leah Strenger	
Joanne Kundrat	✓

Cedar Park Neighbors

David Hincer	
Catherine Hoffmann	

Central Rox

Celeste Hardester	✓
Margaret Ann Morris	
Jim Petkovits	✓

CCRA

Steve Huntington	✓
Jeff Braff	✓
Wade Albert	
Maggie Mund	✓

Cobbs Creek NA

Larissa Mogano	

East Falls Commun Council

Meg Greenfield	✓
Bill Epstein	

East Kensington Civic Assn.

Graham O Neill	
Nicholas Esposito	
Gordon Stein	

East Passyunk Crossing

Dominic Falso	
Beth Dougherty	
Samantha Gross	
Leon Malloy	

East Point Breeze Nbrs

Miguel Garces	✓
Jerry Sulat	✓
Sarah Stevenson	

Fairmount Civic Assn.

Danielle DeLeo Kim	
Kellyann Beene	
Kevin Wonder	

Fishtown Neighbors Assn.

Ian Wilson	
Joseph Kain	

Garden Court Commun Assn

Jamie Gauthier	
Lauren Hansen Flaschen	
Maurice Jones	

Girard Estate Neighbors Association

Paul Rossi	✓

Hawthorne Empowerment

Albert Hicks	
Haneef Nelson	

Holmesburg CA

Tara Gontek	
Bryan Gontek	
David Dlugosz	
Cheryl Molle	

Logan Square Neighbors Assn.

Sam Little	
Andy Toy	✓
Rich Leimbach	✓

Lower Moyamensing CA

Patti Tahan	
Colleen McDonough	
Andrew Barbato	

Manayunk NC

John Hunter	
Kevin Smith	

Mantua CA

De'Wayne Drummond	✓
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Northern Libs Nhood Assn

Matt Ruben	
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Overbrook Farms

Cynthia Cronin-Kardon	
Denise Pettus	
Stephanie Kindt	

Overbrook Park

Marc Reason	
Angela Reason	✓

Packer Park Civic Assn.

Barbara Capozzi	✓
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Passyunk Sq. Civic Assn.

Ilene Wilder	✓
Sarah Anton	✓
Andrew Emma	

Powelton Village Civic Association

Blaise Tobia	
Steve Sebeliski	✓
David Crawford	

Queen Village

Jeff Hornstein	✓
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Society Hill Civic Association

Lorna Katz	
Rosanne Loesch	
Mary Tracy	

S. Broad Street Neighbors Assn

Peter Zutter	✓
Greg Damis	

SOSNA

Nicole Koedyker	
Murray Spencer	✓

Spruce Hill Community Assn

Monica Calkins	
Eric Santoro	
Barry Grossbach	

Walnut Hill

Horace Patterson	
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Washington Sq. West

Judy Applebaum	✓
Jonathan Broh	

West Powel

Chuck Bode	
Lucia Esther	

GUESTS

Kate Friend - Fox Chase H	✓
James Aros	✓
Maria Horowitz - EPBN	✓