

PHILADELPHIA CROSSTOWN COALITION

Minutes of Board of Delegates Meeting on NOVEMBER 26, 2018

Location: 1608 Walnut St, 12th floor

Called to Order: 6:30 p.m. **Adjourned:** 8:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING Monday JANUARY 28; Location TBD;

Attending: 20 member associations, represented by 26 delegates. See attached sign-in sheet for attendees.

Welcome – Chair Jeff Hornstein

- 1) **October Minutes** Approved
- 2) **Treasurer's Report** Ilene Wilder reports we are doing very well, all due payments are in except Walnut Hill, who still intends to rejoin, and one other. We have money in the account for the Giving Circle, which we have not distributed yet.
- 3) **New Business** A written proposal has submitted to the delegates to form a Government Affairs Committee. This committee would be chaired by Ilene Wilder. Per our bylaws, the board has the right to approve a new committee.

Rationale: Ilene suggested we should have a more strategic and effective approach, and focus on issues that we as a delegation have chosen to pursue. The purpose of the coalition is that we as an advocacy group can advocate for concerns throughout the City. Joe sent out a survey seeking member's thoughts to identify our primary issues. The proposal outlines the decision process, suggesting that delegates submit issues to the Executive Committee, which would make the final decisions on which issues to take to the City.

Comments:

What is the function of the executive committee in this and is it in compliance with the bylaws? The idea is to tighten up the relationship with City government, who has asked us for a more streamlined approach to our communications.

What is the role of the EC? Typically, officers are elected because confidence is placed in them to have the judgment to represent the organization effectively. There are certain things you expect an EC to do, otherwise, why have officers. The description in the proposal was written in a way that causes confusion, but I think it raises the broader issue of what is the role of the EC?

Jeff suggested that the EC can act as a funnel to send issues back to the delegates for consideration and decision. Zoning has been a primary focus of Crosstown's communications

with the City, but having a Govt. Affairs committee would allow us to be a little more balanced. Someone should be paying attention to the bills before City Council and make recommendations to the EC about what they think we should be working on, based on the broad feedback we are getting from the survey. The EC can put these recommendations to the board of delegates, which could then give the Govt. Affairs committee the authority to meet with the City.

Ilene will work on redrafting the proposal. If you have more thoughts, please email Ilene or Jeff.

4) **Chair's Report**

D&O package will be submitted to Dash & Love this week for bid.

Best Practices summit - Joe Kain asked us to start thinking about a date for it, in late February or early March – the summit would include Zoning, Fundraising, other items. We need a good location for about 100 people, with breakout rooms.

5) **Committee Reports**

a) Zoning and Land Use Committee – Steve Huntington, chair

General issues: 1) the Polling bill. There are 7,000 appeals and 13,000 reviews upcoming. Most City council indicated they would support if someone would put the bill in the hopper. Squilila and Johnson did this bill 4 years ago and haven't amended it. It had a sunset clause. It is supposed to come up with Finance. 2) The Zoning committee will meet on Dec. 6. We are going to tackle some of the feedback we got on the 9 zoning issues we took to council. Also, we are going to have Beth McConnell, Policy Director of the PA Association of CDC's to share her concerns about the responsiveness of the ZBA to community input. (Data shows the ZBA is approving more than the previous boards.) Question was asked of whether it would make sense to do a survey of delegates, but Steve chose to wait for Dec. 6 zoning committee meeting before deciding that. 3) Cindy Bass legislation that came into effect in October on time changes. The Bar Association is concerned about how timing will work. Council is aware of some of the issues. Perhaps Crosstown would want to ally with the Bar Assoc, in its concerns. Also, the Planning Commission recently sent a link that provides access to the RCO Notification system.

<https://www.phila.gov/rconotification/>

b) PARKING – Ilene Wilder reports the committee met a few weeks ago, with PPA and OTIS present. Two model project idea is being executed in a couple neighborhoods, painting parking lines. (A delegate from Streets said this has been shown not to work, and that the kiosk system provides more parking spaces with no inhibition of placed meters.) Some people from our committee will be sitting on an OTIS committee, so Crosstown will have that kind of input. (Jeff mentioned the MANY traffic issues in the City, and that Streets, SEPTA, PPA and OTIS are all working together more and suggested we might be able to get Streets (Mike Carroll) to guest speak at our January meeting.

c) Affordable Housing – Brandy Bones not present to report. Discussion about follow-up on Crosstown getting representation on the Housing Trust Fund. Judy Aoplebaum said would follow-up with Brandy about where we are on that.

d) **FONE**, Jeff Hornstein, summit will be in April at the Comcast Center.

The Penn School of Design and the Graduate Scholl of Education are doing a study of the impact of the Friends groups and the Friends group movement. There aren't too many other cities doing this. that are important collectively will confirm Crosstown's priorities.

Old business –

- Civil Enforcement Officers - We were talking to Darrell's people about coming to talk to us but they were unresponsive. This has to become a ballot item. We will try to get either Jeff Young or Darrell Clarke to our next meeting.
- Demolition rights – Barry Grossbach described what is happening in Spruce Hill with demolitions happening in the middle of row-house blocks, etc. and asked if Crosstown would e interested in taking a look at on amending Demolition rights. Jeff said an Preservation committee needs to be formed.

MOTION: Board voted to create the committee, with Barry not chairing it but getting it going.

- Giving Circle – Andy Toy raised question of whether Crosstown wants to make a \$250 donation, which would make it a voting member. Point raised about the bookkeeping costs that Crosstown might need to contribute to get this work done. Ilene reported that the proposal from the bookkeeper this work would be \$1600. So the Crosstown would already donating, on this basis. Total donations over the life of the project are almost \$30,000.

MOTION: Motion was made for Crosstown to pay a bookkeeper up to \$1000 to administer this project. Motion passed.

- Listserve – request was made to update PhilaCrosstown Google group list.

6) Next meeting will be Jan. 28th, specific location TBD . Please block out your calendar for the 4th Monday of every month – we may not have a meeting every month, but please hold the date.

As recorded by Celeste Hardester, November 26, 2018

Date of Meeting Nov. 26, 2018

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	✓
Bill West	

Cobbs Creek NA

Larissa Mogano	
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East Falls Comm Council

Meg Greenfield	✓
Bill Epstein	

East Kensington Civic Assn.

Graham O Neill	
Nicholas Esposito	
Gordon Stein	

East Passyunk Crossing

Dominic Falso	
Beth Dougherty	
Anna Reed	✓
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	
Matt Karp	✓
Joseph Kain	

Garden Court Comm Assn

Jamie Gauthier	✓
Lauren Hansen Flaschen	
Maurice Jones	

Girard Estate Neighbors Association

Paul Rossi	
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Hawthorne Empowerment

Albert Hicks	
Name not ovided	

Holmesburg CA

Tara Gontek	
Bryan Gontek	
David Dlugosz	✓
Cheryl Molle	

Logan Square Neighbors Assn.

Sam Little	
Andy Toy	✓
Drew Murray	✓

Lower Moyamensing CA

Patti Tahan	
Colleen McDonough	✓
Andrew Barbato	

Manayunk NC

John Hunter	
Kevin Smith	

Mantua CA

DeWayne Drummond	
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Northern Libs Nhood Assn

Matt Ruben	
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Overbrook Farms

Cynthia Cronin-Kardon	
H. Durlee	
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 Sebelski	✓
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

Evan Johnstone	
Eric Santoro	✓
Barry Grossbach	✓

Walnut Hill

Horace Patterson	
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Washington Sq. West

Judy Applebaum	✓
Jonathan Broh	
Lyric Chen	

West Powelton/Saunders Park

Chuck Bode	✓
Lucia Esther	✓

GUESTS
