

Chestnut Hill Community Association Board Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of March 22, 2018

Members Present

Susan Bray, Kathi Clayton, Mike Chomentowski, Dan Compton, Patricia Cove, Lucie Daigle, Laura Lucas, Larry McEwen, Jack McMeekin, Marilyn Paucker, Lynn Schroeder, Anne Standish, Jean Wedgwood

Members Absent

Will Detweiler, Catherine Brzozowski, Christopher Plant, Lindsey D'Angelo, Karl Martin, Andy Kite, Joyce Lenhardt, Jenny McHugh, Drew Meschter, Dan Pulka, Richard Snowden

Others Attending:

John and Chrity Leonard, residents at 37 Summit St.
Larry Hochbergerr, Associate Publisher, Chestnut Hil *Local*
Anne McNiff, CHCA Executive Director
Brendan Sample, Chestnut Hill *Local*
Donald Tippett, from Councilman David Oh's office

Laura Lucas, president, opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

President's Welcome

- Approval of Agenda: After the roll call, the agenda was distributed. It was moved that the agenda be approved as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Approval of February Minutes: The January minutes were distributed. It was moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved.
- 70th Anniversary Highlight: An article from the *Local* from 60 years ago was distributed.

Executive Director Updates by Anne McNiff

- CHCA Fund Appeal: The appeal has raised \$34,645 so far. There will be another mailing to businesses and people who gave previously but have not given to date. Susan Bray and Kathi Clayton shared their concerns regarding the response to the Appeal so far. Anne McNiff handed out the list of people to receive the mailing and explained that she had brought the letters with her and asked that board members take several minutes after the board meeting to make personal notes on the letters going to people they knew.
- Membership: Of the over 1600 members, 1400 are current as of today. A past due mailing and reminder mailing is going out every week.
- Parking Meters vs. Kiosks - Phil Dawson, ED at the Chestnut Hill Business Association has been in discussions with the Philadelphia Parking Authority about the possibility of upgrades to the 183 parking meters located in the CH Business District and surrounding blocks. At a meeting with the PPA's new executive director Scott Petri, (also attended by Anne McNiff) two options were offered for implementation in this coming fiscal year: 1) replace the current meters with new advanced meters or 2) replace the current meters with new kiosks. Both options would offer payment via cash, credit cards, and apps, but differ in regard to appearance, placement on the street, and customer experience. The Business District Board's and the CHCA's will have an opportunity to

meet with PPA to ask questions and to give feedback regarding which option they would like to see. Anne will send out a notice once the date and time of the meeting has been determined.

Operations Updates

- Annual Meeting/Elections: In Dan Pulka's absence, Anne McNiff reviewed the changes that had been made to the voting procedures (Board members received these prior to the meeting). It was moved that the changes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.

Anne then reviewed the recommended change to the by-laws that would eliminate the current term limits on Board committee officer roles (i.e. VP of Physical, Operations, Social, and Secretary). It was moved that the change be approved as presented. The motion was seconded and approved. This will be presented to the membership on the June ballot.

Treasurers Updates

- In Karl's absence, Anne made a brief report on the overall status of budget against plan.

Social Division Updates

- Black & White Gala: Marilyn Paucker reported that the B & W Gala is scheduled for October 6 at the hospital.

- Hoops Madness: Hoops will be held on March 24. Volunteers are needed. Based on pre-registration there should be a good turnout.

Physical Division

- 37 Summit Street: Larry McEwen reviewed the request for a variance to build a 2-story rear addition to an existing home. The DRC and LUPZ committees have recommended approval of this request. It was moved that this request be approved as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.

Community Announcements and New Business

- Local*: Larry Hochberger reported that the paper is preparing a plan of action to present to the CHCA board.

- Voter Registration: Mike Chomentowski suggested that the CHCA could host someone from a non-partisan organization who is doing voter registration at our membership table at the upcoming Home and Garden festival on May 8th. There was much discussion about the need for it to be very strictly non-partisan. Mike will investigate having the Committee of Seventy or a similar organization come. Jean and Jack and others expressed concern that this was outside the scope of the CHCA agenda and that we should focus our energy on driving the CHCA agenda.

- RE Taxes: Donald Tippett from Councilman David Oh's office referenced the Real Estate Tax Hike.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.