

Chestnut Hill Community Association Board Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of November 29, 2018

Members Present

Tony Banks, Susan Bray, Catherine Brzozowski, Kathi Clayton, Patricia Cove, Lucie Daigle, Lindsey D'Angelo, Craig Hosay, Andy Kite, Keith Kunz, Laura Lucas, Larry McEwen, Jenny McHugh, Drew Meschter, Marilyn Paucker, Jason Pierce, Dan Pulka, Anne Standish, Jean Wedgwood, Bradley Wells

Members Absent

Mike Chomentowski, Richard Snowden, Joyce Lenhardt, Karl Martin, Hillary O'Carroll, Lynn Schroeder,

Others Attending:

Anne McNiff, CHCA Executive Director

Brendan Sample, Chestnut Hill *Local*

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

President's Welcome

- Approval of Agenda: After the roll call, it was moved that the agenda be approved as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Approval of October Minutes: It was moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Physical Division

- Larry McEwen presented informaton on the variance request for 8632 Germantown Ave. (McNally's) The DRC approved a motion to recommend approval of the project as presented, with the agreement that 1) an architect will be hired by January 15, 2019 for planning of Phase I (exterior of first floor) and Phase II (interior of first floor); and 2) that prior to beginning Phase III, the applicant will return to the DRC to share the plans for the exterior of the second floor, and that these plans will include no stucco surface in addition to what is already there. It was discussed at the DRC meeting that, when McNally's applies for a building permit, the floor plan may be modified to address the vestibule of the 2nd floor tenant egress.

While not a part of the motion being made, an important message that Anne McNally wanted to get out is that the existing McNally's will not substantially change as far as customer space is concerned. People do not need to feel they are saying good-bye to an old stand-by . . . McNally's is just adding a new area for table space/kitchen/bathrooms to make improvements for everyone.

The motion was seconded and approved with all voting aye.

- 2 E. Chestnut Hill – Larry and Anne gave an update on the situation with that property and the ongoing work that the CHCA and the CH Conservancy is doing to work with the Developer. A meeting will be held in mid-December to review with him in detail the differences between the plans originally presented to the community (by a different owner) and what is now being built.

Executive Director Updates

- Green Space updates – Anne McNiff updated the board on the six trees that will be planted in December on the corner of Germantown Ave. & E. Willow Grove Ave. (2 on Germantown, 4 on E. Willow Grove Ave.)
- Holidays on the Hill – Anne reminded the Board of the Holidays on the Hill activities happening all through the month of December. The CHCA is one of the sponsors of Holidays on the Hill which highlights Holiday activities sponsored by the CHCA
- **2019 Committees** – Anne circulated membership sign up forms and requested that each member sign up for their top 3 committee choices. Board members are asked to participate in at least 2 committees if possible.

Social Division Updates

Marilyn Paucker reported that the Circle of Trees event was a great success and thanked Lindsey D'Angelo who is the CHCA co-chair of the event. Over 300 people attended, and a great time was had by all. Special thanks to all the volunteers who came out to help serve hot chocolate and treats.

Marilyn reminded the board that the Holiday House Tour was scheduled for December 8th. There has been a high number of ticket sales to date with over 450 sold. Additional volunteers are needed for registration. Please contact Anne if you can help. The Holiday Parade is scheduled for December 15 and there are more marching bands and musical groups scheduled to march than ever.

Annual Appeal

Susan Brey and Kathi Clayton led the Board in a group exercise to help craft the reasons why people should give to the annual appeal and different ways we can reach new donors.

Community Partner Updates

- **Water Tower Planning Group** – The water tower has won the 2018 architectural hall of fame award from the CH Conservancy. Tree work on the property has been completed and roof maintenance is planned to begin soon. The baseball fields have had improvements completed. The group continues to fundraise in order to realize more improvements.
- **Woodmere Art Museum** – the holiday exhibits are continuing and are very special this year, the board was encouraged to attend and check them out
- **Chestnut Hill Hospital** - will plan to do a presentation to the board in early 2019.

Thank you to Springside Chestnut Hill Academy for hosting the November meeting.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.