

# **Chestnut Hill Community Association Board Meeting**

Minutes of the Meeting of February 22, 2018

## Members Present

Laura Lucas, Joyce Lenhardt, Marilyn Paucker, Jack McMeekin, Andy Kite, Dan Compton, Drew Meschter, Larry McEwen, Susan Bray, Kathi Clayton, Lynn Schroeder, Daniel Pulka, Jean Wedgwood, Richard Snowden, Jenny McHugh,

## Members Absent

Will Detweiler, Bob Boyer, Liz Bales, Catherine Brzozowski, Christopher Plant, Mike Chomentowski, Lucie Daigle, Lindsey D'Angelo, Anne Standish, Patricia Cove, Karl Martin

## Others Attending:

Josie and Hank Whiton, owner 8718 Prospect variance for garage

Jeff Krieger, architect for 8718 Prospect

Larry Hochbergerr, associate Publisher, Chestnut Hil *Local*

Anne McNiff, CHCA Executive Director

Brendan Samples, Chestnut Hill *Local*

Melissa Nash, recorder

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 January 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.
- 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Highlight: A portion of the *Local* from 60 years ago was distributed.

## **Executive Director Updates by Anne McNiff**

- CHCA Fund Appeal: The appeal has raised \$25,460 so far. Kathi Clayton quoted Yogi Berra, "If the people don't want to come out to the ballpark, nobody's going to stop them." In January there were 129 donors; there are now 155. This is not a huge change. The next step is to use yard signs. Volunteers pay \$20 to have one. It is suggested that they be placed on thru streets. There are now 10 signs available with more to come. There will be another mailing to businesses and members. Susan Bray is open to suggestions. A little over 50% of the Board has donated. Dan Pulka stated that everyone on the board should participate. Kathi passed giving data around. The second mailing is more for members and businesses. Jennifer asked if the list could be shared so board members could make personal appeals. Support opportunities could be posted on social media. Suggestions are appreciated. It was asked what the dollar amount given by the board was.
- Membership: On 2/12 150 renewal notices were mailed. 65 have been received back. Under the improved system regular reminders and overdue notices can be sent.
- Great Houses Tour: The tour is scheduled for May 20. The first meeting with the Conservancy, Lori Salganikoff has been held. Lindsey D'Angelo will co-chair with a Conservancy rep. There will be free "Ask the Expert" workshops, which is not on the calendar; it will begin in April. Jack

McKeekin expressed some concern about the relationship of the CHCA and the Conservancy and the Holiday House Tour. It was noted that everyone needs to work together.

- Re-Tree Germantown Avenue/Bethlehem Pike: Germantown Avenue/Bethlehem Pike is the first task. For the second task, there are 70 trees, 28 markers and 3 plaques. More will be ready to go. Task three is finishing maintenance and ongoing care. April 21 is planting day.

### **Operations Updates**

- Annual Meeting/Elections: Dan Pulka reported that the annual meeting will be held on June 21. The nominations will start on April 10 and close on May 8. Voting will close on June 16. Three seats on the executive Committee will be open. The Bylaws Committee will have its first meeting in March.

### **Treasurers Updates**

- On hold for the moment.

### **Social Division Updates**

- Black & White Gala: Marilyn Paucker reported that the B & W Gala is scheduled for October 6 at the hospital. Music will be provided by the same group. The Holiday House Tour is set for December 8; two co-chairs are needed.

- Hoops Madness: Hoops will be held on March 24. Volunteers are needed. Posters will go up soon. Emails will go out for registration. Notices will also go out to the schools, including nearby Montgomery County.

### **Physical Division**

- N W Planning Exercise: The second meeting will be held on March 26 at Germantown Academy field house. (The final meeting will be June 4.) There is also online participation available at [www.phila2035.org/upper-northwest](http://www.phila2035.org/upper-northwest). The first meeting was the largest public meeting so far. Recommendations from the meeting will be on the website tomorrow.

- 8718 Prospect: Larry McEwen reported that the DRC approved the variance to build an over-sized garage. L&I designated the garage as a second primary structure rather than a con-conforming garage. Language was added to the motion to approve to support neighbor concerns that the new building could be converted into a dwelling unit. A statement was added that the new structure would remain a garage and that this proviso would run with the land. A brief discussion of the new code's inclusion of a second dwelling unit that was not finalized followed.

- Woodward Properties Recap: The Woodward project was presented to the HDAC and LUPZC on February 1. The committees supported the variance. An annual meeting with the Woodward companies is planned to keep the community apprised of the companies' plans. The ZBA approved the variance request with some of the stipulations. It agreed to the proviso that the garages will be used as garages.

- Miscellaneous: Laura Lucas questioned the sewer runoff on Prospect Avenue. Susan Bray asked about the potholes on Germantown Avenue.

### **Community Announcements and New Business**

- Local*: Larry Hochberger reported that this has been a challenging year in regard to subscriptions and advertising. There have been hardware and software improvements. The Local has been working with other papers to share news and side ventures,

**Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM.