

Chestnut Hill Community Association Board Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of March 28, 2019

Members Present

Lucie Daigle, Craig Hosay, Keith Kunz, Andy Kite, Laura Lucas, Joyce Lenhardt, Larry McEwen, Jenny McHugh, Drew Meschter, Karl Martin, Dan Pulka, Richard Snowden, Lynn Schroeder, Anne Standish, Jean Wedgwood, Bradley Wells

Members Absent

Catherine Brzozowski, Kathi Clayton, Tony Banks, Susan Bray, Mike Chomentowski, Patricia Cove, Lindsey D'Angelo, Hillary O'Carroll, Marilyn Paucker, Jason Pierce

Others Attending:

Anne McNiff, CHCA Executive Director
Philip Dawson, Executive Director CHBA
John Derr, Publisher CH Local
Brendan Sample, CH 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 February Minutes: It was moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved.
- Laura Lucas reported on the status of the Local's request to the CH Community Fund. The Fund's board of directors is waiting on information from their counsel and once received will vote on the request from the Local for assistance in securing a line of credit.

Executive Director Updates

- Candidates Forum – the CHCA will be co-sponsoring a Candidates Forum with East Mount Airy Neighbors and West Mount Airy Neighbors. The date is May 8 at the New Covenant Church. The forum will include mayoral, city council at-large, 8th council district, and judicial candidates. Volunteers to help the night of the Forum are needed.
- Membership/HHT Committee leadership – The membership committee will now be chaired by Lindsey D'Angelo and the Holiday House Tour committee will be chaired by Andy Kite. Richard Snowden asked that the minutes reflect the entire board's thanks to Andy for his leadership and hard work on the membership committee. The board agreed and applauded Andy's efforts.
- Tree Tenders Chestnut Hill – The spring tree planning by the tree tenders will take place on Saturday, April 27th. There will only be a small number of trees planted this time, but the group will also canvas the neighborhood with information about signing up for a tree and forms that people can complete that day.
- Department of Revenue presentation – The presentation has been rescheduled for the **Thursday, May 23** CHCA board meeting. Ms. Riley will discuss and answer questions regarding real estate taxes or water bills. She will explain the various assistance programs that are available to help senior citizens, low-income households and persons with delinquent real estate tax bills from previous years.

- Illegal dumping – former Blossom property – Anne reported that after contacting the property owner’s representative, she obtained a commitment that the illegal dumping would be cleaned up and security cameras installed. As of today, the tires have been removed and there appears to be cameras installed.

Physical Division

- Joyce Lenhardt reported that the CHCA continues to monitor the issue at Jenks Elementary school around parking on the school lot. Cindy Bass’ office has been apprised that contact has been made with the school district asking them for an update on any long term plans they may have and requesting that the school comply with the current zoning regulations.

Social Division Updates

Anne McNiff reviewed the following events and dates:

- Hoops Madness – March 23rd. The event was a great success with close to 300 attendees. Brien Tilley once again did fantastic work as the committee chairman. Thank you to Bowman Properties, Temple Health Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine at CH Hospital, and Chestnut Hill Hospital who were our lead sponsors
- Great Houses Tour – May 19, 2019 – 5 homes have been secured and attendees will also receive FREE admission to Morris Arboretum’s Springfield Mills’ open demonstration day. Contact Anne McNiff if interested in helping at the event

Annual Appeal

- With only a few days left before the official end of the Appeal, Dan Pulka asked that he be sent the names of the board members who had not given as of today.

CH Local Update -

- John Derr reported the following:
The redesigned Local's planned debut is April 4th. We are working to plan a preview event at the Woodmere on April 1st. The paper will have four sections including the 60th anniversary section. This issue will be delivered in every home in 19118. The kick-off reception for the re-design is scheduled for April 1st at Woodmere Art Museum – thank you to Anne Standish and Bill Valerio for hosting.

Community Partner Updates

- **Water Tower Planning Group** – Keith Kunz reported that May 4th is Comcast Cares Day at the Watertower and there will be volunteers doing cleanup activities throughout the center and grounds. Improvements to the Water Tower continue with large amounts of junk being removed from several areas. The DCED grant proposal for \$350,000 has moved on to the second stage of review. The advisory council will follow up with CHCA staff if a letter of support is needed.
- **CH Conservancy** – Richard Snowden reported that the Conservancy has secured an easement on Crefeld Street. Lori Salganicoff will be working with Wyndmore Historical Society in Springfield Township to develop a preservation ordinance.
- **Woodmere Art Museum** - Anne Standish reported on the new acquisition of the Robinson Fredenthal, White Water sculpture. The Jazz series continues to sell out. Yoga and movie nights have proven very popular.
- **CH Business Association** – Phil Dawson reported that first Friday’s will be starting again on April 5th. April 6th is the Wedding Fair and April 7th the Clover Market on Highland Ave. Phil also gave a **CH Business Improvement District** report:

- The BID in partnership with the CH Garden District Fund will be doing an up-lighting project on the cliff located at Creshiem Valley Drive and Germantown Ave.
- Work is being done to develop signage for the gateways in to CH. The drafts of the signage will be taken to the Streetscape Committee.
- SEPTA has made a commitment to replace the newstand canopy at the Chestnut Hill West train station.
- The lights will remain on the trees on Germantown Ave.

Parking Foundation Report:

- The Philadelphia Parking Authority are planning to install the sidewalk kiosks in the spring
- There will be an electric charging station placed in one of the lots.

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

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.