

Chestnut Hill Community Association Board Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of October 25, 2018

Members Present

Tony Banks, Susan Bray, Catherine Brzozowski, Kathi Clayton, Lucie Daigle, Lindsey D'Angelo, Craig Hosay, Joyce Lenhardt, Laura Lucas, Karl Martin, Larry McEwen, Jenny McHugh, Hillary O'Carroll, Marilyn Paucker, Dan Pulka, Lynn Schroeder, Jean Wedgwood, Bradley Wells

Members Absent

Drew Meschter, Jason Pierce, Mike Chomentowski, Patricia Cove, Andy Kite, Keith Kunz, Richard Snowden, Anne Standish

Others Attending:

Anne McNiff, CHCA Executive Director

Phil Dawson, CHBA Executive Director

Brendan Sample, Chestnut Hill *Local*

Sheri Edelman, homeowner 421 Mermaid Lane

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 September and October 16 Minutes: It was moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Springside Chestnut Hill Academy Presentation – Jenny McHugh, Director of Development and Frank Aloise, CFO presented SCH's 10-year Masterplan.

Physical Division

- Joyce presented information on the request for a variance at 421 Mermaid Lane. The following motion was made to the Board: The DRC recommends approval of the project as modified by the applicant, with 100% opaque fence (96 feet) in front of the house, 50% opaque for remainder along Mermaid Lane, 4' height throughout, and with landscape plan as presented. Larry McEwen recused himself from the vote. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- Joyce gave the board an update on the Upper Northwest District plan submission by CHCA and the combined priorities of Chestnut Hill RCO's & Stakeholder organizations

Executive Director Updates by Anne McNiff

- Green Space updates – Anne requested the board authorize the expenditure of funds to replace two trees on Germantown Ave. and four trees on E. Willow Grove. The trees were originally planted in the 1950's and have become diseased. Thanks to the CH Business Improvement District and the Woodward Corporation the diseased trees have been removed. The goal will be planted in November or early December. The Board approved this expenditure
- Streetscape Committee – The Committee met on October 2. The guidelines are being reviewed and will be updated to be more user friendly in an electronic format.

- Wayfinders Signage Grant – Anne introduced Phil Dawson, Executive Director, who described the signage grant received by the Philadelphia neighborhoods in the Northwest and the opportunity for the board to give feedback into specific design features and locations of the signs. The board was encouraged to fill out the form provided and return it to Anne who will compile and give the information to Phil.
- Community Relations – Anne asked Kathi Clayton to describe her suggestion that the board thank the members of the community who attended the Black and White Gala. Anne handed out thank you note cards (thanks to Kathi for providing the cards) to the board with a list of attendees.
- Annual Appeal – the board discussed possible start dates of this year’s appeal. It was decided that starting in mid-December would give people who had not donated in 2018 to do so before the year end. The expected end date is March 31st. The need for a purpose statement was also discussed. Jenny McHugh offered to ask Steve Druggan, Headmaster at SCH, if he would be able to conduct a board exercise that would result in a statement being developed.

Social Division Updates

Marilyn Paucker reported that the Black & White Gala was a huge success and thanked everyone involved for their help and support, especially the BWG Committee, Sponsors and especially the Chestnut Hill Hospital. She asked Karl Martin to report on the gala finances.

Karl reported that the Gala was also a financial success due to reduced expenses increased revenue through sponsorship. This will greatly contribute to the positive bottom line of the budget.

Additionally Marilyn asked that Board Members note the following event dates and plan to volunteer to help and/or attend:

- Circle of Trees – November 17
- Holiday House Tour – December 8
- Holiday Parade – December 16

November Board Meeting Date Change – In order to ensure board participation in the appeal purpose statement exercise it was proposed to change the meeting date to November 29.

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

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.