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Chestnut Hill Community Association
Board of Directors Meeting
2/26/26
Zoom

Attendance: Laura Lucas, Eric Shelton, Allen Barkus, Greg Lattanzi, Richard Tuttle, Lindsey Toconita, Lynn Schroeder, Jonene Lee, Larry McEwen, Marc Bainbridge, Kathi Clayton, Sarah Robertson, Joyce Lenhardt, Janel Baselice, Beth Wright, Camille Peluso, Tom Johnson, Anne Standish, Tony Banks

Guest(s): Anne McNiff, Executive Director

Agenda

Roll Call and Meeting Minutes - 5 minutes
Allen made motion to approve the minutes; Joyce second, All in favor

ZRC Update (save the date March 16 Community Meeting - (Laura/Anne) -

- Laura and Anne reviewed the proposal to form a Zoning Review Committee that would take the place of the current DRC process. This work has been going on for at least 3 years with input from community and current DRC members gathered in several different ways. The process is a pilot project that will run for one year. The impetus of this was feedback received through several surveys and focus groups that there was confusion about how the process worked and the sense that it was too complex and time consuming. The proposal attempts to address these concerns as well as input from non CHCA RCO's (CHBD & CH Conservancy) that there was inequity in representation on the DRC and final recommendation to the Zoning Board.
- There will be a community presentation on 3/16 from 6:30–7:30 to roll this out to the community and answer questions.
- All 3 main RCO's (CHCA, Business District, Conservancy) have been involved in the planning.
- There was much discussion amount the Board and Larry shared that he and several other DRC members were not in favor at this time and suggested an alternative.
- Laura agreed that a separate board meeting would take place to continue discussion. This would take place prior to the community meeting. Anne will send out a zoom link for this meeting. Laura will share the latest draft of the proposal with the board.

Executive Director Updates including Hoops Madness and Philly250 - (Anne)

- 10 sponsors for Hoops Madness! Brian Tilley is once again the Chairperson.
- 250th — Jonene and Anne working with Business District. So far, CHCA is thinking about incorporating our concert history into Pastorius Concerts. Kicking off 7/1–7/4 with the Bocce bike parade, First Friday, Arts & Eats, concert Wednesday. On Sunday, some sort of market for all the stores, still brainstorming ideas.

- Hosting a new neighbor event (not necessary to be a member) on Jazz Night at the Irish Center in Mt. Airy on 3/19 at 6:30pm. Will be important for board members to show up to talk to new neighbors.

Community Partner Updates - 10 minutes

- Marc reported that on 3/14-15 at 10am there will be a clean-up day at the playground. They are looking for volunteers to freshen the surface of the playground.
- The parent group has applied for a $500k keystone grant. Will need still contractors and more volunteers
- Joyce pointed out that the group really needs grant manager.

CHL Update - Laura

- Received 501(c)(3) which makes tax exempt all the way back to April/25
    - Can accept donations directly to local and is tax exempt
- Art Haywood announced Local is getting a $100k state grant. Will be used for technology spend among other categories TBC
- Raised ~$100k in the community as well. $15k from CHCA and CHF, but the rest from the community
- 4 interns from Temple are coming in
- Will be looking at adjusting the bylaws and looking at Local Board members
- Production being outsourced resulting in layoff of 4 people.
- Amy Jacoby (formerly Local production) is coming on to the CHCA
- Friends of the Local is an opportunity for organizations to support

Meeting adjourned