

Chestnut Hill Community Association
Board of Directors Meeting - DRAFT
Thursday, September 23, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.
Via Zoom

Attending CHCA Board Members:

Jason Bissonette, George Deming, Joyce Lenhardt, Larry McEwen, Tim Breslin, Janel Baselice, Susan Bray, Karen Pilling, Cynthia Fillmore, Catherine Brzozowski, Jeff Duncan, Corinne Scioli, Keith Kunz, Kathi Clayton, Laura Lucas, Tony Banks, Camille Peluso, Lindsey Toconita, Lynn Schroeder, Anne Standish, Beth Wright, Karl Martin, Gregory Lattanzi, Richard Bartholomew

Staff present: Anne McNiff, Executive Director

Community Members/Guests attending: Melissa Degenhardt, Janet Potter, Susan Swartz, John Derr, Publisher Chestnut Hill Local

1. President's Welcome (Approval of August minutes) - Kathi Clayton welcomed everyone and called for a motion and second to approve the August minutes. Minutes were approved with corrections.
 2. Introduction of Corrine Scioli, new school principal at Jenks Elementary School.
 3. Chestnut Hill Local – John Derr presented a recommendation for a new CH Local board member. The board received Donna Shaw's bio prior to the meeting. The CH Local board has approved her nomination to the board. Kathi Clayton made a motion to approve Ms. Shaw for the CH Local Board. The motion was seconded. The board's vote to approve was unanimous.
 4. Social Division Report - Lynn Schroeder reported that the CHCA is hosting a fundraiser cocktail party at the Market at the Fareway on Sunday, October 10. Proceeds after expenses will be split 50/50 between the CHCA and the Friends of the Jenks Playground. She encouraged board members to attend.
 5. Membership Committee meeting – Lindsey Toconita reported on the recent meeting and as a new chairperson of the committee, encouraged other to join.
 6. Physical Division Report – Larry McEwen gave a report on the outcome of the ZBA meeting for 540 W. Moreland Ave and a status report on the appeal of the by-right zoning permit for 10 Bethlehem Pike.
 7. Finance Report – Karl Martin reported on where we are financially as of August 31, 2021.
 8. Board Committees – Anne McNiff reviewed the current list of committees and members. She also reviewed the need for all committees, with the exception of some ad hoc committees, to have charters and went over the template that was sent to the board.
- Tim Breslin presented his ideas for a Technology Enhancement Committee. The board is required to vote on new committees. After much discussion it was decided to postpone voting on this committee until Tim and Beth had a chance to meet with Anne and her staff, and to develop a charter.
9. Governance Committee – Laura Lucas reported that the committee recently met and reviewed the scope of the committee's work. Two nominations were made of board members to serve on the Governance Committee. 1) Jeff Duncan: Beth Wright made a motion to approve Jeff's nomination to the committee, the motion was seconded and unanimously approved. 2.) Joyce Lenhardt: Kathi Clayton made a motion that Joyce's nomination be approved, the motion was seconded and unanimously approved. The next meeting of the Governance Committee will be Oct. 18.

10. Executive Director's report - Anne reminded everyone that there were still board members who had not sent in their signed conflict of interest form. Also, a community activity for children will take place at the CHCA membership table at the Fall for the Arts Festival on September 26th.

11. Community Partner updates

a. Watertown Advisory Group – Keith Kunz reported that he had been working with the city to get even a temporary repair of the electrical systems in the rec system.

b. CHBA/CHPF – Cynthia Fillmore reported upcoming events for the Business Association: Sept 26 Fall for the Arts Festival was coming up. All attendees would be asked to wear masks.

Ann Neville has been hired as the new Business Recruiter. There is also an initiative to use the empty store fronts as a venue to display artwork.

Parking Foundation – The security systems in the parking lots are being upgraded. There is also an interest in providing community education on how to use the kiosks.

c. CH Conservancy – Richard Bartholomew reported that the Conservancy would be presenting the annual Night of Lights event from October 8 through October 16.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08