

Chestnut Hill Community Association Board Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of February 27, 2020

Members Present

Jason Bissonette, Susan Bray, Catherine Brzozowski, Lucie Daigle, Andy Kite, Keith Kunz, Karl Martin, Laura Lucas, Larry McEwen, Jenny McHugh, Hillary O'Carroll, Marilyn Paucker, Jason Pierce, Lynn Schroeder, Anne Standish Bradley Wells

Members Absent

Tony Banks, Kathi Clayton, Patricia Cove, Lindsey D'Angelo, Craig Hosay, Joyce Lenhardt, Dan Pulka, Richard Snowden, Jean Wedgwood

Others Attending:

Anne McNiff, CHCA Executive Director

Laura Lucas, Board 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 January 2020 minutes: It was moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Physical Division

- Board Approval was requested by the Development Review Committee on:
 - 9509 Wheel Pump Lane: variance for detached garage on steep slope – Board voted to approve the request for support without conditions
 - 10 W. Gravers Lane: special exception for use as dental practice – Board approved the DRC's recommendation to support the special exception request with the following provisos:
 1. Hours of operation can be any two nights of the week until 7:00pm, and until 5:30pm on the other three weekdays: No weekend hours; Emergencies can be outside of standard hours.
 2. The applicant agrees to return to the DRC in November 2020 to discuss how the parking situation is working for them and the neighborhood, and agrees to encourage patients to use the parking spaces on Germantown Avenue or in public parking lots
 3. The applicant agrees to meet with CHCA Streetscape committee to review signage plan prior to installation.
- Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee requested the Board approve Jean McCoubrey as co-chair and to approve Denise Chapline as committee member. The Board voted to support these appointments.
- The Board was given advance Notice that LUPZ, DRC & Streetscape Charters are being updated and will be sent to Board Members for approval at MARCH meeting; It is important that Board reads the charters and provides any SUBSTANTIAL changes to Joyce in advance of March Board meeting so she can incorporate them and so we can get these approved efficiently.

Executive Director Update

- 2020 Membership Initiative Update – Anne McNiff

As of today – 417 members have joined, or renewed, or upgraded their membership. 94 are new (62 of those are brand new to us, 32 were previously more than 18 months past due), 2 converted to subscription only. Marketing – landlord event at Richard's, postcard to every non-member in 19118

- CHCA Member Experiences – Birding Event Feb 29 sold out, College Steinway Night Feb 23 sold out, March 28 (1-3 pm) Backstage Tour of Chestnut Hill Businesses – to be announced soon, Isabella Sparrow event in the planning stage. The Board suggested the following member only activities: Learning to Row (Jenny McHugh), Walking Group (Karl Martin), Dog Walk at Woodmere grounds (Anne Standish), Structures of Henry Howard Houston

Social Division Updates

- Hoops Madness March 21 – sponsor opportunities
- Great Houses Tour May 31 – sponsor opportunities
- New Pastorius Park Concert Chair Needed & Board Members to Sign Up (or will be assigned) at least one night; new committee members (7 Concerts Wed., June 17 – July 29) – sponsor opportunities. Hillary and Lucie volunteered to be on committee

Annual Appeal

- Susan Bray reported that the Appeal is going well and we are ahead of where we were at this time last year but still a considerable distance from our goal. She reiterated the importance of having every board member donate.

Community Partner Updates

Water Tower Advisory Group – Keith Kunz reported: The Water Tower clean up will be April 18

Chestnut Hill Hospital - Cathy Brzozowski reported:

- The hospital is very busy with its expanded programs and additional staff
- CH Hospital physicians will be running some spring programs at satellite locations.

Springside Chestnut Hill Academy – Jenny McHugh reported:

- Jenny reported on the upcoming robotics conference.

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

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.