

Chestnut Hill Community Association Board Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of June 25, 2020

Via Zoom

Members Present

Susan Bray, Tony Banks, Catherine Brzozowski, Kathi Clayton, Lucie Daigle, Lindsey D'Angelo, Keith Kunz, Laura Lucas, Jenny McHugh, Lynn Schroeder, Bradley Wells, Craig Hosay, Joyce Lenhardt, Richard Snowden, Andy Kite, Karl Martin, Anne Standish, Hillary O'Carroll, Larry McEwen, Jean Wedgwood

Members Absent

Dan Pulka, Jason Bissonette, Marilyn Paucker, Jason Pierce

Others Attending:

Michael Harding

Diane Fiske

Anne McNiff, CHCA Executive Director

Laura Lucas, Board President, opened the meeting at 5:00 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 May 2020 minutes: It was moved that the minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved.
- Laura reported that the CHCA has participated in a joint statement made with other CH institutional leaders regarding recent events.
- The CH Greenspace committee has been re-engaged and reports on the committee's work will be made going forward
- An ad-hoc committee has been formed to develop a Virtual Garden Tour, tentative date is July 16, donations will be encouraged.

2. Approval of Nominating Committee - the following names were presented to the board for approval: Laura Lucas, Marilyn Paucker, Jean Wedgwood, Joyce Lenhardt, Craig Hosay, Hillary O'Carroll will be back up if necessary. A nomination was made to approve the nominating committee as presented, seconded, and approved.

3. Board Seats - Marilyn Paucker, Jean Wedgwood, and Lindsey D'Angelo's board term will expire. They have opted not to run again. The Board thanks them for their many years of service.

4. By-law Changes - The changes to the by-laws were presented. A motion was made to approve them as presented. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

5. Annual Meeting Format – The annual meeting will take place on July 23 at 7pm. We will try to locate a space that will allow the meeting to take place outdoors with appropriate social distancing. It has been decided to only give one award this year. The EC has recommended that the award be given to the Essential Workers of the Chestnut Hill Area. This was approved unanimously.

6. Executive Director Update

- 2020 Membership Initiative Update – Anne reported that to date we have 1,292 current members. At this point last year we had 1,243.
- We will be focusing on possible partnerships for virtual events and will be planning a curated tour of Woodmere’s African Artists in Philadelphia exhibit.

Community Partners Updates

- Water Tower Advisory Council – Keith reported that the pickle ball courts are now open. Repair work continues on the building even though the Water Tower recreation center is currently closed. The City is distributing food from the site. A grant for HR Block for sports projects was received. Thanks to Laura Lucas for her help in getting this grant.
- Woodmere Art Museum – Anne Standish reported that the Museum is currently looking at ways to continue programming outdoors to take advantage of their grounds.
- SCHA – On July 25th there will be a “in-person” graduation. The classes in the fall will likely be “hybrid”, both on line and in person. The school is doing training with parents and alumna on systemic racism.
- CH Hospital – Cathy reported that Tele-Doc services are now available. The Hospital is doing a lot of work around their diversity and inclusion programs. The CHCA recognized the great work that the employees of the hospital have done throughout the epidemic.
- CH Conservancy – Work is continuing on preservation activities.

The Board adjourned at 6:00pm.