

Chestnut Hill Community Association Board Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of May 28, 2020

Via Zoom

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Dan Pulka, Jean Wedgwood, Lindsey D'Angelo, Jason Bissonette,

Others Attending:

Pete Mazzaccaro, Editor CH Local
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 April 2020 minutes: It was moved that the minutes be accepted with the correction of the ending time of the meeting - 6:00pm. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved.
- Laura reported that the annual appeal to the entire community is over, but we need to see 100% participation by board members so that we can go to the community possibly in the fall with an appeal for donations.

Physical Division

- Joyce – reviewed the changes and updates to the DRC and LUPZ guidelines. The board voted to accept these changes as noted in document draft.
- 211 East Meade St. – Joyce reviewed the request for a variance to the size of an extension being built at the rear of the house. The Development Review Committee recommends that the Board approve the request for a variance for this project. A motion was made to approve the variance request. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Director Update

- 2020 Membership Initiative Update – Anne reported that to date we have 1,358 current members. At this point last year we had 1,599. The CHCA and Local is working with McKinsey to look at opportunities to continuing marketing memberships during the pandemic shutdown.
- Application for PPPL and EIDL loans/grants. Anne reported that CHCA did received a PPPL and fully expects to use it as required by the Small Business Association in order to make it forgivable. We also received the advance on the EIDL which can also be considered a grant.
- Zoom Concert Experience – On May 9th CHCA hosted our first Zoom event that was a concert featuring Deb Callahan a local musician. There was not charge but donations were accepted for a local NW Philadelphia Organization that is helping people in need. The concert went well and appeared to be enjoyed by all. Anne will work with the EC and donors to select an organization to receive the funds. \$1,500 was raised.
- Anne reported that the CHCA is exploring opportunites for virtual member only events including gardening seminars and concerts.

- Street tree applications are available for fall of 2020
- Belong signs are also still available, let Anne know if you would like one delivered.

Annual Meeting & Elections

- The Annual meeting will take place on Thursday, July 23rd. It will be a virtual meeting. An electronic ballot will be developed to go out to all the members along with the one printed in the Local. Anne reviewed those members whose terms were expiring to let them know she would be in contact with them to determine if they wanted to run again.

Community Partners Updates

- Water Tower Advisory Council – Keith reported that the Water Tower recreation center is currently closed. The city is distributing food from the site. They hope to be able to have some kind of summer programming at the site.
- 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 – Jenny reported that SCHA partnered with the CH Local on a surprise for the graduating seniors. 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.
- CH Hospital – Cathy reported that the Hospital is seeing a decline in covid cases. The administration is doing all it can to recognize the hard work and sacrifice of their staff. She thanked everyone in the community for their generosity.
- CH BID – Richard reported that they are 2 new commercial businesses coming to the Avenue.

The Board adjourned to an executive session at 5:45 p.m.