

CHCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, March 24, 2016

Norwood-Fontbonne Academy, Fontbonne Commons

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Liz Bales (VP Social Division), Jason Bissonette, Julie Byrne, George Coates, Dan Compton, Sam Earle, Mark Keintz, Andy Kite, Joyce Lenhardt, Laura Lucas (Acting President and VP Operations), Haviva Goldman (Jenks Academy), Karl Martin, Larry McEwen (VP Physical Division), Jack McMeekin, Drew Meschter, Marilyn Paucker, Christopher Plant (CH Business Association), Dan Pulka, Tony Reilly (Treasurer), Bob Rossman, Michelle Sage, Richard Snowden (CH Parking Foundation), Brien Tilley (Immediate Past President), and Jean Wedgwood (Secretary)

Board Members Absent: Bob Boyer, Patricia Cove (CH Historical Society), Will Detweiler, Lisa Howe, Jenny McHugh (Springside CH Academy), Jason Huber (Teenagers, Inc.), and Remy Pizzichini

Attendance: 24 present and 7 absent = 31

Others Present: Kevin Dicciani (CH Local Reporter), Larry Hochberger (Associate Publisher), Melissa Ostroff (Communications Director for State Senator Art Haywood), Ryan Rosenbaum (Executive Director), Martha Sharkey (CH District Executive Director), and Meredith Sonderskov (Recorder)

In Will Detweiler's absence, Laura Lucas called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., the roll call was conducted, and the agenda was approved. It was announced that Will Detweiler has resigned as President for health reasons, but he will remain as a member of the Board. *George Coates offered a motion to confirm that Laura Lucas should serve as acting President until the election in two months. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.*

Approval of Minutes: The Board meeting minutes from 2/25/16 were approved.

Report from Operations: A task force is being formed with the Chestnut Hill Historical Society to carry out the Chestnut Hill Residential Conservation and Development Plan, copies of which were distributed. There are financial and land use implications. Mark Keintz suggested that the community needs to be included, perhaps with occasional public meetings.

Reports from Managers: Ryan Rosenbaum distributed copies of the Board Focus Group Report and his monthly report to the Budget and Finance Committee. He also announced that the meeting space at the Chestnut Hill Library is no longer available for our Board meetings. Future meetings will be held either at Norwood-Fontbonne Academy or at United Cerebral Palsy. Larry Hochberger distributed his monthly report to the Board along with his proposed budget for the Local for fiscal year ending 3/31/17.

Report from Physical Division: Larry McEwen provided information about the proposed extensive tear-down of the historic stone wall on Ardleigh Street that surrounds Jenks Academy on three sides. The wall was original to the large house that was built on the property in the mid-19th century. The house was torn down in the 1920s so that the school could be built there. The School District plans to put in driveways to access faculty parking spaces and enable delivery trucks to access the school more easily. They would also move the dumpsters from their present location. Neighbors on Ardleigh Street have raised concerns about these plans. These issues will be discussed further at the LUPZ meeting on April 7.

Larry also reported on the willingness of the developers of 2 E. Chestnut Hill Avenue to modify their plans. They are willing to work with the community and will attend DRC and May Board meetings.

Additional Reports: Julie Byrne reported that plans are underway for this year's Pastorius Park summer concert series. The stage will be built on Saturday, May 14. Brien Tilley reported that CHCA's 4th Annual Hoops Madness tournament will be held on Saturday, March 26, at SCH Academy.

Fund Drive Update: Dan Pulka reported that there is a \$5,000 anonymous pledge if 100% of the CHCA Board members contribute. The goal is \$100,000, and just under \$70,000 has been raised so far. There was some discussion and a question was raised about having a pledge system. This was deemed a good idea. A written Fund Allocation Summary report was distributed. *A motion was offered to approve this year's recommended grant allocations; this motion was seconded and passed. The proposed budgets for the CHCA and CH Local for fiscal year ending 3/31/17 were also approved.*

Introduction of New Institutional Director. Haviva Goldman, President of the Friends of Jenks, was welcomed to the Board as the Institutional Director representing Jenks Academy, replacing Principal Mary Lynskey. This term ends in May 2017.

Report from the CH Business Association. Martha Sharkey reported that the CHBA is applying to be a Keystone Community. Many spring events are being sponsored by the CHBA: an Easter egg hunt, a bike tour of mid-century architecture, an astronomy event, and the Spring Garden Festival on Sunday, May 1 (rain date May 15). The festival brings thousands of shoppers to Chestnut Hill.

Executive Session. At 8:25 p.m. there was a motion to go into executive session in order to discuss budget issues. This motion was seconded and passed, and non-Board members were asked to leave the room.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on 5/25/16 by:
Jean Wedgwood
CHCA Secretary

*Draft of minutes prepared by Meredith F. Sonderskov, Recorder
Approved by the Board of Directors, without amendment, on 5/26/16.*