

## CHCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, July 28, 2016  
United Cerebral Palsy

### MINUTES

**Board Members Present:** Jason Bissonette, Bob Boyer, Mike Chomentowski, Dan Compton, Patricia Cove (CH Historical Society), Will Detweiler (Immediate Past President), Haviva Goldman (Jenks Academy), Andy Kite, Joyce Lenhardt, Laura Lucas (President), Karl Martin (Treasurer), Jenny McHugh (Springside CH Academy), Jack McMeekin, Drew Meschter, Arianna Neromiliotis, Marilyn Paucker (VP Social Division), Bob Rossman (VP Physical Division), and Michelle Sage

**Board Members Absent:** Liz Bales, Gregory Burns, Sam Earle, Jason Huber (Teenagers Inc.), Larry McEwen, Remy Pizzichini, Christopher Plant (CH Business Association), Dan Pulka (VP Operations), Richard Snowden (CH Parking Foundation), and Jean Wedgwood (Secretary)

**Attendance:** 18 present (quorum) and 10 absent = 28

**Others Present:** Victor Diaz, Judy Muenzberg, Ryan Rosenbaum (Executive Director), Martha Sharkey (CHBA Executive Director), and CHCA summer interns Emily Van Sant and Ian Wilson

Laura Lucas called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m., the roll call was taken, and the agenda was approved. She acknowledged a special guest, Victor Diaz, who is a local Eagle Scout and interested community member. He will be participating in community events.

**Approval of Minutes.** Laura proposed that the minutes from the Board meeting of June 23, 2016 be amended due to ongoing litigation regarding the front yard parking pad at 210 E. Evergreen Avenue. The following sections were stricken from the minutes: item #4 of the Physical Division report, and the second paragraph of the report, which addresses this topic. The minutes were approved with this amendment.

**Executive Committee and Board Priorities.** Copies of Laura's goals for the year were distributed to Board members. The report was organized using the following themes:

- **Financial.** Realizing the potential of, and putting more emphasis on, the CHCA's 501(c)(3) status. There was discussion about making the Black & White Gala an annual event and our biggest fundraiser of the year. Jack McMeekin asked if there was a policy that Board members should all contribute. Laura said it's not a law but is highly encouraged.
- **Residential Quality of Life.** Affecting what's happening block by block in the neighborhood. One specific area Laura would like to tackle is parking; Joyce Lenhardt recommended that we partner with the CH Parking Foundation. Martha Sharkey spoke about the emerging PPP (Pocket Park Partnership). Laura would like to see more CHCA involvement in the Chestnut Hill Residential Conservation, Preservation, and Development Task Force.
- **Aiding Membership Efforts.** There will be emphasis on new technology and the New Resident Box program. Jack mentioned that he has new neighbors that we can get on board.

- **Execution/Getting Things Done.** This includes staff accountability, going paper-free by 2017, streamlining the bylaws, and engaging more volunteers.

**Status of Community Forum Discussions with City Officials.** CHCA has met with Friends of Pastorius Park and Water Tower Rec Center reps to create forums addressing big issues with the pond in the park and at the rec center. Laura also noted there will be a meeting on August 30 to discuss the Jenks Academy ramp on Ardleigh Street. Near neighbor Judy Muenzberg asked how neighbors can come to these meetings. Laura indicated that the CHCA will meet with City leadership and then bring neighbors into the conversation. Joyce suggested that neighbors form groups through collecting info or social media.

**Appointment of New LUPZ and DRC Co-Chairs.** Bob Rossman offered a motion to appoint Cynthia Brey as Co-Chair of the Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee. This motion was seconded and passed. Bob then offered a second motion to re-appoint Larry McEwen as Co-Chair of the Development Review Committee. This motion was also seconded and passed.

**Financial Report.** Ryan Rosenbaum reviewed the CHCA financial report through 6/30/16. Karl Martin stated that he will create a 1-page dashboard to distribute at meetings.

**Officer Reports.** CHCA's status as a Registered Community Organization (RCO) has been renewed. Bob Rossman provided clarification about the meaning of RCO. Laura mentioned that the BW Gala will be held on Saturday, October 8 in the East Highland Avenue parking lot. There will be a cleanup of the upper field at the Water Tower on Saturday, July 30, and the Pastorius Park concert stage will be taken down on Sunday, July 31. Movie Nights will begin on Friday, August 5. The Holiday House Tour Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 9. We need volunteers for all of these activities.

**Membership Report.** Andy Kite stated that the Membership Committee has been out at every event. Non-member subscribers will be contacted and invited to join the CHCA. Plans for a new website and database are moving ahead, with targeted launch on Labor Day.

**Report from Executive Director.** Ryan introduced the two summer interns, college students Emily and Ian, and a flier was distributed about the used shoe drive. Ryan reported that \$1,400 was raised for police and firefighter charities from donations at last week's Pastorius Park concert. A new "Sponsorship Advisory Council" will be formed.

**New Business and Old Business.** None

**Announcements.** It was reported that George Coates has resigned from the Board and Executive Committee due to other commitments. There will be no Board meeting in August, but the August Executive Committee meeting will be held. Bob Rossman acknowledged the outstanding work of Julie Byrne as chair of the Pastorius Park Summer Concert Series. It was a great season!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on 9/22/16 by:

Jean Wedgwood  
CHCA Secretary

*Initial draft of minutes prepared by Laura Lucas and edited by Noreen Spota.  
Approved by the Board of Directors without amendment on 9/22/16.*