#### CHCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. United Cerebral Palsy, 102 E. Mermaid Lane

## **MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:** Liz Bales, Jason Bissonette, Dan Compton, Patricia Cove (CH Historical Society), Laura Lucas (President), Karl Martin (Treasurer), Larry McEwen, Jack McMeekin, Drew Meschter, Arianna Neromiliotis, Marilyn Paucker (VP Social Division), Remy Pizzichini, Christopher Plant (CH Business Association), Dan Pulka (VP Operations), Bob Rossman (VP Physical Division), Michelle Sage, and Jean Wedgwood (Secretary)

**Board Members Absent:** Bob Boyer, Gregory Burns, Mike Chomentowski, Will Detweiler (Immediate Past President), Sam Earle, Haviva Goldman (Jenks Academy), Jason Huber (Teenagers Inc.), Andy Kite, Joyce Lenhardt, Jenny McHugh (Springside CH Academy), and Richard Snowden (CH Parking Foundation)

**Attendance:** 17 present (quorum) and 11 absent = 28

**Others Present:** Kevin Dicciani (CH Local reporter), Janet Gala (Director of Promotions), Mark Keintz (DRC member and CH Local Board member), and Lori Salganicoff (CH Historical Society Executive Director)

Laura Lucas called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m., Karl Martin conducted the roll call, and the agenda was approved.

**Approval of Minutes.** The Board meeting minutes from 7/28/16 were approved. (The Board did not meet in August.)

**8010 Winston Road Fence.** The Board recommended approval of the fence at 8010 Winston Road. Before doing so, Laura Lucas explained that this was fence was discussed by the Board about a year ago. The owners have now been able to modify their fence, but it is being re-considered by the Board because the sight lines could not be taken down to the levels initially requested without hardship to the homeowner. The DRC members present at the Board meeting (Bob Rossman, Larry McEwen, Patricia Cove, and Mark Keintz) reported that the DRC supported the modifications made.

**Black & White Gala Plans.** Marilyn Paucker gave a brief update about plans for the Black & White Gala, to be held on Saturday, October 8 in the East Highland Avenue parking lot. She encouraged all Board members to buy tickets and spread the word. In addition to email blasts and other forms of publicity, 1000 invitations were mailed to past attendees as well

as those in our database in 19118. This is our major fundraiser and we need everyone's support.

Student Drop-Off Issue at Jenks Academy. Laura Lucas informed the Board about how the CHCA engaged key stakeholders regarding the student drop-off issue at Jenks that was brought to our attention this week by Ardleigh Street neighbors. Some parents have been blocking neighbors' driveways, pulling onto the sidewalk, and blaring music. CHCA worked with Principal Mary Lynskey, Haviva Goldman (Friends of Jenks and also a CHCA Board member), and 14th District Police Captain Kinebrew, among others. We will continue to monitor the situation and work with all involved to help provide a forum and solutions. Haviva could not attend this Board meeting due to it coinciding with Back to School Night but is committed to helping with the dialogue and solutions.

Approval of new Chestnut Hill Local Board Member. CHCA Board members were not prepared to schedule a vote to approve Sue Beetle (current CHL Treasurer) to serve as a CHL Board member with a term ending March 2018 to replace a vacancy left by \_\_\_\_\_, who has taken on a new job at the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. CHL Board member Mark Keintz read Sue's bio. Bob Rossman noted Sue's contributions to the community and CHCA. Jean Wedgwood and Liz Bales, who were part of the CHL Board selection committee, asked if other candidates with newspaper experience were interviewed. Mark said no. Jack McMeekin said he thought that should be considered by the CHL Board and that composition of the CHL Board was critical to advancing the paper. Laura Lucas said past conversations were that we needed to look for circulation/advertising experience. There was a motion to table this issue. This motion was seconded and passed with one opposed (Bob Rossman).

# Update about the Residential Conservation, Preservation, and Development Task

**Force.** Lori Salganicoff, Executive Director of the CH Historical Society, gave an update on this CHCA-CHHS task force. It has been some months since her last visit to talk about this combined effort. We are still waiting on funding. We have resumes from people who want to be part of the Steering Committee. Lori will continue to provide updates at our Board meetings when there is news to report. Lori also gave an update on Greylock, which has a revised Sheriff's Sale date of November 4<sup>th</sup>. Information about the Task Force, Greylock, and High Hollow (another large property preservationists are concerned about) is on the CHHS website. Lori also mentioned that the Architectural Hall of Fame properties would soon be announced, with voting to follow.

**CHCA Financial Update.** Karl Martin provided a financial update and reminded the Board that our two biggest fundraisers (BW Gala and Holiday House Tour) are approaching and we need everyone's financial support. (Basically, buy a ticket!)

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

• VP for Operations Dan Pulka provided update on plans for this year's Fund Drive, pursuing grant money, and planned giving. The Fund Drive will start in

October and not involve CHCF since the CHCA now has 501(c)(3) status. Dan and Chuck Marion (CHCF President) will develop and share a message in the Local informing the public about this change. Dan has lined up Floramae McCarron and Kathi Clayton to work on and help shape a grants effort. Dan also noted our new CHCA website will have its soft launch soon, and he reminded folks that we still need volunteers to staff the membership table at the Fall for the Arts Festival (Sunday, September 25) and at the Harry Potter Festival (Saturday, October 22).

- VP for the Physical Division Bob Rossman said that an L&I refusal letter has not yet been received by Bowman Properties (the applicant) for a use variance for 8236 Germantown Avenue (The Co-op Barber), so this matter cannot yet be considered by the DRC. Bob expects that this will come before the Board next month.
- VP for the Social Division Marilyn Paucker again reminded the Board about the BW Gala.

Since Andy Kite was not present, there was no Membership Report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

On behalf of Mike Chomentowski, who was not present due to Back to School Night, Laura Lucas asked Board members to consider being a reader at the "Muggles Read-a-Thon" as part of the October 22 Harry Potter Festival. Mike is looking for about 55 readers and has 30 volunteers so far. We would like to see Board members and our institutions represented. Jack McMeekin suggested we try to get Chestnut Hill College students to do some readings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on 10/25/16 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 10/27/16.