

# **Chestnut Hill Community Association Board Meeting**

Minutes of the Meeting of September 26, 2019

## Members Present

Jason Bissonette, Susan Bray, Kathi Clayton, Lucie Daigle, Craig Hosay, Andy Kite, Laura Lucas, Joyce Lenhardt, Larry McEwen, Karl Martin, Hillary O'Carroll, Marilyn Paucker, Dan Pulka, Lynn Schroeder

## Members Absent

Tony Banks, Catherine Brzozowski, Patricia Cove, Lindsey D'Angelo, Keith Kunz, Jenny McHugh, Jason Pierce, Richard Snowden, Anne Standish, Jean Wedgwood, Bradley Wells

## Others Attending:

Anne McNiff, CHCA Executive Director	Janet Stern
Brendan Sample, CH Local	Leah Jones
Jennifer Pagel	Emily Jacabi
Mark Pinsky	Robert Lamb
Patricia Canning	

Laura Lucas, Board President, opened the meeting at 7:00 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 August minutes: It was moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved.
- Laura Lucas reported that the Chestnut Hill Community Fund has moved forward to approve a \$75,000 line of credit for the Local.
- Thank you to Adam Sherland, Lower School Dean, for giving the CHCA board a tour of the very impressive new Lower School building.

## **Physical Division**

248 E. Evergreen – Variance Request for minimum lot widths required for 248 E. Evergreen and rear yard minimum depth required for 250 E. Evergreen. Joyce Lenhardt reviewed the timeline and process that this request went through and presented the following motion:

On September 17, 2019, at the monthly Development Review Committee meeting, a motion was passed recommending to the Board of the CHCA that it support this variance request based upon the following four provisos:

- That support of this subdivision is based upon the fact that the lot for 250 E. Evergreen existed historically as a separate and legally sized lot, and that it is in no way an endorsement for subdivisions of any other lots that would result in smaller than the size required by base zoning.
- The proviso that two off-street rear parking spaces (each) are designated for 248 and 250 E. Evergreen, and that parking facilities and conditions for 248 and 250 E. Evergreen will be designed in such a way as not to damage the existing Norway maple tree in the rear yard of 246 E. Evergreen.
- That the 15 point "Ask" list to be attached to the letter of support sent to the ZBA. (see attached)

- That the support is based on the basic plans and elevation submitted; any changes other than minimal deviations on the exterior will need to be reviewed by the CHCA.

Discussion of the recommendation was held. Neighbors who attended the meeting shared their concern about the process and that they felt there needed to be more structure for neighborhood input as part of the process.

A motion was made to support the recommendation, the board voted and passed the recommendation to support with one abstention (Larry McEwen) and one opposed vote.

### **Executive Director Update**

- Membership Coordinator position – Anne reported that interviews had been held for the position and a final candidate would be chosen soon.
- The Fall for the Arts Festival is October 6<sup>th</sup>. The CHCA will have a membership booth and needs volunteers to help. Please let Anne know if you can help.

### **Social Division Updates**

- **Black & White Gala** – Marilyn encouraged everyone to get their tickets and to participate in the “Friends of the Black & White” sponsorship opportunity.
- Holiday House Tour – Andy Kite gave an update on plans for this year’s tour.

### **Community Partner Updates**

- **Chestnut Hill College** reported on the following upcoming activities: Cultural Awareness Series: Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration with 6ABC's Nydia Han, September 26, 2019 4:30pm  
Women Veterans ROCK Presents: 2020 Civic Leadership Institute at Chestnut Hill College September 28, 2019 - 2:00pm to 5:00pm. Elected Officials, plus Tusli Gabbard and Mayor Pete Buttigieg via Skype, to speak at CHC in support of Women Veterans, Guest speakers in person include Congressman Dwight Evans, State Rep. Mary Jo Daley & Councilman David Oh  
City Commissioner Al Schmidt on Elections and Election Security October 2, 2019 2:00 pm
- **Water Tower Advisory Group** – Craig reported that the Water Tower block party was a success with approximately 75 neighbors attending with music and food for all. The DCED grant application to replace the heating system has been approved they are just waiting to learn the exact amount of the grant.
- **Chestnut Hill Conservancy** - reminder to everyone that the Nite of Lights is Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **Business Association** - Laura will be working with the Business Association to develop a set of “behind the scenes” tours of local businesses as part of the member experiences that are being developed.

**Thank you to Springside Chestnut Hill Academy for hosting the September meeting.**

**Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.