

Wissahickon Interested Citizens Association

Meeting Date: 3/8/2017

No. of Attendees: 17

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Ken Sawyer gave the Treasurer's report. WICA's checking account balance is \$961.92. There is \$312.54 in the PayPal account. The total of both accounts is \$1,274.46

I) Committees – Standing

1) Committee on Membership (Chair: Dane Troup)

- 3/8/17: We are currently at 30 members.

2) Committee on Zoning (Chair: Jeffrey Allegretti)

Meetings held every fourth Monday at Wissahickon Presbyterian Church

- 3/8/17: The owner has put up a notice of the zoning meeting. The continued hearing for 283 Rochelle Ave is scheduled for March 28th at 9:30am the Zoning Board of Adjustment at 1515 Arch Street. Members are encouraged to attend. There is a variance request for 5102-04 Rochelle Avenue (former T. Hogan's lot and Melnick's Auto Repair) to build a 5-story apartment building. The current zoning classification is CA-1. Josh Cohen noted that he will support WICA in requesting a use that is consistent with CMX-2. Thursday April 13th Barnes House goes before the Philadelphia Historical Commission.

3) Park Committee (Chair: None)

- 3/8/17: The FOW had a work day this past Saturday focused behind the Opera house to remove bamboo. They will be doing it again this Saturday March 11th at the same location.

4) General Beautification Committee (Chair: None)

- 3/8/17: No update. Chair is currently vacant.

II) Committees – Ad Hoc

1) Traffic and Parking Committee (Chair: Suzanne Hagner)

- 3/8/17: The East Falls traffic committee was supposed to have Penndot out to their most recent meeting to give the results of their traffic study but it was cancelled because of a power outage.

2) Quality of Life Committee (Chair: Diana Miller)

- 3/8/17: Diana is monitoring complaints about GoPuff but has not received any yet.

3) Town Watch (Chair: Rich Wilczynsick)

- 3/8/17: There was a training held on February 22nd.

III) Old Business

1) Bylaws Update

Summary: WICA's bylaws are dated and require revision.

- 3/8/17: No update. Updating the bylaws is a task that should be relegated to an ad-hoc committee.

2) Neighborhood Conservation Overlay (NCO)

Summary: WICA has been pursuing the formulation of an NCO similar to that of Roxborough to create a set of guidelines regarding certain aspects of development in the neighborhood and to give the civic more leverage during negotiations with developers should they become necessary.

- 3/8/17: Now that the remapping process is almost complete, it is up to WICA to continue working on the NCO formulation.

3) GoPuff

Summary: neighbors have expressed concerns with delivery trucks blocking traffic on Ridge Avenue and with the appearance of the property.

- 3/8/17: GoPuff has yet to perform any action that addresses the neighbors' concerns.

IV) Open Discussion Items/New Business/Miscellaneous

- 1) Cameron MacTavish from the Wissahickon Presbyterian Church provided an update to the renovations that the church is undertaking. The vision is to rehab the outside of the building and to rethink the way they use the building.
- 2) Rachel Moyer presented her plan to bring We Bloom, LLC to the Wissahickon Presbyterian Church unused community room space. Their stated goal is to create coworking space with onsite childcare.
- 3) Lt. Pendelton from the Philadelphia Police Department addressed the group regarding neighborhood crime statistics.
- 4) Josh Cohen noted that Councilman Curtis Jones will be holding his 9th annual Block Captain Boot Camp which is a workshop where residents can learn about city and state government, emergency preparedness, public safety, etc. It will be held on March 18th 2017 at St. Joseph's University inside Mandeville.

Next meeting will be held on 4/12/17 at 7:00 pm in The Northern Children's Services Board Room.

Submitted by: *Vaughan Piccolo*, Secretary

Councilman Curtis Jones Jr.'s
9th Annual



Saturday, March 18, 2017

Saint Joseph's University

SAVE THE DATE! 10:00am-4:00pm

(Inside Mandeville AKA The Haub School of Business)

5600 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131

(Free On-Site Parking Available)

Featured workshop topics will include the following:

BLOCK CAPTAIN 101
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
PUBLIC SAFETY
LIVABLE COMMUNITIES
WHAT THE STATE CAN DO FOR YOU

SPECIAL GIFTS WILL BE GIVEN OUT TO
4TH DISTRICT BLOCK CAPTAINS!



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