



**Wissahickon Interested Citizens Association  
General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** August 9, 2017 | **Attendees:** 13

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the July meeting were reviewed and accepted.

**3. TREASURER'S REPORT**

- a. Ken Sawyer gave the Treasurer's report. WICA's checking account balance as of July 31<sup>st</sup> was \$1,767.72.
- b. Ken Sawyer presented a new membership option of \$10 monthly (rather than annually) for those members interested in giving more and donating on a more regular basis.

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**STANDING**

- a. **Membership** | Chair: Dane Troup  
No update.
- b. **Zoning** | Chair: Jeffrey Allegretti
  - **90 Rochelle St:** Westrum Development is purchasing 90 Rochelle. The sale is in contingency. The property is currently zoned for business use. The building has been empty for a year and a half.
  - **5102 Rochelle Avenue:** The recent zoning meeting went well.
  - **Melnick Motors:** The business located at 5116 Rochelle Ave will be closing permanently soon.
- c. **Parks** | Co-chairs: John Gallagher and Hal Rosner
  - **Daisy Field:** On Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Daisy Field will be officially renamed and rededicated as David Montgomery Field in honor of David Montgomery, former president and current chairman of the Philadelphia Phillies.
  - **LaNoce Park:** We are planning a cleanup day at LaNoce Park on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the City's LOVE Your Park Fall Service Day.
- d. **General Beautification** | Chair: None  
No update.

## AD-HOC

### a. **Traffic and Parking** | Chair: Suzanne Hagner

- **Henry Ave** – There were three more crashes in the past week. PA State Rep. John Taylor introduced House Bill 1187 to pilot a photo speed enforcement camera program on Roosevelt Blvd. East Falls Civic Association has written a letter requesting Henry Ave be included in the pilot. The Roosevelt Blvd pilot is already funded but Henry Ave has very high crash numbers to support inclusion. A motion was passed to authorize Suzanne Hagner to write a letter requesting the portion of Henry Ave within the WICA boundaries also be included.
- **Henry Ave/Barnes St** – We are still waiting to hear from Bruce Masi, Project Manager at PennDOT, that he has obtained the funds for a traffic light with a left turn signal for the Henry/Barnes intersection. Bruce has been supporting our efforts to get the light.
- **Hermit Ln** – The Streets Department maintains this park road and had plans to install two speed cushions before the upcoming PennDOT improvements are under way. The request was withdrawn to a neighbor complaint. We are looking to get the request reinstated.
- **Ridge Ave/Osborn St** – Suzanne spoke with Captain John Moroney of the 5<sup>th</sup> District at the Captain's Townhall Community Meeting in July (held the third Thursday of every month at the 5<sup>th</sup> District) about the Ridge/Osborn intersection. He was very receptive and has since sent an officer to the intersection when staff are available. The Streets Department has received video of drivers not yielding for pedestrians. We are in the queue for a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon where pedestrians push a button to start flashing lights and then cross. Eventually this intersection will be included in the Wissahickon Gateway Project.
- **Speed Cushion Petitions** – There are neighborhood petitions currently being circulated seeking speed cushions on two blocks.
  - Osborn Street – Jon Miller and Sarah Sequin
  - Kalos Street – Geoff Brock

### b. **Quality of Life** | Chair: Diana Miller

No update.

### c. **Town Watch** | Chair: Rich Wilczynski

- **Town Watch Award** – The 21<sup>st</sup> Ward Town Watch received an award for service and commitment on July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- **National Night Out** – This community building event was held at Gorgas Park on August 1<sup>st</sup> by the 5<sup>th</sup> District, Friends of Gorgas Park and the 21<sup>st</sup> Ward Town Watch.

### d. **Neighborhood Conservation Ordinance (NCO)** | Chair: Ken Sawyer

The draft ordinance from the NCO planning effort was sent to Matt Wysong at the City Planning Commission for review. Our goal is to get this passed through City council in the fall session.

### e. **Bylaws**

Nick and John to get together before the September General Membership meeting.

## 5. OLD BUSINESS

### a. **Go Puff**

Delivery trucks continue to present a problem by blocking traffic, particularly by double parking. There are loading zone signs now posted.

### b. **599 Righter Street** (Barnes House)

David Barnes is appealing the historical designation. Kim Broadbent from the Historical Commission has not heard anything further regarding the appeal. The historical marker has gone missing.

### c. **Website and Social Media Presence**

Dane to meet with Tom Hatzidais.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION ITEMS/MISCELLANEOUS

### a. **Directors and Officers Insurance**

The cost will be \$608 this year, which reflects a decrease from last year's cost

### b. **Philadelphia Police Department**

Sergeant Esteves and Officer Alleyne addressed the group. We have a new 5<sup>th</sup> District Community Relations Officer – Officer Scott. Former Community Relations Officer Chris Jones was transferred. Several ongoing issues were brought to the officers' attention.

### c. **PA State Rep. Pam DeLissio**

PA State Rep. Pam DeLissio addressed the group. She touched on the budget deficit, universal health coverage, Anti-SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation) legislation, and her upcoming shred events and senior expo.

### d. **Northern Children's Services**

We would like to invite a representative from Northern Children's Services to speak at an upcoming meeting so that we can get reacquainted with our host and neighbor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

**The next meeting will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00pm in the Northern Children's Services board room.**