

Wissahickon Interested Citizens Association

Meeting Date: 1/11/2017

No. of Attendees: 9

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

Treasurer's Report: Ken Sawyer gave the Treasurer's report. WICA's checking account balance is \$861.92.

There was a disbursement of \$27.25 for our first series of checks. There were deposits of \$70 made in December. There is about \$220 in the PayPal account.

I) Committees – Standing

1) Committee on Membership (Chair: Dane Troup)

- 1/11/17: Dane Troup has accepted the position of committee chair. There are 19 members as of 2017. Dane has a membership list set up online and is working on the website to create committee pages so that each committee chair can provide updates.

2) Committee on Zoning (Chair: Jeffrey Allegretti)

Meetings held every fourth Monday at Wissahickon Presbyterian Church

- 1/11/17: Jeff Allegretti provided an update from the latest zoning committee meeting held on January 5, 2017. The minutes from this meeting are available on our website. The issues discussed were the Ridge Avenue Zoning Remapping update, 283 Rochelle Avenue's request for a zoning variance to change a single family dwelling to a two family dwelling, 316 Righter Street's illegal parking pad, and surveillance and reporting protocols for perceived code violations as the intention of the zoning committee is not to be a policing committee.

3) Park Committee (Chair: None)

- 1/11/17: No update. Chair is currently vacant.

4) General Beautification Committee (Chair: None)

- 1/11/17: No update. Chair is currently vacant.

II) Committees – Ad Hoc

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

- 1/11/17: Suzanne provided Dane Troup with a committee report that he will post on the WICA website.

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

- 1/11/17: No update.

III) Old Business

1) Bylaws Update

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

- 1/11/17: 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.

- 1/11/17: No update.

3) **Go Puff**

- 1/11/17: GoPuff's attorney did not return to this month's meeting to provide updates to what was discussed in December. Janet has had a couple conversations with him, however. The loading zone application is in process. A motion was made to write a letter of opposition to GoPuff's liquor license application. The motion passed.

4) **Town watch**

- 1/11/17: There is a meeting tomorrow at 11:15 am Journey's way. A motion was made to create a town watch committee. Rich W. has agreed to head up the committee.

5) **Coalition of the Civics**

- 1/11/17: There is a meeting next Thursday at the Northern Children's Services board room at 7 pm.

IV) Open Discussion Items/New Business/Miscellaneous

- 1) James Calamia of the Roxborough Development Corporation addressed the group and noted that they have created www.roxboroughpa.com which is intended to be a platform to share positive things that are happening on Ridge Avenue. In 2004 the RDC developed a master plan for Ridge Ave. They are seeking new funding streams aimed at redeveloping a new master plan that puts an emphasis on the upper and lower commercial corridors.

Next meeting will be held on 2/8/17 at 7:00 pm in The Northern Children's Services Board Room.

Submitted by: *Vaughan Piccolo*, Secretary