

Wissahickon Interested Citizens Association

Meeting Date: 2/8/2017

No. of Attendees: 17

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

Treasurer's Report: Ken Sawyer gave the Treasurer's report. WICA's checking account balance is \$941.92.

Ken has been working with Dane Troup to link the PayPal account to the checking account. There is \$265.49 in the PayPal account.

I) Committees – Standing

1) Committee on Membership (Chair: Dane Troup)

- 2/8/17: No update

2) Committee on Zoning (Chair: Jeffrey Allegretti)

Meetings held every fourth Monday at Wissahickon Presbyterian Church

- 2/8/17: The continued hearing for 283 Rochelle Ave is scheduled for March 28th at 9:30am the Zoning Board of Adjustment at 1515 Arch Street.

3) Park Committee (Chair: None)

- 2/8/17: Chip Roller sent a request list for maintenance to Lanoce Park to Josh Cohen who expressed interest in completing the list

4) General Beautification Committee (Chair: None)

- 2/8/17: No update. Chair is currently vacant.

II) Committees – Ad Hoc

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

- 2/8/17: Rich Montanez has been promoted but he has expressed that he wishes to add a blinking light at Osborne and Ridge Avenue.

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

- 2/8/17: No update.

3) Town Watch (Chair: Rich Wilczynsick)

- 2/8/17: Town Watch was out Friday January 20th for 3 hours. The next training session will be February 22nd at 7:00pm at the 5th District. Also in the spring the 5th District will offer a course for dog walkers to observe and report. Contact Leanne 215-509-7328

III) Old Business

1) Bylaws Update

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

- 2/8/17: 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.

- 2/8/17: Councilman Jones has rescinded the prohibition on front-facing garages in the Ridge Park NCO.

3) GoPuff

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

- 2/8/17: Bogdan Mendryshora, Director of Operations from GoPuff addressed the group regarding concerns that have been raised in the past. For the loading zone, the application was originally misfiled and has since been resubmitted.

4) Coalition of the Civics

- 2/8/17: No update

IV) Open Discussion Items/New Business/Miscellaneous

- 1) Officer Chris Jones addressed the group regarding neighborhood safety statistics and protocols. For our civic area we had 1 residential burglary and 2 theft-from-autos. The officers noted that if there is any suspicious behavior in the neighborhood to please call them to come out and investigate.
- 2) 5255 Ridge Avenue (Commissary) – a zoning permit was recently issued for complete demolition of the existing building and for the construction of a new 4-story building with a first floor storefront and 10 apartments on floors 2-4.

Next meeting will be held on 3/8/17 at 7:00 pm in The Northern Children's Services Board Room.

Submitted by: *Vaughan Piccolo*, Secretary