

# Wissahickon Interested Citizens Association

**Meeting Date:** 4/12/2017

**No. of Attendees:** 31

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Ken Sawyer gave the Treasurer's report. WICA's checking account balance is \$1,024.72.

## I) Committees – Standing

### 1) Committee on Membership (Chair: Dane Troup)

- 4/12/17: No update.

### 2) Committee on Zoning (Chair: Jeffrey Allegretti)

Meetings held every fourth Monday at Wissahickon Presbyterian Church

- 4/12/17: The attorney for 5102-04 Rochelle Avenue (former T. Hogan's lot and Melnick's Auto Repair) emailed Jeff to note that they are working to reduce the building height, add ground floor retail, and maintain the amount of parking currently shown. 283 Rochelle Avenue was denied their zoning variance to convert a single family residence into a duplex. 6 WICA members were at the hearing. Tomorrow at 9 am at 1515 Arch Street 18<sup>th</sup> floor the Historic Commission will hear the case for 559 Righter (the Barnes House). Jeff Allegretti presented zoning thank-yous and asks to the Councilman.

### 3) Park Committee (Chair: None)

- 4/12/17: No update. Chair is currently vacant.

### 4) General Beautification Committee (Chair: None)

- 4/12/17: No update. Chair is currently vacant.

## II) Committees – Ad Hoc

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

- 4/12/17: Suzanne Hagner presented neighborhood parking issues to Councilman Curtis Jones Jr. Geoff Brock gave a multimedia presentation regarding crosswalks at Ridge Avenue which are disregarded by motorists.

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

- 4/12/17: No update.

### 3) Town Watch (Chair: Rich Wilczynsick)

- 4/12/17: No update.

## III) Old Business

### 1) Bylaws Update

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

- 4/12/17: 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.

- 4/12/17: 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.

- 4/12/17: GoPuff has yet to perform any action that addresses the neighbors' concerns.

## **IV) Open Discussion Items/New Business/Miscellaneous**

- 1) Officer Jones and two fellow officers gave updates regarding neighborhood crime statistics.
- 2) The Honorable Councilman Curtis Joes Jr. addressed the group, answered questions, and received feedback regarding neighborhood issues.

**Next meeting will be held on 5/10/17 at 7:00 pm in The Northern Children's Services Board Room.**

**Submitted by:** *Vaughan Piccolo*, Secretary