



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

Meeting Date: September 11, 2019 | **Attendees:** 12

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President Lisa Wetzler.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes from the June meeting were adopted. Minutes from the July meeting were adopted with one correction. Under Committee Reports - Zoning - 200-214 Kalos - Legal Representation - Fixed Fee Rate, revise last sentence to "We have paid \$1,000 thus far and will need \$2,000 to continue with him."

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Ken Sawyer gave the Treasurer's report. As of September 10, 2019, WICA's checking account balance is \$60.29 and the savings/legal fund balance is \$875.36.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Membership, Chair: Heather Baumgardner

- i. New Membership Chair Heather is brainstorming ideas to increase membership, including flyers, postcards, social media posts, and a Halloween event.

b. Zoning, Chair: Brian Olszak

- i. 200-214 Kalos: David Ross will likely present revised (and final) plans in October for a vote.
- ii. 5105 Rochelle (laundromat): A zoning permit has come through for the erection of a roof deck and balconies, fresh food market on the first floor, and three dwelling units above.
- iii. 200 Sumac: The parcels have been sold. The apartment building will stay. It is zoned RSA-5.

- c. **Parks**, Chair: Janet Anderson
 - i. War Memorial: Fairmount Park staff removed the dead street tree on Rochelle. We can request a replacement street tree but we need to have someone lined up to water it.
 - ii. LaNoce Park: Janet organized a small weed cleanup of the beds on August 31st. We are evaluating options to repair the damage to the wall on the Osborne Street side. Janet is looking to formally form a Park Friends group through Philadelphia Parks & Recreation and Fairmount Park Conservancy.
 - iii. 2019 Love Your Park Fall Service Day: Scheduled for November 9th
 - iv. 100 Steps: Janet is working with Ken to organize a cleanup of the graffiti.

AD-HOC COMMITTEES

- a. **Town Watch**, Chair: Rich Wilczynski
 - i. Next Meeting: September 19 at 6:30pm at the 5th District, 6666 Ridge Ave
- b. **Traffic**, Chair: Chip Roller
 - i. Wissahickon Train Station Parking Lot: Septa is in the process of monetizing the parking lot. We anticipate more cars trying to park on Kalos and Sumac as a result. Permit parking is one option to combat this.
- c. **Bylaws**, Chair: vacant
 - i. The committee is reorganizing. Nicole is going to email Lisa the progress that has been made to date.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **Fundraising**:
 - i. WICA Night Out: Lisa and Greg are organizing a fundraiser tentatively scheduled for September 25th at Wissahickon Brewing Company at 3705 School House Lane. More details to come. An October fundraiser is slated for the Wissahickon Bar & Bistro.

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

- a. **Developer for 147 Sumac**: James Maransky of E-Built and his team (Lawyer Rachel Pritzker and Architect Judy Robinson) are looking to develop the parcel located at 147 Sumac Street and wanted to get preliminary feedback from the community before they submit plans to the City. The lot is currently zoned RSA-1 and the proposed plans would require a change to RSA-5. The plans include 8 townhomes each with 3 floors plus a basement with garage parking and a roof deck. The existing duplex would be converted back to a single family home.

There would be a curb cut on Sumac to enter the parking area and another curb cut on Righter to exit.

- b. **Directors & Officers Insurance:** We have renewed our existing policy. We are interested in other policy options as our current one is very expensive.
- c. **145-147 Sumac Historic Register Nomination:** The Philadelphia Historical Commission has asked WICA if we would want to be listed as the nominator for 145-147 Sumac. They were first considered for historic designation back in 2015. The question arose that if the owners of the homes protest the nomination, could WICA be sued for such a nomination? Lisa will ask the Historical Commission.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53pm.