



**Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, October 25, 2017**

**Meeting Begin: 7:02 PM**

**Meeting End: 9:10 PM**

Board Members Present: Kevin Brown, Evy Cruz, Lauren Summers, Ann Watts, Fred Ritter, Jim Hartnett, Evan Finkelstein, David Zega, Nolan Tully, Chris Durham, Murray Spencer, Christopher Stromberg

Board Members Absent: Matt Monroe, Sarah Kolansky

Others Present: Nicole Koedyker (SOSNA Programs Manager)

**Call to Order / Welcome**

KB started the meeting, welcomed newly elected board members. Said we had a great turnout (80+) for the election. We have 4 new people, which is exciting. Asked the Board to go around and introduce themselves and name the best part of living in the 'hood. Answers included proximity to food/work/dog park, not gon' get jumped, feels like a small town, lots 'o rugrats, community engagement.

**Executive Committee Election**

CD explained the election of the Executive Committee for the benefit of the new members. Each current Exec Committee member explained their role before the nominations began.

***Chair***

DZ nominates KB, CD seconded. Board elected Kevin Brown.

***Vice Chair***

KB nominates DZ, EF seconded. Board elected Dave Zega.

***Corporate Secretary***

EC nominates CD, CS seconded. Board elected for Chris Durham

***Recording Secretary***

EC nominates EF, CD seconded. CD nominates JH, EF seconded. DZ nominates MS, MS declined. CD voted EC by accident. Board elected EF.

***Treasurer***

EC nominates SK, SM seconded. Board elected Sarah Kolansky.

***Controller***

JH nominates EC, EF seconded. Board elected Evy Cruz.

**Approval of September 2017 Board Minutes**

EC calls motion to approve the minutes, MS seconded. Motion passes.



### **Programs Manager Report**

Monthly highlights include the general election meeting, the clean block rep info session/program revamp, kid pumpkin decorating event, an event for a startup app, Igloo movie event (\$8 worth of hot cider sold in the heat). Upcoming events include the soup group kick-off, EV policy workshop, meet with Julian Abele, SWCC 5k, and a Crosstown Coalition Meeting.

NK opened discussion for the planned NextFab craft bazaar event at the Triangles (11/4). In order for vendors to participate, they must apply for a permit with the city (\$300/business). Board must decide whether vendors must be forced to get permits or hope that they can participate without permit/protection from SOSNA. NK will talk to Igloo to see if they can use the Triangles space under their name, LS will talk to organizers of the Franklin Flea to get a better understanding of their process of getting proper permits. NT recommends that NK reach out to L&I as they may be able to help us find a solution.

Waiting to hear back from the city as far as our CDC Tax Credit Application. NK informed the board that the city requested we provide a snail mail application. The board expressed thanks to C&R and their involvement with the program, as they have helped fund much of the organization's activity.

CD asked about the Blocktoberfest application, NK confirmed that it has been completed.

NK also spoke about our Turkey Day event, in which 500 turkeys are given out to senior residents as well as those in needs. Sign ups will go from Nov 6-30, turkeys will be delivered on Dec 6. No need to worry about NK stealing any turkeys as she is a vegan.

Soup Group door hangers was also a successful tactic.

### **Treasurer Report**

Skipped as no Treasurer was present.

### **Initiative Updates & Allocations**

**Wins & Successes: (Skipped for time but things are awesome overall!)**

*COPS*

*Economic Development*

*Clean & Green*

*Carpenter Green*



## ***Safety***

## ***Zoning***

## ***Triangles***

### **Ongoing Projects/Roadblocks:**

#### ***COPS***

Working on getting suggestions from the board as far as where we can drop off hard copies of our newsletter for the public to consume. CS recommended dropping copies off at the schools as well as cafes as well as a plane drop.

#### ***Economic Development***

NT alerted the board that one of the biggest challenges is moving forward with the creation of a neighborhood welcome packet. Its purpose would be to provide information about local businesses, schools, trash/recycling day info, etc. FR may have a solution for targeting new neighbors. KB added the idea of including information about keeping the neighborhood dog poo-free (he also offered a crappy poo pun). Funding for the packet is the biggest current roadblock but NT is hoping we can introduce an allocation to fund its creation.

#### ***Clean & Green***

JH brought up our street cleaning program, which has been an ongoing project. LS asked if we could potentially bring someone on full-time should we find another source of supplemental funding. Fall cleanup coming up on November 11 and we're hoping to rally as many volunteers as possible. LS brought up the idea of enlisting the help of local school sports teams.

#### ***Carpenter Green***

CD alerted the board that we're making headway to apply for a \$50,000 grant. KB has an update from Lyft, who have tentatively agreed to provide us with \$25,000 to help fund the project. CS discussed potential phase 2 features, including water features, plants, and a shed that will house gardening/maintenance tools. Parks & Rec were concerned about the inclusion of a spray ground but since they're not the client, SOSNA can move forward with it anyway. Committee is still on track to break ground in November.



### ***Safety***

EC alerted us of 2 ongoing projects. The first is the lighting campaign, in which special bulbs will be given out to help keep streets well-lit in the evening. Data will be collected to help gauge the success of the program. The second is the walkability plan, in which traffic calming features would be implemented around our 2 schools. Committee still needs to meet with the Streets Dept to pitch our ideas and attain the materials we need.

### ***Zoning***

SM is focused on trying to get meetings back on track. The quality of submissions has fallen, which creates roadblocks to getting project approval.

### ***Triangles***

NK discussed a meeting with the Water Department to discuss storm water features, including storm water/traffic calming/garden features. Specifically, these would be implemented at the triangle on the corner of Bainbridge/Gray's Ferry. Next steps include getting letters of support from neighboring businesses. Should take 2-3 years to implement. KB alerted the board that NK has been leading meetings but we are in search for new committee leadership so she can stay focused on everything else she does.

### **Priorities - OKRs**

KB brought up the importance of fundraising and ramping up our efforts to help grow the organization through the generosity of our neighbors. LS brought up the challenge of competing organizations who are also trying to raise funds. However, with our strengthened online presence, the hope is that we can implement a range of tactics and expand our overall outreach.

KB/DZ reviewed the board's goals from our January retreat. Overall, we've made good progress but there's still room for improvement.

KB spent some time to highlight board member expectations, including board meeting attendance, involvement with committees (big needs in Safety, COPS, Zoning, and Triangles), participating in events as much as possible, promoting SOSNA initiatives via social media, be an ambassador for the organization/continue to help recruit new volunteers.



### **Allocations**

CS made an allocation request for \$425.50 to purchase a fidelity bond insurance policy (effective 11/01/2017 - 06/30/2019) required by the DCED grant agreement for Carpenter Green, with an annual premium of \$222 (total premium for policy period of \$370) AND payment of a 15% commission to Gilchrist Insurance Group (\$55.50). JH seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DZ made an allocation request for \$250 to purchase a Marian Anderson Museum garden memorial brick. AW seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

#### **Marian Anderson Historical Society**

KB expanded on the very strong efforts from the Marian Anderson Historical Society and noted that they have expressed desire for SOSNA to be involved with fundraising. KB suggested creating an allocation to support their 25th Anniversary celebration.

### **Adjournment**

DZ moved to adjourn the meeting; FR seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.