



**Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, February 28, 2018**

Meeting Begin: 7:08 PM

Meeting End: 9:10 PM

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

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: Nicole Koedyker (SOSNA Programs Manager)

Call to Order / Welcome

Mr. Brown started the meeting. The board discussed forthcoming vacancies on the Zoning Committee as well as potential candidates to fill those open places. There was also discussion about formalizing the process of interviewing and confirming new members. While the committee should have adequate membership, Mr. Brown stressed the importance of looking for alternate members to ensure we maintain quorum.

Approval of November 2017 Minutes

Ms. Cruz motioned to approve the minutes, Mr. Finkelstein seconded. Motion passed unanimously with minor changes.

Programs Manager Report

Mr. Brown wanted to recognize Ms. Koedyker for planning an incredible general meeting at the Union Baptist Church. Meeting attendance was strong, thanks to Facebook advertising, signage outside our office, and word of mouth promotion. Ms. Koedyker alerted the board that the CDC Tax Credit was approved, which will enable us to continue with our 2018 programming. The OKRs have been completed, which will help the board accomplish and track the goals set at the January board retreat. In the office, we purchased a new copier, which is not only smaller and more functional, it rebalances the feng shui of our office. We also received some additional funding from Blocktoberfest. In other news, the COPS committee has created a community event submission form. Clean & Green has 3 upcoming clean block rep training sessions, the first being on March 12. We're also hoping to find some better consistency with our street cleaning initiative.

Treasurer Report

Ms. Kolansky is still working on creating a budget. However, overall, the organization is well funded, even after placing funds aside for Carpenter Green. Once a budget is in place, the board can work with committee leaders to create committee-specific budgets.



Initiative Updates & Allocations (Skipped this section for time)

Wins & Successes:

COPS

Economic Development

Clean & Green

Carpenter Green

Safety

Zoning

Triangles

Ongoing Projects/Roadblocks:

COPS

Economic Development

Clean & Green

Carpenter Green

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Priorities:

OKRs

OKRs, or Objective Key Results, identify top priorities of the organization and key steps to bringing them to fruition. Per the board retreat, the 2018 OKRs are:

1. Act as the impact HUB and facilitate neighborhood connections
2. Foster programs that lead to a cleaner neighborhood
3. Reimagine the future of Washington Ave
4. Collectively preserve and enhance public spaces
5. Create volunteer engagement opportunities

Committee Reconstruction

Mr. Brown brought up the idea of reconstructing some of the committees to ensure that they more closely align with our outlined OKRs as well as our organizational purposes.

Board Member Vacancies

Currently, there are 2 open spots on the Board of Directors. There are a few potential candidates the board discussed. There is hope the board can fill the vacant spots with people who could play an active role in the short-term and have interest in running officially at the next board election in October.

Allocations

Mr. Durham made an allocation request for \$193.73 to pay for the printing and purchase of SOSNA t-shirts for 13 board members. Ms. Cruz seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Durham made an allocation request for \$233.03 to reimburse Evan Finkelstein for the catered food from Ticos Tacos for the February General Meeting. Ms. Cruz seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Durham made an allocation request for \$100.00 to pay for the Festival Street Closure Application for Plazapalooza 2018 on May 12, 2018 (rain date May 13, 2018). The closure will be on 2200 Grays Ferry and 2300 Grays Ferry Ave from 9am-8pm and is \$50.00 per block. Ms. Cruz seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Durham made an allocation request for \$200.00 for two \$100.00 student awards for Chester Arthur and Stanton schools. Ms. Cruz seconded. Motion passes unanimously.



Mr. Durham made an allocation request for \$900.00 to pay for 6 bands (\$150.00/band) to perform during the SOSNA Triangles Summer Concert Series on Sundays through the summer of 2018. Ms. Cruz seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Durham made an allocation request for \$1,500.00 for 5 musical performance (\$300.00/each) for Plazapalooza 2018 on May 12, 2018. Ms. Cruz seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Durham made an allocation request for \$21.60 to reimburse Jim Hartnett for purchase of SOSNA office keys. Ms. Cruz seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Durham made an allocation request for \$300.00 to pay for trash grabbers that can be used during cleanup events, to be included in the tool lending library. Ms. Cruz seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Durham made an allocation request for \$1,815.00 to pay Maser Consulting for the design services associated with the development of Carpenter Green. Ms. Cruz seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Durham made an allocation request for \$1,000.00 to pay National Construction for the rental of the fence around Carpenter Green until construction is complete. Ms. Cruz seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Durham made an allocation request for \$3,200.00 to pay Jacob Cohen Associates for the preparation of SOSNA's 2016 taxes. Ms. Cruz seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

New Business

Skipped for time.

Adjournment

Mr. Zega motion to adjourn. Mr. Finkelstein seconded. Motion passes unanimously.