



Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, March 28, 2018
Meeting Begin: 7:08 PM
Meeting End: 9:05 PM

Board Members Present: Kevin Brown, Evy Cruz, Ann Watts, Evan Finkelstein, David Zega, Nolan Tully, Murray Spencer, Jim Hartnett, Christopher Stromberg, Myra Brown

Board Members Absent: Lauren Summers, Fred Ritter, Chris Durham, Sarah Kolansky

Others Present: Cristina Tessaro (PHS), Addie Johnston

Call to Order / Welcome

Mr. Brown started the meeting by introducing some guest speakers. Cristina Tessaro spoke about the Philadelphia Horticultural Society's spring programs and events. Addie Johnston spoke about a block party/BBQ she is planning and came seeking a partnership with SOSNA. We also heard from Myra Brown, who is interested in potentially filling one of the two vacant seats on the SOSNA board. She is from the neighborhood, has family in the community, and is aligned with SOSNA's mission and goals.

Mr. Tully motioned to add Myra Brown to the SOSNA Board of Directors, Ms Cruz seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Welcome to the board, Myra!

Ms. Cruz motioned to make the minutes more sassy, Mr. Tully seconded. Mr. Finkelstein snapped his fingers sassily in approval.

Approval of February 2018 Minutes

Ms. Watts motioned to approve the minutes, Mr. Hartnett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Programs Manager Report (Skipped in Ms. Koedyker's absence)

Treasurer Report (Skipped in Ms. Kolansky's absence—congrats on becoming a new mom!)

Initiative Updates & Allocations (Skipped for time)

Wins & Successes:

COPS

Economic Development



Clean & Green

Carpenter Green

Safety

Zoning

Triangles

Ongoing Projects/Roadblocks:

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Priorities:

Carpenter Green

Mr. “Stongburg” (per the proposal the board reviewed) updated the board on the status of the Carpenter Green project. After speaking with multiple contractors and engaging in heavy negotiations, SOSNA has received a close-to final, itemized proposal to complete phase 2 of the project. Using lessons from the Julian Abele Park project, this proposal is comprehensive of everything needed for completion, including benches, plants (and their maintenance), signage, trash receptacles, walkways, and special park features. Ms. Watts will reach out to PHS to see if they can provide some of the trees that are currently part of the proposal. As part of the park, Lyft will be sponsoring an art installation, the designs of which we are still waiting to see. At one point, the board came very close to trashing on big



belly receptacles but stopped before it got out of hand. As far as timing, we should be breaking ground in the next few weeks and officially opening the park by early summer. However, the plants will not be put in the ground until the fall.

OKRs

Mr. Brown commended Ms. Koedyker on her efforts on helping the board stay focused on working toward completing this year's goals. He also reminded the board to use the Asana system to keep track of assigned deliverables.

Board Composition

The organization is excited to welcome Ms. Brown to the board, however, there is still one open spot remaining. Mr. Brown emphasized the need to find someone who not only offers diversity to the board's current makeup but also has interest in co-chairing the newly-named Placemaking and Safety committee.

In regards to the Zoning Committee and its vacancy, we have received an application from Rachael Hartofelis. After review of her credentials, Mr. Stromberg motioned to appoint her, provided that she eligible to serve. Mr. Tully seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Allocations

Mr. Tully motioned to allocate up to \$200,000.00 to begin phase 2 construction of the Carpenter Green project per the proposal set by Reed Street Builders and executed the contract for the same. Mr. Spencer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Watts motioned to allocate an additional \$100.00 to the previously allocated \$300.00 for a Plazapalooza performer, Ill Doots, a local Philadelphia band, for a total payment of \$400.00. Expenses for Plazapalooza to be repaid out of the proceeds of the events and with any additional proceeds from the event to be paid into the SOSNA General Fund. Mr. Tully seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tully motioned to allocate \$68.67 for bike rack parts to install at the SOSNA Triangle. Allocated amount will be debited from the Bloktoberfest Grant 2018 for Triangle improvements (\$5,750.00). Mr. Finkelstein seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business



Mr. Zega alerted the board that we have terminated our contract with our street cleaning vendor. The hope is that we can find a new vendor quickly as the initiative is quite popular. Plus, no one likes trash and/or dog poop piling up on the streets.

The board also discussed a request from Scottish Rite for funding for a field trip. Ultimately, it was decided that the organization should come up with specific grant guidelines as to ensure that any financial assistance offered by SOSNA meets certain criteria.

Adjournment

Ms. Cruz motioned to adjourn. Mr. Finkelstein seconded. Motion passed unanimously.