



**Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, May 30, 2018
Meeting Begin: 7:05 PM
Meeting End: 9:21 PM**

Board Members Present: David Zega, Nolan Tully, Evy Cruz, Ann Watts, Evan Finkelstein, Murray Spencer, Lauren Summers, Fred Ritter, Chris Durham

Board Members Absent: Myra Brown, Kevin Brown, Jim Hartnett, Christopher Stromberg, Sarah Kolansky

Others Present: Nicole Koedyker

Call to Order / Welcome

The meeting started with a delicious cake to bid farewell to Ms. Cruz, as she will be moving from the neighborhood. The board also offered congratulations to Mr. Finkelstein for his upcoming nuptials.

Approval of April 2018 Minutes

I was not here for this part of the meeting. I assume it was approved. Please update this section!

Programs Manager Report

Ms. Koedyker started her report by talking about Plazapalooza and a few block parties, all of which were great successes. Upcoming events include the first concert of the Triangle Summer Concert Series, a meeting for the infection prevention and control committee at CHOP, Dines Out at Rex 1516, and a SOSNA Works Out event at Open Box Athletics. Additionally, she alerted the board that SOSNA has been granted money for cigarette butt collectors. The board finished the report by congratulating Ms. Koedyker on her 1 year anniversary as Programs Manager and upcoming wedding!

Treasurer Report

Skipped for time/Ms. Kolansky's absence.

Initiative Updates & Allocations

Wins & Successes:

COPS

The granting guidelines have been approved by the committee to help streamline funding opportunities to our neighbors.

Economic Development



The first meeting for the neighborhood welcome packet took place and the group is excited to start making headway. The Dines Out event at Thai Square was a huge success, thanks to Josh Young.

Clean & Green

There was no meeting this past month but being award the Keep Philadelphia Beautiful grant was a huge success.

Carpenter Green

Skipped for discussion later.

Safety

The committee held a bike registration event and is working to encourage more block parties for Step Out Tuesdays. The committee also hosted a street service event to encourage pedestrian safety. There may also be an opportunity to enlist the help of younger community members to help with marketing efforts.

Zoning

The recruitment happy hour was successful, with at least a dozen candidates in attendance. The committee is hopeful to recruit a few new members.

Triangles

Plazapalooza was a huge success!

Ongoing Projects/Roadblocks:

COPS

There was some slight disagreement on some of the specific granting guidelines as well as discussion on how to best publicize SOSNA grants.

Economic Development

The committee reported some struggles with Lincoln Square, specifically in their efforts to hire local talent.

Clean & Green

There has been no headway with the illegal signs roundup. Also, the street cleaning program has hit a roadblock. However, the committee is hopeful that it will be restarted in the near future.



Safety

The committee brought up its struggles with promoting Step Out Tuesdays. There is also a lot of work to do for National Night Out. Finally, there has been some disagreement in regards to implicit bias training with members from the community watch.

Zoning

The board discussed Bill 160710, which the organization is unhappy to learn about. Leadership from within the organization and community partners will work together to draft a letter that expresses opposition.

Triangles

No challenges to report!

Priorities:

Local Jobs

The board discussed the need to deepen relationships with community partners and create a process that could help local job seekers find the right opportunities. Ms. Brown expressed her desire to help SOSNA become a stronger presence that job seekers can rely on. The board discussed ways in which this could be accomplished, including a job board on the website, social media posts, flyers at community centers, career readiness workshops, and creating a partnership with Ms. Brown's organization.

Leadership

The organization is in need of 2 board members, a new Zoning chair, and board presence on the safety committee. Hopefully, these vacancies can be filled swiftly.

Carpenter Green

There have been complaints about the untidy appearance of Carpenter Green. Mr. Spencer considered volunteering to cut the grass but then quickly changed his mind. Luckily, ground breaking should occur soon, however, the organization still needs to create a transfer and maintenance plan for the land.

Chocolate Factory

With destruction well underway, Mr. Durham has volunteered to be SOSNA's official communication liaison with the land's new owner. As of now, there are 3 upcoming



meetings planned, a project update in July, and ARC meeting in July, and a SOSNA zoning meeting in August.

Allocations

Ms. Cruz motioned to allocate \$201.00 for operational expenses for event insurance for Plazapalooza 2018. On April 25, \$300.00 was allocated but based on an increase in expected turnout, new estimate is \$501.00 from Gilchrist. Mr. Spencer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Brown motioned to allocate \$80.00 for the registration fee for Nicole Koedyker, Programs Manager, to attend the 2018 PACDC Forward Equitable Development Conference on June 27, 2018. Ms. Cruz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr Tully motioned to allocate up to \$250.00 for the three (3) replacement planter tress/shrubs for Triangles plaza. Expenses for beautification of the plaza to be repaid out of the proceeds of Plazapalooza 2018. Mr. Spencer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Spencer motioned to allocate \$500.00 for the Crosstown Coalition annual dues for 2018. Mr Finkelstein seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tully motioned to allocate \$500.00 for the purchase of six (6) new Adirondack chairs for the Triangles Plaza. Expenses for beautification of the plaza to be repaid out of the proceeds of Plazapalooza 2018. Ms Watts seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Ms. Cruz motioned to extend a trial membership to the zoning committee to Jason Sandman. Mr. Spencer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Spencer motioned to extend a trial membership to the zoning committee to Theos McKinney. Ms. Brown seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Spencer spoke about the introduction of a bill that should pay the increase of cost for RCOs in regards to insurance.

Adjournment

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