



Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, August 29, 2018
Meeting Begin: 7:00 PM
Meeting End: 9:11 PM

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

Board Members Absent: Myra Brown

Others Present: Nicole Koedyker

Call to Order / Welcome

Guest, Tanya Seaman, presented an update on the new leadership for the Safety Committee. She provided an update on the committee's Walkability Plan and the initial projects regarding the crosswalks surrounding EM Stanton and Chester A Arthur Elementary Schools. There was discussion about how to improve the neighborhood's parking situation as well as how to bolster the walking and bike lanes on Washington Avenue. Finally, Tanya expressed her desire to bring new membership to her committee. If you are interested in neighborhood safety, we're always looking for volunteers!

Approval of July 2018 Minutes

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

Executive Director Report

Ms. Koedyker has been focused on board elections that includes introducing a board interest form, which has gotten great responses. The September 12th general meeting will be focused on SOSNA's walkability plan and will provide an opportunity for the community to nominate candidates for the October board elections. Ms. Koedyker went on to discuss SOSNA's Community Benefits Agreement with OCF, in regards to the Chocolate Factory. Additionally, she spoke about the potential of holding implicit bias training for the safety committee and town watch program. As a show of SOSNA's commitment to curbing implicit bias, the organization will hold training for our board members in January 2019. Ms. Koedyker also brought up information about a workshop that helps seniors with troubles related to property taxes. The hope is that workshops can be held with walk-in hours at our community's assisting living facilities.

Treasurer Report

Skipped for time.

Initiative Updates & Allocations



Wins & Successes:

COPS

No meeting this month.

Economic Development

Mr. Tully provided an update on the neighborhood welcome packet. A door hanger has been created and is ready to be printed, and now the committee is focused on creating a tools for our website, which will hopefully involve Coded by Kids. The tentative plan is to distribute the door hangers by end of year.

Clean & Green

Mr. Hartnett spoke about a recent clean block training, which added 10 new reps to our neighborhood. There will also be a fall neighborhood cleanup occurring soon, possibly the same weekend as Blocktoberfest. Mr. Tully suggested purchasing trash picker-uppers for clean block reps to help encourage more-frequent cleaning.

Safety

Mr. Brown alerted the board that the Safety committee's leadership has changed. He also wanted to thank past committee chair Kristen for her service!

Zoning

Mr. Durham spoke about the details of the Community Partnership Agreement. Also, the board is looking for new members to join the zoning committee. Interested applicants can reach out directly to SOSNA!

Triangles

Skipped for time.

Ongoing Projects/Roadblocks:

COPS

Ms. Summers and Ms. Watts spoke about how we need to start utilizing our newly-created granting guidelines. Additionally, there was discussion about how SOSNA can better support local organizations, such as the Marian Anderson Historical Society.

Economic Development



Mr. Tully spoke about how headway is being made for our next Dines Out event. There was also discussion about a SOSNA Axes Out event, to be held at Bury the Hatchet.

Clean & Green

Ms. Koedyker spoke about the “Hold Your Butts” Cigarette butt cleanup program and the need to publicize it. There was also a discussion about trying to acquire corporate sponsorship for our neighborhood cleanup efforts as they have proven to be quite expensive.

Safety

Mr. Brown reiterated the need for new membership to get involved. Please reach out to SOSNA if you are interested in joining!

Zoning

Mr. Brown alerted the board that Lauren Vitas has stepped down from Zoning Chair. We thank her for all her service. With her departure, this only creates more urgency around finding new zoning membership.

Triangles

Skipped for time.

Priorities:

Carpenter Green

Thanks to MS. Kolansky’s efforts, the property has been well-maintained. Mr. Zega and Mr. Stromberg provided an update on Carpenter Green. Despite some unexpected speed bumps, SOSNA has altered the plans to include a “mystic” misting feature. Once the proposal is officially approved by Parks and Recreation and the city’s Redevelopment committee, we will get the go-ahead to break ground.

Board Delegation Tasks

Mr. Brown spent some time to delegate tasks to our board, to ensure that our elections as well as our CDC tax credit application go smoothly. Eventually, we will need volunteers to ramp up our efforts for end-of-year fundraising.



New Member of Zoning

The board reviewed the credentials for a candidate for the zoning committee. After discussion, it was agreed that some further due diligence is required before a vote occurs.

Allocations

Mr. Tully motioned to allocate \$1,766.50 to the cost of bidding & assistance and construction oversight & assistance by Maser Consulting. Mr. Zega seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ritter motioned to allocate \$138.00 to the cost of renting E.M. Stanton Elementary School's Cafeteria from 5:30-9:00pm on 9/12 for the use of SOSNA's General Meeting and \$162.00 for cost of food for the general meeting for a total of \$300.00. Mr. Spencer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

Mr. Finkelstein motioned to adjourn. Mr. Stromberg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.