

Center City Residents' Association

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors October 8, 2003

Attending: Coffey, Mattern, Easton, Mandel, McNamara, Seltzer, Goldstein, Kung, Baker, Donahue, Gutman, Klenk, Lee, Levi, Levy (Richard,) Marx, Miller, Murphy, O'Brien, Saltz, Schneider, Wrobleski, Krakower, Berson, Millhollen, Levin

Absent: Butler, Ferguson

Excused: Reilly, Barnes, Kumar, Phillips

1. Welcome by Lou Coffey, President
2. Self- Introductions by Board Members
3. Announcement of resignations:

Judith Dean from Board: (moved)
Josh Levy from co-chair of Zoning Committee after 10 years of service
4. **MOTION:** To present formal recognition of Josh Levy's service to CCRA at Celebration of Center City Living evening party

ACTION: Carried with none opposed
5. **ACTION:** Approval of September Board meeting minutes without modification
6. Announcement of forthcoming CCRA Mayoral Forum on 10/25/03 at Graduate Hospital Auditorium.
7. CCRA Office Lease

It is in best interests of CCRA to remain in current offices at 1616 Walnut Street for at least another three years. Thank you to Ed Easton, Charles Robin and Charles Capaldi for their marvelous efforts.

8. House Tour

October 19, 2003. All is in order. It was announced that a shuttle bus will be available to shuttle folks to far destinations. Thank you to the House Tour Committee for exceptional efforts, particularly in light of adjustments made necessary by an unforeseen traffic accident seriously injuring Taube Weinberg, Committee co-chair, and a driving force behind the House Tour.

9. Celebration of Center City Living

Patrons Party was successful, with important contributions by host restaurant, McCormick & Schmick's and by Kelly Boyd of KB Consulting and Philly Style Magazine. Thank you to Laurie Phillips, Committee Chair for the 3rd consecutive year, the Committee, Alan Levin and contributors.

10. Treasurer's Report

Ed Kung, for absent TJ Reilly

It is necessary to reduce current budget deficit of \$26,000.00. The most efficacious plan is to raise funds and reduce some expenses: e.g. increase membership, seek ads for Newsletter; use counsel with greater discretion, reduce office expenses, where possible.

11. Legislative Committee

MOTION: oppose Bill #030555 Gambling Enterprises – Office of Gambling which places office of gambling in Mayor's office and gives the Mayor the right to appoint whomever he/she pleases

ACTION: Carried, with none opposed. Jeanne Wroblewski will draft a letter to the Mayor and City Council for the President's signature.

MOTION: CCRA to send a letter to Council members interested in Campaign Finance Reform who feel this bill falls short.....in other words to support opposition of Bill #030562 Campaign Contributions and Expenditures

ACTION: Carried, with none opposed. Jeanne Wroblewski will draft a letter to the Mayor and City Council for the President's signature.

12. Membership Committee

CCRA members will be offered a reduction of their membership fee in the amount of \$10.00 per new member referred, as incentive base, up to their full membership dues. This applies to the 2004-05 membership year. Additional membership drive initiatives are in planning, including increased member benefits.

Auto Insurance/Homeowner Insurance benefit ads will be hung, door to door, as a door-hanger and paid for by auto insurance company

13. Zoning Committee

MOTION: Board to adopt decision of Zoning Committee not to appeal Zoning Board of Adjustment decision granting a zoning variance for 1815 Delancey Place, notwithstanding CCRA opposition.

ACTION: Approved, with two abstentions: Fran Levi and Vivian Seltzer

MOTION: Board to overturn decision of CCRA Zoning Committee which opposed the use of both the first and second floors of 339 S. 21st St. as an art gallery

ACTION: Supported 13
Opposed: 5
Abstain: 1

14. Lou Coffey and Adam Schneider will work together to clarify CCRA message of goals, means, methods, etc. to Zoning Committee

15. Call by Lou Coffey for discussion of any items on 2003-2005 Programmatic and Organizational/Procedural Agendas that were distributed prior to the September 2003 Board meeting.

No questions

16. MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian C. Seltzer
Secretary