

# Center City Residents' Association

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors June 8, 2004

**Present:** Coffey, Mattern, McNamara, Seltzer, Reilly, Kung, Baker, Donohue, Gutman, Kumar, Levi, Levy, Marx, Miller, Murphy, Phillips, Schneider, Brodie, Dichter, Halpern, Weinberg, Krakower (Counsel,) Levin (Business Manager)

**Absent:** Easton, Mandel, Butler, Saltz, Wroblewski

**Excused:** Goldstein, Barnes, Klenk, Lee, O'Brien

### May Board Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** (Levi), second (?) Accept minutes pending additions on attendance.

**Action:** Accepted unanimously

Items 1 and 2 below both were rather vigorously debated by members of the board for a lengthy period of time, reflecting strong varying positions on these two matters. Most of the meeting time was devoted to these two projects, given their importance to both the city and our own neighborhood needs.

1. 10 Rittenhouse Square (Wheeler project) Patricia Mattern presiding (L Coffey recused himself because of the potential appearance of a conflict of interest. Adam Schneider recused himself because of a conflict of interest. Both Coffey and Schneider left the meeting during the discussion and vote on 10 Rittenhouse and took no part in either. They returned to the meeting only after the vote had been taken.). Bryan Johnston reporting for Zoning Committee (substituting for Adam Schneider, chair).

**MOTION:** (Zoning Committee) seconded (TJReilly) Accept recommendations by Zoning Committee not to oppose with proviso requiring 1 to 1 parking

**ACTION:** Tie Vote 9 pro 9 con

**MOTION:** CCRA will accept with above adjusted to "off street accessory parking shall be provided on site at one space per dwelling unit."

**ACTION.** Passed 9 pro, 7 against, 2 abstentions

2. South Penn Square Project (Arden group project)

MOTION: (Reilly), second (Murphy) Deny request not to oppose Proviso #4 on exterior façade unless and until Arden Group presents to CCRA a façade which is acceptable. Explanatory letter should accompany letter stating CCRA opposition.

ACTION: Passed 16 pro, 2 abstentions

MOTION: (Levi), second (Reilly) LC and designees will communicate with developer on matters of the façade

ACTION: Passed 12 pro, 5 con, 1 abstention

In relation to the suggestion of Chair that position on height be reconsidered at a future date, the following motion was made:

MOTION (Marx), second (Kung) The Executive Committee has no authority to go forward on suggestion by Chair that matter of height may be reconsidered at a future date. It needs to return to the full Board.

ACTION: Carried. Pro 10, Con 6

3. 2004-2005 BUDGET

A “break-even” budget was projected for forthcoming year with a \$100.00 surplus, due primarily to increase in membership dues and with reduction of legal expenses. Re legal needs, each appeal would need a special budget.

MOTION: (Reilly), second (Murphy) Accept Budget

ACTION: Carried unanimously

4. Wall Wrap on Grain Elevator

MOTION (Murphy), second (Reilly) Join with SCRUB in action against city

ACTION: Carried Pro 15, Con 0, Abstention 1 (P. Mattern)

**NO BOARD MEETINGS DURING SUMMER**

Executive Committee will meet on July 15 and August 11.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian Seltzer  
Secretary