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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
7:30 PM, Monday, October 10, 2005

SEISS CENTER, LUTHERAN CHURCH
2111 SANSOM STREET

AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes of September Board meeting (2 mins)
2. Hosts for Hospitals – Mike Aichenbaum (10 mins)
3. 1919 Market St- Steve Huntington (20 mins)
4. President's Report- T.J. Reilly Jr. (15 mins)
5. Neighborhood Plan – Request to Proceed - Lou Coffey (10 mins)
6. Treasurer's Report- Joseph Dimaio (5 mins)
7. Zoning Committee Report – Adam Schneider (10 mins)
8. Legislative Issues – Lenora Berson (10 mins)
9. 2047 Chestnut Street/Act 39 – Charles Robin (5mins)

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors October 10, 2005

PRESENT: Thomas J. Reilly, Jr., Vivian Seltzer, Heather Ascher, JuHwon Lee, Frederic Murphy, Paul S. Stavrakos, Charles Robin, Joseph J. DiMaio, Jr., Neil Gutman, Lenora Berson, Scott Donahue, William Faust, Jeffrey Hurok, Michele Langer, Frances Levi, Patricia Mattern, Elizabeth Kay Miller, Todd Pride, Maureen Sanders, Adam Schneider, Louis Coffey, Samuel Weinberg, Stephen Huntington, Lenore Millhollen, Stanley R. Krakower (Counsel,) Alan Levin (Administrator)

EXCUSED: Joshua Abbell, Peter W. Baker, George Barnes, Laurie Phillips, Susan Segal, David Skolnick, William J. D. Jordan, Edward Halpern

ABSENT: Daniel Dougherty, John Gough, Jeanne Wroblewski, Pamela Rosser Thistle, Lolly LaGreca, George R. Brodie, Eugene Dichter, Francis W. Hoeber, Tama Williams, Kristin Davidson

1. **ACTION:** Minutes of the Sept 13, 2005 were unanimously approved upon motion by Neal Gutman and Lenore Millhollen.
2. Hosts for Hospitals – Mike Aichenbaum reported on their program and the request for publicity and hosts. Hosts are asked to house out of town patients who need out patient treatment for a period of time or family members of patients who live out of town.
3. 1919 Market Street (Opus East) – Steve Huntington provided details of the latest conversation with the developers on the issue of providing underground parking for the project. The developer is willing to place 3 levels underground with 3 levels above ground, to match the parking set up at Penn Center. After considerable discussion, no action was taken since there was no recommendation.
4. President's Report:
 - a. Taube Weinberg gave an update on the House Tour and thanked the Board for their support and encouragement and also encouraged people to sign up for last minute responsibilities.
 - b. The President attended the Montgomery Bar Association one day course on *Law School for Non-Profit Leaders* and made available the workbook for those interested in reading it.
 - c. The President reported that he was not happy with the efforts by police to control the homeless situation in Rittenhouse Square and Fidler Square. There has been no satisfactory answer from City Hall or Police. The suggestion was made to heighten the concern and one possibility was to contact the Daily News about doing a story.

- d. A press conference at 11:30 AM on October 12 at City Hall in room 202 will be held by the Officer of Emergency Shelters and Services to announce Mayor Street's 10 year plan to end homelessness.
5. Neighborhood Plan: Louis Coffey reported that the fund raising project for the Neighborhood Plan was successful and that we are ready to move to sign the second contract.
ACTION: It was moved by Neil Gutman and seconded by Lenore Millhollen that the second contract be signed for the completion of the Neighborhood Plan as recommended by the Executive Committee.
 - a. Lou affirmed the request that the Urban Planners involved in the Neighborhood Plan be used as consultants on major development projects in our area.
 - b. Correspondence was received from Babette Josephs commending the CCRA for the development of the Neighborhood Plan and suggesting a disaster plan be incorporated into the Plan.
 - c. It was the sense of the Board that Lou should continue conversations with the city about a Disaster Plan.
6. Treasurer's Report: Joseph Dimaio reported that the budget is on target with a slight surplus.
7. Zoning Committee Report: Bill Faust presented the report in Adam Schneider's absence.
8. Legislative Issues: Lenora Benson reported that there is discussion in City Council to amend the Home Rule Charter and it was suggested the CCRA alerting them to the issues involved in the amendments
 - a. **ACTION:** Upon motion by Lou Coffey and seconded by Lenora Benson, it was moved to send an alert to the CCRA membership alerting them to the issues of the Home Rule Charter amendment.
 - b. City Council will be holding a hearing to discuss the CSX request to close off access to the Schuylkill River Park.
9. 2047 Chestnut Street/Act 39: Charles Robin updated the Board on the Take-Out Beer & Malt Liquor permits which were requested by Latimer Deli, Colney Delicatessen, and Pine Street Deli. Charles and Scott Donahue represented CCRA and spoke against those requests.
 - a. The police have a new website for Chronic Neighborhood Problems called "Roll Call Complaints": www.ppdonline.org/rpts/rpts_rollcall.php.
10. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul S. Stavrakos
Secretary