

Center City Residents' Association

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors September 13, 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, Joshua Abbell, Peter W. Baker, Lenora Berson, William Faust, John Gough, Jeffrey Hurok, Frances Levi, Patricia Mattern, Laurie Phillips, Maureen Sanders, Adam Schneider, Susan Segal, David Skolnick, Louis Coffey, Eugene Dichter, Samuel Weinberg, Stephen Huntington, Lenore Millhollen, Alan Levin (Administrator)

EXCUSED: Scott Donahue, Michele Langer, Elizabeth Kay Miller, Wm. J. D. Jordan, Edward Halpern, Stanley R. Krakower (Counsel)

ABSENT: George Barnes, Daniel Dougherty, Todd Pride, Jeanne Wroblewski, Pamela Rosser Thistle, Lolly LaGreca, George R. Brodie, Francis W. Hoeber, Tama Williams, Kristin Davidson

1. **ACTION:** Minutes of the June 14, 2005 were unanimously approved upon motion by Lenora Benson and Lou Coffey.
2. **1919 Market Street:** A report was given by Steven Huntingdon since the Logan Square Community Association was meeting at the same hour at which he will attend, it was felt it was important to let the Logan group know the consensus of CCRA on some of the issues that will be discussed. An informal sounding of the CCRA Board (which did not vote) suggested that the Board members were contra visible parking on Market Street and, in addition, contra parking on 20th Street to the extent it would be visible from Market St. There was also discussion to the effect that a food market, even an upscale market, was not optimal.
3. **Drinker's Pub:** Adam Schneider reported that the use of the juke box is not in compliance with the zoning ordinance. After considerable discussion, it was felt that a written understanding be reached with the owner that limits the activity that is a detriment to the quality of life of the community, i.e., loud music heard outside, activity on the sidewalks, etc.
4. **President's Report:**
 - a. **Government Get Together:** The Board indicated it liked the idea of getting together periodically with government and other leaders of the community and a volunteer is needed to coordinate the events.
 - b. The Montgomery Bar Association is sponsoring a one day course on Tuesday, September 27 on *Law School for Non-Profit Leaders* and the President announced he was attending.
 - c. The President reported that he had been invited to attend the meetings regarding the Formula One race in Philadelphia and that he was attending even though he is not in favor of it.

5. House Tour: Taube Weinberg presented an update on the House Tour on October 23. She requested volunteers to assist in the Tour.
6. ACTION: Nominating Committee: Lou Coffey placed the name of Charles Robin in nomination as the Assistant Secretary. The motion was seconded by Paul Stavrakos and was unanimously approved.
7. Treasurer's Report: Joseph DiMaio reported that the budget is on target with the shortfall due to timing. He reported that transition to First Trust Bank is moving nicely.
 - a. ACTION: Upon a motion made by Lenora Benson and seconded by Fran Levi, it was unanimously approved to transfer \$2,500 from surplus funds to restricted funds for the Schuylkill River Gardens Project.
8. Events Budget/Bidding: T.J. Reilly reported that it was brought to the attention of the Executive Committee that competitive bids may have saved the CCRA at least a \$1,000 on items for one of our large events. He stressed that he was not looking for any action but wanted to advise that if at all possible, competitive bidding be used when purchasing services or materials that contain large dollar amounts.
9. Report on meeting with Darrell Clarke 8/31/05: Charles Robin reported on the meeting with Darrell Clarke to discuss the increase in crime and the number of homeless people in our community, particularly Rittenhouse Square. Increased Police surveillance is needed and after discussion was held as to how to obtain it, it was decided the first step is to contact Paul Levy of Center City District and the Managing Director of the City.
10. Neighborhood Plan: The Neighborhood Plan Advisory Committee meeting on August 5, 2005 was reviewed by Lou Coffey and it was felt it was a good meeting with excellent representation from the community.
 - a. The General Membership meeting to discuss the Neighborhood Plan will be held on September 15 and it was encouraged that all Board members be in attendance.
11. Zoning Committee Report: Adam Schneider reviewed the actions taken by the Zoning Committee over the summer and encouraged all Board members to attend their meetings.
12. Stanley Krakower's mother died and it was agreed that the Board acknowledge her death and that an appropriate gift/remembrance be sent to Stanley.
13. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Paul S. Stavrakos
Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
7:30 PM, Tuesday, September 13, 2005

SEISS CENTER, LUTHERAN CHURCH
2111 SANSOM STREET

AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes of June 17th meeting (2 mins)
2. Introduction of Board Members (10 mins)
3. President's Report- T.J. Reilly Jr. (5 mins)
 - a. Government Get Together
 - b. Montgomery Co. Bar Assn.
4. Nominating Committee- Lou Coffey (5 mins)
5. Treasurer's Report- Joseph Dimaio (10 mins)
 - a. Schuylkill River Garden Fund
6. Events Budgets/Bidding – T.J. Reilly Jr. (5 mins)
7. Drinker's Pub- Adam Schneider (15 mins)
8. Report on Meeting with Darrell Clarke 8/31/05 - Charles Robin (10 mins)
9. 1919 Market St- Steve Huntington (15 mins)
10. Neighborhood Plan – Lou Coffey (10 mins)
 - a. Advisory Committee Meeting Held 9-7-05
 - b. General Membership Community Meeting Scheduled for 9-15-05
11. Zoning Committee Report – Adam Schneider (10 mins)