

# Center City Residents' Association

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors April 12, 2007, 7:30 PM Stevens Center, 2111 Sansom Street

### ATTENDANCE CHART

Name/Title	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Jan 22 Special	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
<b>PRESIDENT</b>											
Thomas J. Reilly, Jr.	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present		
<b>EXECUTIVE V.P.</b>											
Vivian Seltzer	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present		
<b>VICE PRESIDENTS</b>											
Heather Ascher	Present	Excused	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Present	Excused	Present		
JuHwon Lee	Excused	Present	Absent	Excused	Present	Excused	Excused	Present	Absent		
Frederic Murphy	Present	Excused	Excused	Present	Present	Present	Present	Excused	Present		
<b>SECRETARY</b>											
Paul S. Stavrakos	Present	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Present	Excused	Excused	Present		
<b>ASST SECRETARY</b>											
Charles Robin	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present		
<b>TREASURER</b>											
Joseph J. DiMaio, Jr.	Present	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present		
<b>ASST TREASURER</b>											
Neil Gutman	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present		
<b>DIRECTOR</b>											
07 Joshua Abbell	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Excused		
09 H. P. (Andy) Anderson	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Excused		
07 Marjorie Tether Arendt	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Excused	Present	Present		
08 Lenora Berson	Present	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Present	Excused	Present	Present		
09 Jeffery L. Braff	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent		
09 Daniel Cevallos	Absent	Present	Present	Excused	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Excused		
<b>08 William Faust</b>	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Absent	Present	Excused	Present	Present		
08 Jeffrey Hurok	Excused	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Excused	Excused	Present	Excused		
09 Tim Kerner	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Excused	Present	Excused	Present	Present		
09 Alexander Klein	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Excused	Present	Present		
<b>07 Michele Langer</b>	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present		
08 Kenneth Luongo	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Present		
08 Patricia Mattern	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Excused		
07 Elizabeth Kay Miller	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present		

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07 Laurie Phillips	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Excused	Absent	Excused		
07 Todd Pride	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Excused	Present	Present		
08 Maureen Sanders	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Excused	Excused	Absent	Excused		
09 Adam Schneider	Present	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Present	Excused	Present	Present		
07 Susan Segal	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Present	Excused	Excused	Present	Present		
09 Karen L. Senser	Present	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Excused	Excused	Present	Present		
09 Matthew Skolnik	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Present	Present	Excused	Present	Present		
09 Chris Vernick	Present	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Absent		
09 Mark Wade	Absent	Present	Present	Excused	Excused	Present	Excused	Excused	Present		
<b>COUNSEL</b>											
Stanley R. Krakower	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present		
<b>PAST PRESIDENTS</b>											
Louis Coffey	Excused	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Excused		
Pamela Rosser Thistle	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent		
Lolly LaGreca	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent		
George R. Brodie, Jr.	Present	Absent	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present		
Eugene Dichter	Absent	Excused	Absent	Absent	Excused	Present	Absent	Present	Excused		
Samuel Weinberg	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Excused	Present	Present		
Wm. J. D. Jordan	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused	Present	Excused	Excused	Excused		
Stephen Huntington	Excused	Excused	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present		
Lenore Millhollen	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present		
Tama Williams	Absent	Excused	Absent	Absent	Excused	Present	Excused	Excused	Excused		
Kristin Davidson	Absent	Excused	Excused	Present	Present	Excused	Absent	Absent	Absent		
<b>CCRA OFFICE</b>											
Alan Levin	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present		

1. Philadelphia’s Inspector General: R. Seth Williams – Mr. Williams described the activities of his office which typically addresses issues of fraud, waste or corruption involving city employees, departments, or anyone that does business with City Hall. His office is at: 1109 Market Street, 4th Floor; 215.686.1770; [oig@phila.gov](mailto:oig@phila.gov); [www.phila.gov/inspector](http://www.phila.gov/inspector).
2. **ACTION:** Minutes of the March 13, 2007 Board Meeting were unanimously approved.
3. President’s Report:
  - a. 5/15/07 Board Meeting – The regularly scheduled May Board meeting conflicts with the Annual Meeting and it was agreed to move the Board meeting to May 15, 2007 at the Stevens Center at 7:30 PM.
  - b. Firsttrust – Mr. Reilly reported that he has not had a response to the request for funding since February.
  - c. 15th & Locust Streets – A new hotel/condominium will replace the current building to be demolished at 15th and Locust Streets. Matt Skolnick, Margery Arendt, and 2 members of the Zoning Committee were appointed to serve on the Task Force to review those plans.

d. **ACTION:** Casino Opposition – After discussion about the pros and cons of the request to join the Delaware River Neighborhood Association to oppose the Casinos, it was moved by Neil Gutman and seconded by Paul Stavrakos that CCRA support and join the Delaware River Neighborhood Association in opposing the Casinos. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

4. Greenfield School – Michele Langer reported that because our IRS qualifications would be at risk and together with legal issues, and other complexities, it is not feasible that Greenfield use the CCRA's 501c3 tax status for their green space project. CCRA still supports the plan and encourages members of CCRA to contribute and will wait for more information.
5. Treasurer's Report – Joe Dimaio informed the Board that the Finance Committee has changed some accounts in order to obtain higher interest and that Babette Joseph's office will be sending us a grant of \$10,000 for operations. He also reported that the budget will be in a deficit position by the end of our fiscal year (July–June) and the possibility of a solicitation letter to help cover the deficit and sent to the membership was discussed.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Neil Gutman and seconded by Adam Schneider that a letter be sent to our members. The motion passed with George Brodie asking that his negative vote be spread upon the minutes.

6. Zoning Committee – Tim Kerner discussed the Zoning Report that was distributed to the Board members.

**ACTION:** Upon motion by Kerner second by Schneider the Board unanimously ratified the decisions of the Zoning Committee.

7. Annual Meeting – Vivian Seltzer reported that the Annual Meeting will be held at 7 PM on May 8, 2007 at the Philopatrian Society. The speaker is Janice Woodcock, Executive Director of the Philadelphia City Planning Commission. The Historic Preservation and Community Service awards will be granted and the election of new board members and officers will take place. Refreshments will be provided by Bacchus Market and Catering; Day by Day Restaurant; Di Bruno Brothers; Joe Coffee Bar; Whole Foods Market and Tiffany's is providing the Community Service award.

Vivian also obtained the Board's preference that a general meeting for a proposed judge's educational forum be held as opposed to a board meeting.

8. Garden Tour – The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society is partnering with CCRA in presenting their Garden tour on June 2, 2007 between 12 and 3 PM. There will be a discount of 33 1/3% for CCRA members.
9. Tribune Parking – Counsel Stanley Krakower reported that the Tribune Company had requested a zoning change for property at 16th and Naudain and that the Zoning Committee denied the request because it took a residential building and turned it into commercial property. The Zoning Board of Adjustments approved the request and CCRA is appealing the decision. The Tribune Company asked that the appeal be withdrawn in exchange for their relinquishing 16 parking places on 16th Street. A Task Force was appointed with George Brodie chairing, to discuss this matter.

Mr. Krakower also provided information on the Mansion and whether it was violating its liquor license and amusement permit in permitting topless dancing on Tuesdays.

Mr. Krakower also provided information that the Adonis obtained a permit to expand and it was changing the use of World Gym to include a bathhouse. Inquiries will be made of the police to see if male prostitution is taking place.

10. South Street Bridge – Bill Faust attended a community meeting at which the residents were in opposition to the proposed bridge. The concern was safety and that the engineers will modify and tweak the design but not address the major issue of safety.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Lenora Berson and seconded by Bill Faust that CCRA engage design professionals to address the issue to combat the city and state engineers.

Respectfully Submitted

Paul S. Stavrakos  
Secretary

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## **Board of Directors' Meeting Agenda Thursday, April 12, 2007, 7:30 PM Stevens Center 2111 Sansom Street**

1. Philadelphia's Inspector General: R. Seth Williams (30 min.)
2. Approval of Minutes of 3/13/07 Meeting (2 min.)
3. President's Report: TJ Reilly, Jr. (10 min.)
  - 5/15/07 Board Meeting
  - Firsttrust Bank
  - Proposed Hotel, 15th & Locust Sts.: Need Task Force
  - 2100 Market Street: Need Task Force
4. Greenfield School: Michele Langer, Joe Dimaio (5 min.)
5. Treasurer's Report: Joe Dimaio (5 min.)
  - Solicitation Letter
6. Zoning Committee: Tim Kerner, Adam Schneider (5 min.)
7. Annual Meeting: Vivian Seltzer (5 min.)
8. Garden Tour: Heather Ascher (5 min.)
9. Tribune Parking & Conversion: Stanley Krakower (10 min.)