

Center City Residents' Association

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors June 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
PRESIDENT											
Thomas J. Reilly, Jr.	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
EXECUTIVE V.P.											
Vivian Seltzer	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
VICE PRESIDENTS											
Heather Ascher	Present	Excused	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Excused
JuHwon Lee	Excused	Present	Absent	Excused	Present	Excused	Excused	Present	Absent	Excused	Excused
Frederic Murphy	Present	Excused	Excused	Present	Present	Present	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Present
SECRETARY											
Paul S. Stavrakos	Present	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Present	Excused	Excused	Present	Excused	Excused
ASST SECRETARY											
Charles Robin	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
TREASURER											
Joseph J. Dimaio, Jr.	Present	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Excused	Absent
ASST TREASURER											
Neil Gutman	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
DIRECTOR											
07 Joshua Abbell	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Excused	Present	Present
09 H. P. (Andy) Anderson	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Excused	Absent	Excused
07 Marjorie Tether Arendt	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Present	Present
08 Lenora Berson	Present	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Excused	Present
09 Jeffery L. Braff	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Excused	Present
08 William Faust	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Absent	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Present	Present
08 Jeffrey Hurok	Excused	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Excused	Excused	Present	Excused	Excused	Excused
09 Tim Kerner	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Excused	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Excused	Present
09 Alexander Klein	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Excused	Present
07 Michele Langer	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Excused	Present
08 Kenneth Luongo	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Present	Present	Excused
08 Patricia Mattern	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Excused	Excused	Present
07 Elizabeth Kay Miller	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Excused	Excused
07 Laurie Phillips	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Excused	Absent	Excused	Absent	Absent
07 Todd Pride	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Excused	Present	Present	Excused	Present

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

1. Motion to approve May Board minutes. Motion Approved.
2. President's Report - TJ Reilly
 - a. 1234 Market Street – The proposed Wall Wrap application has been withdrawn.
 - b. CCRA House Tour - October 7, 2007. Houses and volunteers are needed.
3. Treasurer report – TJ Reilly
 - a. Financials were handed out. Reilly outlined next year's scaled back budget. CCRA may break even if anticipated moneys materialize. CCRA is discussing changing to accrual accounting basis vs. our current cash accounting basis. CCRA may increase dues pending further discussion. Seltzer brought up the need to outline how CCRA plans to fund our neighborhood plan. As per CCRA by-laws next years budget must be adopted by June 30, 2007.
 - b. Motion to approve 2007-2008 Budget including the public meeting request. Motion Approved.
4. Membership Committee – Marilyn Conway & Todd Pride
 - a. The Membership Committee is working to increase CCRA exposure and membership. Conway reported that the Shop & Dine program has been extremely successful. The committee is also inquiring about potential media coverage and working with different Realtors to hand out brochures outlining the many benefits of CCRA. These brochures

will be handed out to new home owners at settlement. Lastly, the committee is working on implementing a Corporate Membership level.

5. South Street Bridge – Bill Faust

- a. Jim Campbell and others outlined why the present blueprint offered by PENDOT is a poor design. Among many design problems is the assertion that the new bridge is scaled wider, thereby allowing for faster vehicular traffic. Furthermore, it does not reflect the streetscape. It was agreed that CCRA should send a representative to the next PEN DOT meeting and stress these important issues. At this point it does not appear that PEN DOT is giving any latitude to the community's concerns.

6. Zoning Committee – Tim Kerner & Stanley Krakower

- a. Zoning report was handed out and particulars were discussed.
- b. 329 South 21st Street – CCRA Zoning Committee voted to oppose the expansion of the Art Gallery roof deck. The ZBA voted not to oppose the expansion with provisos worked out between the two disputed parties. It was recommended that CCRA not appeal the ZBA decision. Motion – CCRA should not appeal ZBA decision. Motion Approved. One abstention – Seltzer.
- c. 515 South 16th Street, Philadelphia Tribune – CCRA Zoning Committee voted to oppose the Tribune request for a variance. The ZBA granted the Tribune variance. CCRA is appealing the ZBA decision. The Tribune approached CCRA with a compromise if CCRA would drop our appeal. Motion – CCRA should continue with our ZBA appeal. Motion Approved. Four abstentions.
- d. Motion to approve the Zoning Committee's recommendations. Motion Approved.

7. Crime – Alex Klein

- a. Klein discussed the spike in our neighborhood crime. Klein also outlined the continued problems with nuisance bars along the 1900 block of Sansom & Chestnut Streets. Klein stressed the importance of calling 911. 911 calls, if recorded, can be used in a court of law. Motion – CCRA Executive Committee should address the problems stemming from The Mansion & Loie's. Motion Approved.

8. Pending City Bills – Lenore Berson & Michele Langer

- a. Bill #070433 to amend the Philadelphia code to permit a Farmers' Market in the 300 block of South 25th street was introduced. Concerns centered upon parking and trash. It was discussed that most patrons would be on foot and the Farmers' Market will provide a site manager to handle trash. It was brought up that the Farmers' Market operated last year without incidents.
- b. Bill #070459 & #070454 proposed a ballot question to amend the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to create the office of the Inspector General.

9. Ritz Carlton Residences – Lou Coffey

- a. Coffey discussed minor changes to the Ritz Carlton plans. Coffey suggested that CCRA should accept these changes. Motion – Not to object to the Ritz Carlton changes and a letter should be sent outlining our non-objection. Motion Approved.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Robin
Assistant Secretary

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**Board of Directors' Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, June 12, 2007, 7:30 PM
Stevens Center
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1. Approval of Minutes of May 15, 2007 Meeting

2. President's Report: TJ Reilly (5 min)

3. Treasurer's Report: Joe Dimaio (10 min)
 - a. 2007 - 2008 Budget

4. Membership Committee: Marilyn Conway, Todd Pride (15 min)

5. South Street Bridge: Bill Faust (10 min)

6. Zoning Committee: Time Kerner, Adam Schneider (5 min)

7. Crime in Our Neighborhood: Alex Klein (10 min)

8. Pending City Bills: Lenore Berson, Michelle Langer (15 min)