

**September 12, 2006**  
**SHCA board meeting**

Guests: Marty Cabry, Anjali Chinani, (Community Outreach Coordinator from Councilwoman Blackwell's office)

Attending: Cindy Roberts, Ed Halligan, Mamie Young, Diane Adler, Bob Behr, Amanda Benner, Pauline Borkon, Fran Byers, Bill Burrison, Brett Feldman, Barry Grossbach, Richard King, Steve McCoubrey, Angela McIver, Elaine Nelson, Scott Reynolds, Jackie Waiters, Kathleen White

Absent: Bernadine Abad, Michael Beckman, Monica Ferguson, Janet Finan, Dan Garofalo, Nancy Khan, Keally McBride, Mark Mills, Mark Moloznik, Meredith Sauer

Excused: Bruce Andersen, Abby Gray, Matthew Wolfe

Meeting called to order 7:40pm.

June Minutes approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Communications Committee – reported by Cindy Roberts**

Ben Jacobs will be commuting to NY on Tuesday evenings so won't be as available but still will be on communications committee.

New brochure and postcards are printed up. Postcards to be distributed at local coffeeshops, etc. as a marketing tool. First new brochure in years – comments welcome for next printing; website updated with new logo, photos, etc.

Magnetic window stickers will be provided as a membership thank you.

➤ Suggestion to put photo of SHCA building on webpage (contact us page).

**Sept 30 is deadline for next Newsletter!** ALL submissions should go to Cindy Roberts.

Mailing planned for Oct 10.

Please note: because change in bylaws, annual membership meeting and elections will be November 14.

- SHCA boundaries need to be updated in newsletter.
- Include request for people to submit locations that are unsafe pedestrian intersections.

**Education Committee – reported by Angela McIver**

Actively recruiting new members.

Fall project: To put together after-school care resources and make available and accessible to parents.

Fundraising efforts will be directed towards the Wilson Elementary School. Planning to help provide info to get a playground (only school in area without playground.)

PAS: waiting list for kindergarten; will be following up about what their plans are to accommodate this need. Letter had been sent to Nancy Streim and Lucy Kerman with information on their school-age children survey. (Lucy Kerman no longer at Penn.) Letter needs to be followed up on.

**Zoning Committee – reported by Barry Grossbach**

Following up on group housing problems.

USP Fraternity on 42<sup>nd</sup> St – SHCA signed agreement letter with current president as a new arrangement; if others have similar problems this sort of arrangement could be pursued.

4508 Chestnut LIFE center has been approved by zoning.

Addendum: See Sat, Sept 2 Philadelphia Inquirer article by Inga Saffron about the silent protest to the Historic Commission by SHCA about the delay in any movement on the historic district nomination. Commission has promised to put this on

**Block Rep Committee – reported by Scott Reynolds**

Feedback from the membership brunch pending.

Next block cleanups scheduled for Nov 4 and Dec 9 (see calendar on website)

**Membership Committee – Cindy Roberts reported for Matt Wolfe**

No news.

**Safety Committee – reported by Ed Halligan**

Bruce Andersen will be chair and should have more to report next month.

New 18 District Police Captain James Clark to attend next board meeting to introduce himself.

Concerns raised about pedestrian safety...apparently new streets department head open to traffic calming measures like rumble strips, etc.; Recent rash of car thefts; Increase in crime – what is reality, etc?

**Block Improvement Grants/Greening Committee – reported by Amanda Benner**

Oct 28 block grants planned for 200 block S. Melville and 4400 block of Chestnut (20 trees) – volunteers welcome.

Nov 4 big UC Green tree planting in Spruce Hill and West Shore (70 trees) meeting in Clark Park at 45<sup>th</sup> & Woodland at 10am. Also supported by SHCA block grants and USP. Need good turnout by SHCA neighbors.

47<sup>th</sup> & Gray's Ferry – PWD demonstration storm water management project construction to start late fall.

**Outreach Committee – reported by Bill Burrison**

Oct 24 at Rotunda – poetry reading on issues of war and peace

Oct 30-31 at Calvary – play about Poe

**Nominating Committee – reported by Diane Adler**

Pres, EVP, VP for Facilities are lined up, but

**Secretary and Treasurer are still vacant!!** (Derek Riddle and Angel Pizarro resigned)

Otherwise the slate is filled and may be over-subscribed, since new bylaws call for downsizing the board.

### **OPEN HOUSE – SEPTEMBER 16**

The center will be open between 10am – 2pm; please stop by!!

Scott to post on block reps network. (Free Penn football tix, hot dogs, welcome packets)

Cindy Roberts would like to lead a group to help clean up the playground at 45<sup>th</sup> & Sansom in the morning.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

from First Thursday meeting:

- 4508 Chestnut LIFE building will be open for community meeting usage
- Sept 23 Penn vs. Villanova football game tickets available – FREE

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Annual Blessing of the Animals Sunday Oct 1 at 1pm at St. Francis de Sales
- Calvary Tiffany Gala - Sept 16
- Phila Weekly and Evening Bulletin stories on West Philadelphia (1-2 weeks ago)
- Phila Style magazine article about Mayfair (upcoming)

Adjourned at 8:50pm.

*Submitted by Amanda Benner*