

SPRUCE HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING, April 10, 2012

Meeting began at 7:40

**Attendance:** Bob Behr, Pauline Borkon, Monica Caulkins, Ben Chesluk, Andy Cole, Brett Feldman, Monica Ferguson, Ann Froehling, Barry Grossbach, Ed Halligan, Andy Lochrie, Stephen McCoubry, Marie McCullough, Elaine Nelson, Judy Powers, Mark Wagenveld, Jacqui Waiters (= 17 = 68%)

Absent: Finin, Guffanti, Huang, Kaplan, Madrid, Thut, Wolfe, Young (= 8 = 32%)

Ben Chesluk said this is his last meeting because he is moving to California soon.

March minutes were approved

**Guest Speakers:**

**Tracy Gordon** from Philadelphia Commissioner Stephanie Singer's office spoke about voter education outreach. They are focusing on registering high school voters. She said the new voter law requiring IDs could be a problem for senior citizens and college students.

**Alex Fuller-Young** from the Energy Coop Program, which promotes "green" energy, spoke about energy deregulation and encouraged SHCA members to opt for the green suppliers.

**Fatimah Lauren Mohammad**, a SHCA member, asked for votes for the April 24 primary for state Rep from the 188<sup>th</sup> district

**Committee Reports:**

**Communication:** Judy Powers and Mark Wagenveld enlisted the board's help with counting raffle tickets and stuffing envelopes for the Mayfair solicitation.

**Education:** Monica Calkins said a communications subcommittee has been established in cooperation with Penn Alexander PTA to keep parents informed about enrollment and other issues

**Mayfair:** Ed Halligan said yard signs are almost ready and will be put in members' yards. Judy Powers updated the raffle solicitation commitments, which are on Googledocs

**Zoning:** Barry Grossbach said the state store applications for 43<sup>rd</sup> and Chestnut was rejected 2-1 by the city Zoning Board. The University City Chinese Christian Church petition for parking was approved.

Realtor Chris O'Donnell, a SHCA member, who lives near 40<sup>th</sup> and Pine, where an apartment building is being proposed, wanted to express his opposition to the development. He felt the SHCA Zoning Committee was a de facto agent of the University of Pennsylvania and he represented homeowners. Barry Grossbach advised O'Donnell that he was off base in that perception since all members of the Zoning Committee are also homeowners, and O'Donnell was also incorrect regarding where things stood since the next step in the process depended upon decertification of the historic status of the mansion and the Zoning Committee has made no decision regarding the project..

The meeting adjourned at 9:20.

Marie McCullough , Secretary