

Spruce Hill Community Association
Board Meeting April 11, 2017
257 South 45th Street
Minutes taken by Rana Fayez

Present: Alvarez, Veronica; Bosse, Alexa; Bush, Julie; Calkins, Monica; Carr, Tyree; Fayez, Rana; Gong, Bo; Grossbach, Barry; Guffanti, Richard; Hamerman-Brown, Sylvia; Johnstone, Evan; Line, Laura; Liu, Roseann; McGarvey, Vicki; Medley, Leslie; Moore, Richard; Nelson, Elaine; Potter, John; Richman, Andrew; Rosof, Libby; Santoro, Craig; Santoro, Eric; Wagenveld, Mark; Waiters, Jackie

Absent: McCarty, Mary Ellen

Night Market Update - Barry Grossbach

Approached by food trucks. They're holding 4 night markets, Street Closure - 38th to 45th on Walnut Street. Will acquire a special license where they can sell beer. That could be strategically located in particular locations. They have entertainment venues along the way. They had one on South Street. This came out in philly.com that it was announced (before really approved) upset UPenn. We were informed that Penn was on board, but it seems like this particular night market is a part of the WaWa welcome America July 4th weekend. Welcome America worked on particular event on Penn Park. Waiting to hear back from Penn. Working with the Food Trust. Restaurant School thinks this is great. Abed from Manakeesh is on board and wants to participate. It's a great way to bridge gaps out here. Waiting to hear back from Ed from Penn. Potentially change the footprint to skip Penn's campus so Penn won't get upset. Waiting on MOU: memorandum for understand. Was reviewed by Andrew and Barry, now it's in their lawyer's hands. No community members have particularly complained to us directly.

Zoning - Barry Grossbach

Issue dealing with 4303 Baltimore Ave, can be easily settled. We have to deal with roof decks. They have pictures of what those houses look like, they originally had roof decks. Called the owner of the big lot, 4224 Baltimore Ave, they said they're working on drawings and they fired the architect (Cecil) they hired a new firm. They don't want to use the "glass monstrosity" but they want something that looks like the neighborhood. Zoning expires in July of 2018. You have to have things pulled before that date comes up, you can't go to settlement, certain things have to be in order before that date arrives. Zoning was approved for certain designs, certain size apartments. They'd have to go through zoning to change those things.

-Property not yet listed on 4200 Block of Pine St. asking \$900K 3 apartments.

-Building 4003 Baltimore operated it as a rooming house, that building is now on the market one million 100 thousand. 6 bedroom house.

Education - Sylvia Hammerman-Brown/Monica Calkins

Lottery for Kindergarten is 86. Mr. Farrel raised it to 80 from 72. So now 6 kids are on the waiting list. He's interested and motivated to play with the cap limits and get more kids in there.

May Fair - Mark Wagenveld

Vendors - A lot of vendor interest this year, they always wait till the last few weeks.

Raffle - Keswick bike place has put up an Urban Commuter Bike. That will be a separate drawing for that, last time we charged \$5. We have other raffle tickets, Billy at UC Family Fun Center put up Amazon Echo. We're considering selling raffle tickets online

Yard signs - we ask board members if they can have Mayfair yarding for two weeks, we'll put those up around the end of April.

Music - Music is all set, Julie Lipson is doing music production has different groups. Music Therapy is the name of the organization. We have a list from last year of who approached what business.

Volunteers - Mary Ellen will coordinate volunteers for the day of the fair, lookout for spreadsheet

Books Sale - If anyone wants to help with book sale, sorting book help is needed

3 things to sign up for:

1. Raffle donations
2. day of fair volunteer list
3. pre fair help

-Next meeting is on May 9th

-Send out Mayfair announcements

-There's a porcupine at the petting zoo this year!

Meeting adjourned at 8:02