

**Spruce Hill Community Association (SHCA) Board Meeting
May 14, 2019 - 7:30 pm**

Board Attendance

Present: Evan Johnstone; Julie Bush; Laura Line; Ken Steif; Libby Rosof; Barry Grossbach; Rich Guffanti; Jon Potter; Al Suh; Andrew Richman; Sylvia Hamerman-Brown; Richard Moore; Veronica Alvarez; Abigail Su; Vicki McGarvey

Absent: Alexa Bosse; Tyree Carr II; Jacqueline Waiters; Monica Calkins; Leslie Medley; Roseann Liu; Eric Santoro; Craig Santoro

Guests: Alonso South, Amanda Evans

Meeting Minutes

Guest Speaker: Alonso South and Amanda Evans - Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

- Healthier Together is a new program designed to address the social determinants of health
- The program is funded with \$25M over 5 years, targeting South and Southwest Philadelphia
- There are four pillars to the program:
 - Asthma/Housing
 - Behavioral Health
 - Violence
 - Food Insecurity
- Asthma component is the initial focus. This includes community health worker outreach with in-home visits, and PHA home repairs to try and remedy/reduce asthma triggers.
- Focusing on hiring contractors locally for home repairs; also working with Enterprise Center to certify women and minority owned business.
- Website for this initiative is currently under construction.
- Asthma pillar is ready to go as of 7/1. They are still working to stand up the remaining three pillars. They are developing a timeline.
- Looking for potential community partners and resources that they can connect with in the community. Suggestions included:
 - Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)
 - Philadelphia Behavioral Sciences Initiative
 - Free meal organizations

Committee Updates

May Fair

- May Fair 2019 was a success. Andrew is working on assembling final budget numbers but we received a number of donations and preliminary raffle sales seem strong.
- Several issues were raised for future consideration
 - Uninvited horses from nearby stables were a concern because of crowds. We discussed reaching out to local stables prior to the event to try and manage.
 - Traffic at the 43rd & Chester intersection was another issue because of heavy pedestrian crossings between the farmer's market and May Fair. Although UCD assisted we may want to get local PPD personnel there to better manage traffic.
 - Several vendors had concerns about the placement of the stage.

Zoning

- Upcoming meeting to discuss Good Shepherd Community Church (near 46th and Spruce) demolition/reuse. Garden Court is the assigned RCO.
- More movement on development at 43rd and Baltimore. Soil samples and additional preliminary work to begin soon.
- Barry raised the issue of a bill to restrict demolition in Spruce Hill for 1 year. After discussion with other contacts and officials he was advised to table the request.
- University City Historical Society would like to resurrect the idea of a historic district in Spruce Hill, though not as expansive as in previous attempts. There are plans to discuss with the Historic Commission.
 - Ken raised the issue of how to best balance affordable housing and historic preservation, which are somewhat at odds with one another. He advised potentially reviewing properties that should be saved and those that may not warrant saving, because of condition or lack of historic pedigree.

PAS Playground Update

- Fundraising within \$33,688 of the total needed (\$492,688)
- The committee requested a \$2,000 donation from SHCA. Exec agreed and presented the request to the full board. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.
- If the fundraising goal is met by May 31 st , the playground will be in place in September 2019 for the new school year.

Education

- Powell elementary and middle school will be moving to a new facility for the 2020-2021 school year. It will also house the Science Leadership Academy Middle School

Operations

- Received a preliminary quote of \$1300 to replace the Bilco door outside the entryway. Still need to schedule with the contractor (Hahn Iron).