

## SPRUCE HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SHCA) ANNUAL MEETING

June 8, 2021 - 7:30 pm

### Board Attendance via Zoom and Teleconference

**Present:** Richard Moore; Evan Johnstone; Julie Bush; Al Suh; Rebecca Geller-Puchalsky; Monica Calkins; Libby Rosof; Chris Bole; Eric Santoro; Alexa Bosse; Laura Line; Jon Potter; Surgirtha Stathis; Richard Guffanti; Andrew Richman; Vicki Lewis-McGarvey; Barry Grossbach; Craig Santoro;

**Absent:** Ken Steif; Tyree Carr; Abigail Su; Veronica Alvarez; Emily Dowdell; Sylvia Hamerman-Brown;

**Guests:** Nicole McCoy (Penn Police); J. Matthew Wolf; Mike Maiorini

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### June 2021 Meeting Minutes

#### **May 2021 Minutes Approved**

#### **Guest Speaker: Jeannette Brugger, Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator, City of Philadelphia**

- Review of projects for Chestnut and Walnut Street, and West Philadelphia Re-paving and Complete Streets Safety Plan
- Public Survey was used to gather public input on priorities: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cwsurvey2021>
- Re-paving to take place under PennDOT on more than 6 miles of road.
- The goals of the project are to:
  - Calm traffic by decreasing speeding, weaving, and aggressive driving.
  - Create shorter and safer pedestrian crossings.
  - Improve parking and loading operations.
  - Increase safety for people riding bikes by separating them from motor vehicle traffic.
  - Reduce illegal parking behaviors, like double-parking and blocking the crosswalk.
- As part of this project, City staff and community stakeholders will discuss safety issues and improvements along the corridors.
- Street re-paving to take place on:
  - Chestnut Street from 63<sup>rd</sup> Street to 34<sup>th</sup> Street
  - Walnut Street from Cobbs Creek to 22<sup>nd</sup> Street
- Project planning considered function, lanes, crossings, bus routes, bike lanes, parking, and loading rules
- Based on data and community feedback, they do to want to just re-pave and put back what currently exists
- Streets to be smother, easier to understand, with safer crossings, calmer traffic, safer for bikes, and keeps traffic moving
- Survey to be published on June 9, 2021.
- [Project Timeline](#) has a completion date of Spring 2022

#### **Q&A**

Q: Have the universities committed to supporting the project?

A: Community stakeholders have been looped in to the process

Q: Is there any plan to create a safer pedestrian crossing between the trolley portal and The Woodlands?

A: The guest is aware of the crossing, but not of plans to work on a crossing. They did say that the trolley lines make the the crossing more complicated to put in a traffic signal

#### **Zoning**

- Parking lot at West Catholic to be used for a large apartment building. The Zoning Board to review plan, and the drawing looks pretty good

## **Governance Committee**

- Summary statement:
  - “A proposal to adapt the proposal recommended by the Governance Committee in May 2021 Board meeting to adopt the downsize and focused committee structure.”
  - Unanimous approval by Governance Committee

## **Executive Committees**

- Updated language being considered for guidelines for re-opening the SHCA center to community meetings, includes:
  - Follow city guideline for gathering
  - Ask meeting attendees to clean tables after use
  - Should we have a waiver for meetings held at the center by other groups
  - Post a list of instruction to users with instructions for gathering safely and cleanup
- Communication with and responses from Board: Richard would like Board input on how to get more timely responses and input from the full Board. It was decided that Richard would send emails from the SHCA Gmail account

## **Education**

- SAC nomination of Rebecca Geller-Puchalsky to be approved by Education Committee members
- Meetings have continued with Becca, Al, and Surgirtha and the goals to focus on are outreach to Lea and Robeson
- Becca and Surgirtha met with Robeson SAC leader. Robeson is undergoing a CSPR (Comprehensive School Planning Review)
- There are concerns about speeding at of the corner of 43<sup>rd</sup> & Spruce
- Next meeting: September 30, 2021

## **Operations**

- Bathroom in center has been fixed
- Skylight leak was repaired, but it is still leaking so roof to be checked next

**Engagement:** N/A

**Birds:** N/A

## **Business Attraction**

- A climbing gym to open at 41<sup>st</sup> & Ludlow in a church building

**Permits:** N/A

## **Crosstown Coalition**

- City lights to be replaced with LED lights. Eric asked about 46<sup>th</sup> & Market lighting
- ATV/Dirt Bike bill to treat dirt bikes like ATVs was passed. SHCA abstained from the vote.
- SHCA also abstained from the AirBNB bill
- Crosstown Coalition is looking for an intern to review bills headed to City Council

**Block Improvement:** N/A

## **Other Business**

- 4601 Market Street: KIPP School (K-4) has been approved. PHMC work to commence in October 2021 and CHOP work at the end of the year. 25,000 square feet are available on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor
- Speaker Ideas: Alexa to invite a speaker from the Woodlands and Ken Steif would like to present on the Community Engagement technology issue in October.